



OGL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 23, 2023, 1:30 p.m.

Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting: MARC – Lewis and Clark Room and online via Microsoft Teams

Members Present	MARC Staff Present	Non-Members Present
Noel Forrester, Olathe, Chair	Barry Viss	Jeff Bryan, Affinis
Ericka Ross, MODOT, Vice-Chair	Ray Webb	Alex Preston, TransCore
Adam Hilgedick, Blue Springs	Chris Jenkins	Kurt Rotering, Olsson
Thomas Northup, KDOT	Ron Achelpohl	Lisa Seymour, TCC
Sol Moinuddin, KCMO	Cedrick Owens	Doug Ripley, TCC
Steve Schooley, Lenexa		Thomas Robinson, Rhythm Engineering
Brian Shields, Overland Park		Mohammad Shehada, HDR
Kristofer Finger, KCK		Robinson Camp, Raytown
Mark Green, Independence		
David Northup, KDOT		
Sherri McIntyre, Liberty		
Tom Degenhardt, Blue Springs		
John Sullivan, Westwood		
Allan Ludiker, MODOT		
Ryan Hale, MODOT		
Brian Scovill, Leawood		
Athena Huynh, Grandview		
Cody Harris, Olathe		
Keith Bredehoeft, Prairie Village		
Soma San, Leavenworth County		
Bill Stogsdill, Fairway		

Welcome

The meeting started at 1:30 p.m. Noel Forrester, Chair, welcomed all and introductions were made.

- 1. July 24, 2023, committee minutes** – Steve Schooley made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was supported and approved unanimously.
- 2. SMART Grant consultant selection** – Olsson was the only firm to submit a proposal to assist OGL with our SMART Grant crowdsource performance measures system evaluation efforts. Steve Schooley made a motion to enter a contract with Olsson for these efforts. The motion was supported and approved unanimously.
- 3. Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) software contract** – Ray Webb explained that the desire is to enter a new multi-year contract with TransCore for continued software enhancement efforts, rather than continue extending the existing contract. Steve Schooley made a motion to enter said contract. The motion was supported and approved unanimously.
- 4. Agency updates** – The City of Lawrence, KS is applying for a SMART Grant similar to OGL and have been in conversation with OGL and Scout staff. UG/KCK will be rebuilding a signal at State Ave & 118th to accommodate a new development. UG/KCK is also in the midst of a major utility project at Rainbow & 36th that has had a big impact on traffic in the area. Liberty will be adding a signal at M-291 & Blue Jay next year.

5. **Hot topic – Improving I-70 in Kansas City, MO.** Allan Ludiker, MODOT, presented on planned improvements to I-70 from Paseo to US-40/31st St. The design-build project, budgeted at \$223 million, will improve safety and reliability by improving the interchange and ramp configurations and geometric alignments. Bridges, pavement, and bike and ped facilities will be upgraded. Traffic impacts will be significant and will coincide with World Cup activities in 2026, so traffic management will be an important part of the team selection and planning for the project.
6. **Grants and awards** – Ray has been getting paperwork and reporting set up for management of the SMART grant funding. The consultant contract voted on earlier in this meeting will go to the MARC board for approval tomorrow, October 24. STIC funding in both Missouri and Kansas as well as CMAQ funds for 2025-2026 is also available. Carbon Reduction program funds have been awarded to OGL to add Johnson Dr in Mission, KS to OGL.
7. **2024 work plan** – A draft version of an OGL work plan for 2024 was included in the meeting packet. Barry highlighted the list of corridors for timing work which needs agency review. The amount of work reflected in the draft list is more than can be accomplished with our current practices and budget. Agencies should review and provide feedback to MARC staff about corridors that can be removed or if any need to be added.
8. **MO and KS CMAQ construction project updates** – Cedrick updated the committee. The KS project is largely complete, though the fiber is not in use yet by the city, and a few of the controllers have been programmed and delivered but not yet been installed in the field. The MO project contractor bid was rejected again due to the cost being well above budget. We will attempt to rebid it with a smaller scope and add/alternates in order to try to get a project scope that matches up with the funding available.
9. **OGL standard drawings and JSP's** – Chris Jenkins updated the committee. We have updated a few plan sheets with standard drawings as well as some suggested JSP's regarding OGL involvement in construction projects. Agencies can find these on the OGL page of the MARC website and are encouraged to download them and adapt them to their specific needs in various projects if they don't already have something similar. Our goal is to keep communication and video surveillance outages to a minimum during construction activities, and to encourage agencies and construction staff to keep these important operational components active. OGL staff would like to be involved in the planning process if MARC-owned equipment is being impacted.
10. **Quarterly operations report** – Chris Jenkins highlighted a few notes from the report which was included in the meeting packet. These notes included that 54 repair tickets were managed during the quarter. This was more than usual due to the removal of numerous radios at locations that had fiber installed recently. New timing plans were implemented on Red Bridge Rd in south Kansas City and new plans were also implemented on Shawnee Dr in KCK. Also highlighted were some current communications outages that are being addressed. Finally, the EOS integration with TransSuite was reviewed and comments were sent to TransCore.
11. **Quarterly budget report** – The quarterly budget report was included in the meeting packet. Ray noted that we have fully expended the FY2023 STBG funds as of August and are currently operating on local funds only. We have requested obligation of the next year's federal funds so that we can hopefully start utilizing them in November. Otherwise, the budget is in good shape. All but one local agency has paid their 2023 invoice.

Other business

- If agencies have changes or corrections to the signal map on the OGL website, contact Scott Cutshall.

Next meeting dates: January 22, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.