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**OPEN MEETING NOTICE
SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JOB ACCESS PARTNERSHIP**

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There will be a Meeting of MARC's Special Transportation - Job Access Partnership committee at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 09, 2011 in the Board Room of the Mid America Regional Council on the second floor of the Rivergate Center Building at 600 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri. For additional information call 816-474-4240 ext 8244

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Tentative Agenda

1. **Approval of October 12, 2011 Meeting Summary**
2. **Job Access and New Freedom update** – JARC and New Freedom project representatives will be asked to provide updates.
3. **Transit Committee update** – MARC's Transit Committee met on Wednesday November 2nd. STAC-JARC representatives and MARC staff will be requested to report on the transit committee.
4. **Section 5310: Capital Assistance for Elderly & Handicap** – Chris Brundin of MoDOT will be asked to provide a Section 5310 update.
5. **VTCLI (Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative) update** – Linkforcare walkthrough with Ruth Smerchek of the KU Central Plains Geriatric Education Center.
6. **Reauthorization Work Group Report** – See pages 4 and 13 of this meeting notice
7. **Stakeholder/Peer Presentations** – Will not be scheduled this month to accommodate a long agenda.
8. **Other business?** - (side table handouts)
 - a. Meeting Notice

- b. Operating Guidelines
- c. Proposed FTA 2012 Budget
- d. Advocacy guidance i.e. "Guidelines for writing a letter to an Elected official
- e. Transit Access Project "Rider's Guide to Public Transit for People with Disabilities"
- f. MARC's Public Official Directory
- g. Potential Advocacy Addresses (Electronic and hard mail)

MEETING SUMMARY

November 09, 2011

HANDOUTS (front table and side table):

- Meeting Notices
- The University of Kansas Medical Center LinkforCare.org handout www.linkforcare.org – Illustrating information offered on the website (handed out during Ruth Smerchek presentation)
- FTA FY 2012 Budget handout – PowerPoint slides dated February 14, 2010
- KCATA JARC/New Freedom Management Summary – Logan’s handout (Designated Recipients monthly summary)
- Summary of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) handout – Brief handout summarizing bill highlights and key changes from SAFETEA-LU
- “13 Things You Will Want to Know about the Senate’s Transportation Bill, MAP-21” and “MAP-21 – Possible Impacts of Revised Core Transportation Programs” handout – two pieces written by Larry Ehl concerning the proposed highway and surface transportation reauthorization bill
- Transportation Reauthorization Stakeholder Advocacy – A 21 page packet that included: a diagram illustrating the stakeholder message, “Guidelines for Writing a Letter to an Elected Official”, Sample Letter/Template, Maps and lists of Municipalities delineating Congressional Districts, Membership lists for 2 House & 3 Senate Committees

1. **Approval of October 12, 2011 meeting summary** - Sara Davis pointed out an error in item #6 of the October 12, 2011 Meeting Summary included in the November 09, 2011 meeting notice. OATS, Inc. does NOT cover Ray County. On the motion and second of Lou Banks and Michael Williams the corrected summary of October 12, 2011 was approved.
2. **Status Report on existing JARC and New Freedom Projects** – Chairman Jim Courtney and Stewart Nelson gave an introduction stating purpose and intent of the JARC and New Freedom programs. Stewart Nelson reviewed the Designated Recipient KCATA fiscal manager Tracey Logan’s monthly summary of JARC and New Freedom projects:
 - a. Lou Banks provided an update on Unified Government Transit’s JARC Funding
 - b. Margaret Brown provided an update on Johnson County Transit’s JARC and New Freedom funding
 - c. Sara Davis provided an update on OATS, Inc. JARC funding
 - d. Kim Greene provided an update on the Full Employment Council
 - e. Mary Hunt provided an update on the City of Independence’s JARC and New Freedom projects, and
 - f. Nora Reyna-Brown provided an update on The Family Conservancy’s earmark era JARC staff-centered management/outreach funding.

There was not a representative from KCATA present to give an update on their JARC and New Freedom project-specific funding, and Carroll Ramseyer from the City of Olathe was not present to give an update of their JARC and New Freedom projects.

Chairman Courtney and Stewart Nelson commented these projects were selected by the Committee and recommended for funding by the committee. The Committee was reminded that a later agenda item would discuss the proposed potential consolidation of the three specific funding apportionments made to the JARC, the New Freedom, and the Section 5310 programs into a “consolidated” fund within the greater discussion of the reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Act.

3. **Transit Committee Update** – Jake Jacobs summarized the Tom Gerend 11/02/11 presentation to the MARC Transit Committee regarding the Downtown Corridor AA (alternatives analysis) and the Jackson County Commuter Corridor AA. Gerend is an Assistant Director in MARC’s Transportation Department.

Lou Banks commented on the I-70 Corridor AA that was discussed at the MARC Transit Committee meeting on 11/02/11. The AA will focus on I-70 going westward from downtown Kansas City, Missouri. The Interstate 70

corridor is used by many commuters in between Lawrence and Topeka and downtown KCMO. Banks commented on the lack of transit in the I-70 corridor and questioned the role of community based services within the Corridor study noting the access points near Edwardsville and Bonner Springs.

Karen Clawson with MARC added that the I-70 study is just getting started and the scope has not been written yet. She also added that the I-70 study is to be similar to the study that was conducted for the K-10 connector that runs between Lawrence, KS and Overland Park.

4. **Section 5310: Capital Assistance for Elderly & Handicap** – Christine Brundin of MoDOT presented an update on the Section 5310 Program noting the vehicles selected during the 2009 funding cycle are nearing delivery.

The vehicles selected during the 2010 funding cycle have been allocated and approved, so contracts will be going out to the selected agencies soon. She requested that those agencies selected to receive vehicles during the 2010 funding cycle fill out and return the completed contracts to MoDOT as soon as possible.

The agencies ranked by STAC to receive vehicles during the 2011 funding cycle will have some time to get their local match in order as MoDOT is still waiting for appropriations from the federal budget. Funding for 2011 is expected to occur by March or April.

Brundin then gave a brief review of the Section 5310 Program and explained the possibilities of funds being pooled (consolidated). State DOT's across the country choose to manage their Section 5310 programs in varying ways. At the state level MoDOT is not certain what will happen in the internal state managed JARC, New Freedom, and Section 5310 programs should funds be nationally mandated into a consolidated pool. MoDOT advocated against the pooling of funds.

Brundin informed the Committee she was leaving MoDOT for other employment effective November 15th. Chairman Courtney presented Chris with a committee memento for her long and valued support of the committee's activities.

5. **Veterans Transportation & Community Living Initiative (VTCLI) Update** – Chairman Jim Courtney gave an update on the VTCLI grant. The project team is still waiting to hear from FTA regarding funding awards.

Ruth Smerchek provided a walkthrough of the LinkforCare website. Ruth explained that she has spent the last six months preparing for the myriad of health related components in updating the website from the original 1994 format. The VCTLI goal is to use the VTCLI funding to update the transportation section of the website. Ruth also gave a brief explanation on how transportation providers will be able to have their own profiles on the website and have control of keeping their profile up to date.

6. **Reauthorization Work Group Report** –

Chairman Jim Courtney and Stewart Nelson provided a walkthrough of the "Transportation Reauthorization Stakeholder Advocacy" handout. The intent of the walkthrough was to guide stakeholders through the process of individually advocating their positions to House & Senate Committees, local elected officials, and transportation service associations (e.g. AASHTO, State DOTs, and CTAA). Tyler Means demonstrated how the MARC's 2011-2012 Public Officials Directory could be accessed via the MARC webpage (<http://www.marc.org/assets/PublicOfficialsDirectory.pdf>). Stewart Nelson commented on the variety of the advocacy stances which can be modeled from the language in the Sample Letter/Template.

7. **Stakeholder/Peer Presentations** –

Stakeholder/Peer presentations were not scheduled in November to accommodate the extended agenda.

8. **Other Business** – None

**Meeting Summary
Attendance
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