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OPEN MEETING NOTICE

KANSAS STP/BR PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

August 12, 2010

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Broadway Room, 1st Floor, MARC Offices
600 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri 64105

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve the June 10, 2010 Meeting Summary*
3. Status of STP/BR and ARRA Programs – KDOT*
Finalize strategies for expending unobligated balances of STP/BR and ARRA funds.
4. 2013-14 STP/BR Project Solicitation Ground Rules
Please reference the attached materials and the following documents from the MARC website:
[MARC Board Policy Statement on Regional Growth and Land-Use](#)
[Transportation Outlook 2040 Policy Framework](#)
5. MARC Functional Classification Policies/Procedures
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

* Action Items

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: October 14, 2010

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Kansas STP/Bridge Priorities Committee
August 12, 2010
Meeting Summary

Voting Members Present

Doug Brown, City of Overland Park, Chair
Kevin Bruemmer, City of Bonner Springs
Bryan Dyer, City of Merriam
Chuck Ferguson, Johnson County Transit
Ron Freyermuth, City of Shawnee
Bill Heatherman, Unified Government of Wy Co/KCK
Joe Johnson, City of Leawood
Mike McDonald, City of Leavenworth
Dan Miller, City of Overland Park
Ken Miller, City of Lansing
Martin Rivarola, City of Mission
Steve Schooley, City of Lenexa
Sondra Clark, KDOT

MARC Staff Present

Ron Achelpohl	Marc Hansen
Terry Anderson	Aaron Bartlett

Others Present:

Fred Backus, consultant, Unified Govt Wy Co/KCK
Melissa Caulfield, PB Americas
Kristen Leathers, Affinis Corp
Hye Jin Lee, City of Merriam
David Marten, KDOT
Michael Webb, City of Edwardsville
Marty Matthews, Labor-Mgmt Fair Contracting Fn

1. Welcome and Introductions

Doug Brown welcomed the attendees and introductions were made. A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Meeting Summary

Joe Johnson moved and Ron Freyermuth seconded to approve the June 10, 2010, meeting summary as written; the motion carried.

3. Status of STP/BR and ARRA Programs – KDOT

Sondra Clark provided a current FFY 2010 STP/BR Federal fund balance sheet. With the year's total available funds of \$13,953,657, the amount obligated to date is \$9,463,723 with \$2,915,501 remaining. Only one project remains to be obligated, Overland Park's Antioch Road from I-435 to 119th Street, programmed to receive \$1,574,433.

ARRA: As mentioned at the June meeting, there is approximately \$100,000 remaining ARRA funds to be reprogrammed for the region by September 30, 2010. During the first two weeks of September, KDOT' fiscal agents will be reviewing final numbers to determine exact amount of dollars available. At the June meeting the committee discussed applying remaining funds on Merriam's overlay project. Ms. Clark added that Bonner Springs currently has a change order in process which may free up another \$20,000.

Merriam representatives shared that the City needs to identify matching funds before committing to use the remaining ARRA funds. Someone suggested identifying a shorter length of their project if that helps match the dollar amount the City could provide for the matching dollars and still meet an October letting date. If they are unable to use the funds they will be lost unless KDOT can use it on a current ARRA funded project.

MOTION: Bill Heatherman moved and Ron Freyermuth seconded to give the City of Merriam permission to access the remaining ARRA funds and if they are not able to use the funds, allow KDOT to use the funds on an existing KDOT ARRA funded project in this region and if they are unable, the funds would be unused; motion carried.

Merriam staff indicated they should know by next week of the matching fund amount they can identify.

STP/BR discussion: Doug Brown reviewed the 2010 funding amounts remaining of \$1M BR and \$1.5M STP and stated that we need to reach a zero balance for the year as requested by KDOT. He asked project sponsors if any of their 2011 projects could move forward, perhaps a portion (\$2.5) of the funding for the advance construction Lone Elm project could move forward (planned to pay in 2011) to absorb the balance of 2010 funds. Then 2011 would be under programmed. With the 2013/14 Call for Projects still in process, it was suggested that sponsors note on the applications of any projects that would be interested in moving forward to 2012. Several sponsors shared they had some interest. The committee also reviewed current 2012 projects that could use additional funds: Lenexa's Renner Road and KCK's State Ave, 87th Street projects in Wyandotte County were mentioned. Ron Achelpohl reminded attendees that Shawnee's Monticello & Shawnee Mission project that was funded in 2010/11 had been moved to 2013. Consider moving forward

any multi-year funded projects. There was consensus to bring any STP 2012 under funded projects up to 80 percent. Action priorities were determined:

1. Move funds forward to any projects that did advance construction (Olathe)
2. Bring current 2011 projects up to 80% or an equivalent proportion (2 Lenexa, 1 OP, 1 KCK)
3. Identify 2013 projects from the 2013/14 funding round that could move forward to 2012

Regarding the 80% funding level, Ron Achelpohl reminded attendees that we are working with year by year appropriations, without a highway program.

MOTION: Dan Miller moved to fully fund the 2011 portion of Olathe's advance construction Lone Elm Interchange project with remaining 2010 STP/BR funds as calculated by KDOT; increase Lenexa's 2011 Renner Road project by \$1.675M, move Lenexa's 2011/2012 \$4.4M funds of the 87th Street Parkway project forward to 2011 and increase it by \$1.3M; increase Overland Park's 2012 Quivira Road College Blvd to 119th Street project by \$2.5M; increase the Unified Government's 2012 State Avenue Improvements 94th Street to 82nd Street project by \$1.1M. Any remaining funds will be carried over to 2013/14 for projects that can be executed in 2012. The motion was seconded and carried.

4. 2013-14 STP/BR Project Solicitation Ground Rules

A Call for Projects for 2013 and 2014 was issued with an opening date of July 7, 2010 with the application deadline of August 20th. Staff determined the need for ground rules for this programming round due to the anticipated increased scrutiny on future projects due to the stronger ties to the Transportation Outlook 2040 Policy Framework and the MARC Board Policy Statement on Regional Growth and Land Use that was adopted by the Board on April 27th. The policy statement states "The policies will form the basis of initiatives MARC will support as we move forward to 2040. The policies may benefit from regional planning and coordination, but implementation efforts must fully respect and support local control over decision making in these areas." Two of the eight policies that would affect decisions made during this and future funding rounds:

- Give priority to funding transportation projects that serve activity centers along locally identified corridors.
- Increase levels of transit service along priority corridors.

Ron led a discussion of the following proposed ground rules for Kansas STP/BR Priorities Committee project evaluation. The committee can establish these rules at the committee level but anything added that modifies the committee's Roles and Responsibilities document would have to be approved by TTPC which might delay the process.

1. Project scores are provided as information for the committee's use in decision-making. Scores should be carefully considered but should not rigidly bind the committee. Project sponsors will have the opportunity to review and comment on their scores before they are finalized for use by the committee.
2. Project presentations will also provide information for the committee's decision-making. After reviewing initial project scores, the committee may select a set of projects "on the bubble" and any other circumstances that the committee would like to invite for presentations. Presentations may impact the priority of projects for funding but should not result in adjustments to project scores.
3. Jurisdictions with multiple applications will be expected to explain the relative local priority of their projects. The committee will consider this information but will not be bound by it in developing funding recommendations.
4. Eligibility for other funding sources (e.g., TE, CMAQ) should not be used as justification to disqualify applications from consideration. He also explained that staff is expecting the possibility that some projects may apply for both STP/BR and CMAQ funding and staff will inform both committees to allow for any adjustments if both recommend a project for funds. Also noted that you cannot use other funds as your local match.
5. In addition to programming recommendations to TTPC, the committee will report on how its funding recommendations support the LRTP policy framework and Board Policy Statement on Regional Growth and Land Use.

Additional points of interest were mentioned:
Boundary change impact may be 2012.

In the past the committee has looked at historical allocations. Kansas City KS usually is at the bottom of the equity list and that fact often plays a part in the decisions.

Schedule: Staff will complete the application scoring by October 1 for discussion at the October committee meeting, finalize the recommendations in November and take recommended priorities to TTPC in November.

5. MARC Functional Classification Policies/Procedures

Ron Achelpohl indicated this topic will be discussed in detail at the next meeting. There are two proposed changes to the functional classification policy that was adopted several years ago. The first change clarifies what happens in the MPO boundary, clarifies projects outside the MPO and recommend that MARC is the recommending agency. The second change moves any project planned for more than five years out to be moved to a separate future functional classification list and map and provides language that explains the process of bringing the projects back to the official functional classification map when appropriate. The document is available on the Internet at

www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/fctoc.htm.

6. Other Business

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Next Meeting

9:30 a.m., October 14, 2010.