

December 3, 2010 KC Regional Planning Roundtable

Events/Announcements

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

Linking Environmental and Transportation Planning Advisory Group

December 6, 1:30 – 3 p.m.

Agenda items include an up-coming mitigation workshop series, the recently awarded HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant, and the Troost Bus Rapid Transit corridor.

MARC Broadway Room

For more information, contact Lisa Pool at lpool@marc.org

<http://www.marc.org/transportation/conservation.htm>

Sustainable Design and Green Building Toolkit for Local Governments

December 7, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) developed the Sustainable Design and Green Building Toolkit for Local Governments to help city and county jurisdictions identify and remove barriers to sustainable design and green building in the permitting process. Participants will learn the benefits and practical applications of the toolkit, which addresses codes and ordinances that affect the design, construction, renovation, operation and maintenance of a building and its immediate site.

This event is free.

To register, call 816/701-8234 or e-mail gti@marc.org

http://www.marc.org/Sustain/Transportation/tb_greenbuilding.asp

Above and Beyond Mitigation: Advancing the Eco-Logical Action Plan

3 Workshop Series on January 12, February 17, and March 17, 2011

In May, 2009, the MARC Board adopted a “Linking Environmental and Transportation Planning Action Plan”, which includes recommendations for improving the integration of environmental considerations into transportation planning processes in the region. The development of this Action Plan and its related activities were funded via an FHWA Eco-Logical grant. The ‘Above and Beyond Mitigation: Advancing the Eco-Logical Action Plan’ workshop series builds on these previous efforts and seeks to move towards implementation of one of the Action Plan’s key recommendations: to create a regional mitigation strategy. The overall goal of the workshop series is to develop a model environmental integration and mitigation process specific to transportation planning and programming in the Kansas City region, along with policy recommendations aimed at supporting its local and regional implementation.

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<http://www.marc.org/Sustain/>

Imagine KC

Imagine KC, a 12-part series co-produced by KCPT and MARC, had its debut on Nov. 18 on KCPT. Using video footage from throughout the region, graphics, animated scenarios, expert interviews and viewer feedback, the series focuses on helping the region envision its future. The series encourages residents to imagine a more vibrant, connected and green region.

Each episode will educate the public about a specific set of issues, policy options and how communities are meeting these challenges; help the public envision how change can be implemented in our region; and engage the community in ongoing implementation projects and decision making. Each episode will provide viewers links to additional information and ways to become involved in projects that interest them.

The first episode portrayed examples of community successes in Lee's Summit and Kansas City, Kan., as well as work underway across the region, like the new Troost MAX bus rapid transit line. Future episodes will explore natural resource conservation; healthy local food systems; efficient energy; transportation options (activity centers and corridors connected by transit); sustainable infrastructure; active lifestyles and walkable communities; housing choices; infrastructure and place making.

For more information, go to: <http://www.imaginekc.org/>

The first episode can be viewed here: <http://www.imaginekc.org/Episodes/episode1.asp>