

Missouri STP Priorities Committee
January 9, 2024
Meeting Summary

Voting Members Present:		Voting Members (continued)	
Belton	Greg Rokos	Parkville	
Blue Springs (1 of 2)	Tom Degenhardt	Peculiar	Mickey Ary
Blue Springs (2 of 2)	Adam Hilgedick	Platte City	Marji Gehr (alt.)
Excelsior Springs		Pleasant Hill	
Gladstone		Raymore	Trent Salsbury (alt.)
Grain Valley	Mark Trosen	Raytown	Robinson Camp
Grandview	Doug Wesselschmidt	Richmond	
Greenwood		Smithville	Chuck Soules
Harrisonville	Patty Hilderbrand, Chair	Cass County	
Independence (1 of 2)	Stacey Lowe	Clay County	Scott Wagner
Independence (2 of 2)	Rodney Honeycutt (alt.)	Jackson County	Matt Davis
Kansas City (1 of 4)	Nicolás Bosonetto	Platte County	Wes Minder (alt.)
Kansas City (2 of 4)	Chad Thompson (alt.)	Ray County	
Kansas City (3 of 4)		FHWA (Ex Officio)	Dan Weitkamp
Kansas City (4 of 4)		KCATA	
Kearney	David Pavlich (alt.)	MoDOT	Marisela Ward
Lee's Summit (1 of 2)	Michael Park	Bike/Ped Com Rep.	Noel Bennion
Lee's Summit (2 of 2)	Susan Barry (alt.)	Goods Movement Rep.	
Liberty	Sherri McIntyre, Vice Chair	Highway Com Rep.	
North Kansas City	Xue Wood (alt.)	RTCC Rep.	
Oak Grove			
MARC Staff:		Other Attendees:	
Marc Hansen	Belton: Haden Mattke (alt.)	Cass County, MO: Derek Wise	
Ron Achelpohl	Grain Valley: Dick Tuttle (alt.)	Clay County, MO: Dianna Wright	
Megan Broll	Grandview: Athena Huynh (alt.)	Glenaire: Dale Marcell	
Beth Dawson	Harrisonville: Carl Brooks (alt.)	Kansas City: Jason Waldron	
Darryl Fields	Smithville: Mayra Toothman (alt.)	Parkville: Daniel Harper	
Ellie Hall	Clay County: Jason Withington (alt.)	BHC: David Smalling; Randy Gorton	
Kyle Hoener	FHWA: Cecelie Cochran (alt.)	Lamp Rynearson: Dan Miller	
Martin Rivarola	MoDOT: Juan Yin (alt.); Katie	Office of U.S. Representative Sam Graves: Buffy Smith	
Patrick Trouba	Jardieu; Krystal Jolly; Ben McCabe;	Platte County EDC: Santos Arellano	
Ray Webb	Britni O'Connor; Melissa Schmitz	Taliaferro & Browne, Inc.: Michael Gardner	
	Arthur Gough	TranSystems Corporation: Jonathan Batchelor; Frank	
	Kati Horner	Weatherford	

1. Welcome and Introductions

Committee Vice Chair Sherri McIntyre welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The meeting was virtual only as a result of inclement weather. Introductions were included in the meeting chat.

2. Approve the December 12, 2023, Meeting Summary

Scott Wagner moved to approve the December 12, 2023 Meeting Summary as presented, and Chad Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. MoDOT Updates

Marisela Ward of MoDOT noted the agency is working on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for 2025-2029, and should be getting targets soon. Marisela Ward noted this would be her last meeting, as she would be the new area engineer for rural counties in the district; Juan Yin will be the committee contact moving forward until the position is filled. The MoDOT Carbon Reduction Program contact person is Llans Taylor.

4. Missouri Unfunded Needs

Martin Rivarola, MARC Assistant Director of Transportation & Land Use, reported on Missouri Unfunded Needs. The goal is to provide a list of projects which represent where additional funding could be used, to be able to react quickly with deliverable projects to any identified or secured funding. This requires updating the unfunded transportation needs list, adding any projects from Ray County to the MARC region's lists, and retaining funding targets from 2023. Updates to the list are expected to be completed by late April to mid May of this year; Mr. Rivarola reviewed the process and timeline used last year, which was shifted and shortened compared to previous years. He identified specific changes to the list made last year, including removal of the I-70 project, cost updates and inflation adjustments, changes in priorities of certain road/bridge projects, and changes to the freight and aviation project lists by their corresponding MARC committees. Mr. Rivarola shared the unfunded needs lists from last year, including tiers 1-3 of regional priorities and multimodal lists (bike/ped, freight, and aviation) reviewed by MARC's modal committees.

Mr. Rivarola outlined next steps to updating the unfunded needs lists, starting with removing any projects that have been implemented or are no longer a priority. MARC's programming and planning committees will work to determine good candidates and prioritize projects for the unfunded needs list with input from stakeholders, and Mr. Rivarola will return in March to share an updated project list with this committee. A map of projects is available at <https://www.modot.org/unfundedneeds>.

5. Reasonable Progress & Program Balance Report

MARC Principal Planner Marc Hansen noted the need for the committee to spend down program balances earlier in the year, to allow time for more project sponsors to access additional dollars, provide MoDOT time to evaluate balances across different areas of the state and other areas of the program to bring the statewide balance down, and to aid in the state's ability to access funding through August redistribution (potentially bringing additional dollars back into the program). Mr. Hansen encouraged the committee to assign additional dollars by the March meeting, so that any needed changes can go through the TIP amendment process to be eligible for approval in May.

Mr. Hansen noted upcoming opportunities to get clarification on the specific obligation target amount. He shared programmed dollar amounts, requested amounts, and application scores for 2024 projects, noting that if all projects obligated, the program would only be about \$6m short of the general MoDOT target amount. Vice Chair McIntyre asked if any 2025 or 2026 projects would be eligible to move forward in the schedule, but none consented. Committee members shared concerns about MoDOT's ability to process projects quickly enough to allow for new projects being impacted by staffing changes; a proposed schedule for how long MoDOT needs for basic aspects of the process should be available for the committee at the February meeting.

The committee reviewed the timeline for 2024 projects and shared updates as follows:

- The Truman Connect project was originally programmed for \$4.2m out of the \$6m request, but \$1.5m was moved off Truman Connect to another project. Stacey Lowe noted they are working on right of way and have completed environmental tasks, and hopes to get allocation done in time for this year. The amount funded is satisfactory as the project is divided into phases.
- The Planning Sustainable Places Program funding would apply to the 2025 call for projects. More funding would be utilized if available, beyond the amount of the original request.
- The Berkley Riverfront Mobility Hub was originally submitted by PortKC, but will become a KCATA project. Nicolás Bosonetto spoke on behalf of the project and commented they would likely accept and be able to utilize up to 100% of requested funds.
- The Burlington Corridor Complete Streets project is still at the property acquisition stage, and will have to revise some of the plans based on MoDOT's comments. The project is unlikely to be completed in 2024, resulting in a potential \$3.8m shortfall.

- The Greenwood Connector project received additional (supplemental) funding in 2023, but it was unable to be used in 2023 so money was returned back to the program. This project could utilize more funding, but also has additional funding opportunities through the Active Transportation Programming Committee (ATPC), which will be meeting in February.
- The M-2 Culvert over Muddy Creek Tributary is experiencing a right of way issue, but hopeful to get through review in 2024. The project is maxed out on cost share so cannot accept additional dollars.
- OGL ATMS Operations is well into using operations funds, and has no issue with spending their fully funded request.
- The Pryor Road Complete Streets – Longview to Hook project is the largest project on the list, expects to be on schedule to obligate, and will take any additional funding available. They could also go beyond their original request, as that was set at 50% of their project cost (\$27m).
- The Route 7 Complete Streets – Central project is largely coordinated by MoDOT, and Blue Springs needs to meet with MoDOT and their design consultant before committing to meeting their obligation.
- The Traffic Signal at Blue Jay Dr & M-291 does not need additional funding. Marisela Ward noted she will follow up with Sherri McIntyre regarding the cost share agreement.
- The Front Street project can take an additional \$2m-\$5m, but MoDOT was hesitant they would be ready for obligation in 2024 due to the condemnation process needed for acquisition in the right of way. Chad Thompson noted the condemnation process is underway and he expects to make the schedule of September as planned.
- The Markey Parkway Connection project is not programmed (and therefore does not have a MoDOT project number); Greg Rokos said he expects it could be easily completed in August or September if the project was added to the program. Marisela Ward noted the committee would need to officially program the project prior to MoDOT providing a project number, but the committee was not ready to formally vote on this project at this meeting.

The committee discussed further funding, and Vice Chair McIntyre suggested working out a balance of what projects could use additional funding and what projects may fall off the list to use as a discussion point at the next meeting. Vice Chair McIntyre also suggested coordinating with modal funding committees to ensure those funds and their balances are considered.

7. Other Business

Darryl Fields, Principal Planner shared an update on the regional preventive maintenance overlay project. The project gained bid concurrence on mill and overlay, and will set precog meetings for February 22, 2024. Mr. Fields will send a link for the event and additional details to anyone interested.

10. Adjournment

The next MO STP meeting will be held February 13, 2024. With no further business, Vice Chair McIntyre adjourned the meeting.