

December 4, 2009 KC Regional Planning Roundtable

Events/Announcements

(This list is not all-inclusive of relevant MARC activities – see www.marc.org for more information)

December

KS CMAQ Call for Projects

Application Deadline: 12/7, 4 p.m.

MARC is soliciting applications for 2010 Kansas Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funding. Total funding available through this solicitation for the Kansas side of the region is expected to be \$2.6 million. At this time, MARC is not soliciting Missouri CMAQ project proposals. MARC anticipates issuing a solicitation for 2011-12 CMAQ project proposals applicable to both Kansas and Missouri in early 2010.

See this link for more info: <http://www.marc.org/transportation/cmaq/fall09call/default.asp>

January

APA Audio Conference: Performance Measurement in Transportation Planning

1/20, 3 - 4:30 p.m., MARC Conference Center, 600 Broadway, KCMO

Register here: http://www.marc.org/Sustain/Land_Use/audioconferenceregistration.asp

February

Presentation: Steve Apfelbaum, chairman and owner of Applied Ecological Services, Inc. and author of *Nature's Second Chance: Restoring the Ecology of Stone Prairie Farm*

2/5, time TBD, MARC Conference Center, 600 Broadway, KCMO

More information will be available here soon: <http://www.marc.org/Sustain/>

Transportation Outlook 2040 and the Adaptive Scenario

MARC is working with local, state and federal governments, transit providers, area stakeholders and the public to develop a new long-range transportation plan, Transportation Outlook 2040, for the Kansas City region. To predict residents' future travel needs, we must first forecast how many people and jobs will be located in Greater Kansas City in 2040. According to MARC's economic model, the region can expect to be home to 2.5 million people and 1.5 million jobs in 2040, up from 2 million people and 1.2 million jobs today. Where will the additional 500,000 people live and work? The Technical Forecast Committee has developed two land use scenarios, baseline and adaptive, showing alternate ways of accommodating the region's expected overall growth.

The baseline scenario shows the projected areas of population growth and decline between 2000 and 2040, if the region were to continue past development practices. The adaptive scenario augments local plans with a "nodes and corridors" strategy. Developed over the past 18 months by the Technical Forecast Committee, this scenario illustrates the impact of taking to a regional scale the kinds of activity centers area governments are planning. It assumes local and regional policies promote development and redevelopment of commercial areas into mixed use centers along corridors with sufficient densities and amenities to make them more walkable, bikeable, and easily served by transit. The results show less decline and greater

preservation of open space – 40% of the region’s expected population growth is accommodated in existing areas, while 60% is in new areas.

- MARC staff is currently engaging stakeholders across the region on the question of how much of the adaptive scenario can be realistically implemented in the next 30 years and what policy changes are needed to make that happen. If you would like MARC staff to engage your planning commission, city commission/council, board of county commissioners, economic development groups, city/county staff, or other group(s) on this question, please contact Lisa Pool at lpool@marc.org or 816-701-8338.