



OPEN MEETING NOTICE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

The MARC Highway Committee will meet at **1:30 p.m., Thursday, August 21st, 2008**, in the MARC Broadway Room on the 2nd floor of the Rivergate Business Center at 6th and Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of June 19th Meeting Summary
3. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update
4. MARC Travel Time Study Presentation
5. Department of Transportation Reports
6. Other Business

* Action Item

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Highway Committee Meeting Summary

August 21, 2008

Attendees:

(TTPC) Total Transportation Policy Committee –

Gary Lathrop – City of Belton (Cass County Municipalities) * Co - Chair

Mac Andrew – Johnson County * Co - Chair

John Powell – City of Independence

(FHWA) Federal Highway Administration *Ex-officio, Non-Voting* –

Byron Low – FHWA (Kansas)

State Department of Transportation –

Lee Ann Kell – MoDOT

Allison Smith – KDOT

Sara Peters – KDOT

City/County Technical Staff –

Ron Freyermuth – City of Shawnee

Steve Hansen – City of Liberty

Mike McDonald – City of Leavenworth

Dan Miller – City of Overland Park

Mickey Schwartzkopf – City of Leavenworth

Others –

Marty Matthews – Heavy Constructors Association

Ron McLinden – RTA

MARC Staff –

Nick Freeman – Transportation Planner

Tom Gerend – Assistant Director of Transportation

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions –

Co-Chairs Gary Lathrop and Mac Andrews welcomed everyone and introductions were made. The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

2. Approval of June 19th Meeting Summary – *

There were no corrections or changes to the June 19, 2008 Meeting Summary. Gary Lathrop moved for approval, Tom Gerend seconded, and the motion carried.

Note: The Highway Committee has reconvened as a group to provide input and participate throughout the Long-Range Transportation Plan document construction process. The membership of this committee has changed since the group was last active in 2005. The roster has been updated to reflect known changes within the group. Please review the 2008 Highway Committee member list for accuracy and report any known discrepancies.

3. Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update –

Mr. Tom Gerend updated the committee on progress related to the development of the Long-Range Transportation Plan. The final plan will outline an adopted regional transportation policy framework and articulate specific transportation objectives, investments, and strategies in pursuit of these objectives. Currently, MARC staff is involved with various data collection efforts and are reviewing the many elements of the LRTP individually. The topical areas of: Land Use/Demographics, Environmental Considerations, Transportation, and Social Equity will guide the discussion this fall around issues, needs, and challenges.

Mr. Gerend informed the committee of upcoming reports and presentations that would likely be included in future Highway Committee discussions. Two reports mentioned were the Regional Travel Time Study completed in 2007 and an update and review of the MARC Travel Demand Model and its associated performance measures.

4. MARC Travel Time Study Presentation –

Mr. Nick Freeman presented to the committee an overview of the most recent MARC Travel Time Study. Methodology of the study was discussed and high level results were reviewed at the regional level. MARC's Travel Time Study helps monitor the performance of the roadway system, and observes trends in automobile travel time, delay and congestion during peak travel periods for the Kansas City metropolitan area.

The committee discussed the potential applications of the Travel Time Study and suggested improvements/additions to the study.

5. Department of Transportation Reports –

The Highway Committee was briefed by both the Missouri Department of Transportation and the Kansas Department of Transportation.

MoDOT – Ms. Lee Ann Kell reviewed MoDOT’s 2007 Long-Range Transportation Plan. The plan is available for download from MoDOT’s website at the following address: <http://www.modot.mo.gov/plansandprojects/>

The *Missouri Advance Planning* or *MAP* is the long-range transportation planning initiative of the Missouri Department of Transportation. Missouri citizens, who entrust MoDOT to plan, build, operate and maintain a safe and efficient transportation system, helped guide and develop this plan, which considers a 20-year look into the future.

Missourians said...

- Focus on preserving and improving Missouri’s transportation system.
- Explore new ideas that give Missourians the most for their transportation dollars.
- Secure more transportation funding.

The *MAP* development process followed these steps...

- Listening to Missourians.
- Technically assessing the transportation system.
- Identifying key issues and developing possible solutions.

The *Missouri Advance Planning* initiative provides a snapshot of transportation in Missouri for the next 20 years. This snapshot includes vital public input that provides a foundation for guiding transportation progress. By understanding the characteristics of the state’s transportation system, along with the trends challenging the system, MoDOT – in partnership with Missouri citizens, elected officials, community leaders and transportation professionals – can plan for a prosperous future.

KDOT – Ms. Allison Smith discussed recent activity within the Kansas Department of Transportation. Ms. Smith announced the upcoming kick off of the TLINK task force at the end of August. TLINK’s website can be found here: www.kansastlink.com

TLINK – The group is charged with developing a set of recommendations for a new strategic transportation approach. The meetings will focus on both needs and funding for transportation in Kansas.

The focus for the task force is three-fold:

- A commitment to keeping roads and bridges safe and in good repair.
- Forward thinking without relying on old business models.
- A new approach that reflects today’s fiscal realities and creates a framework to prepare Kansas for its transportation future.

6. Other Business –

None.

7. Adjournment –

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Highway Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the MARC Broadway Room on the 1st floor of the Rivergate Center.