



**OPEN MEETING NOTICE
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

Ed Ford, Missouri Co-Chair
Marge Vogt, Kansas Co-Chair

There will be a meeting of MARC's Total Transportation Policy Committee on **Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room on the second floor** of the Rivergate Center, 600 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri.

A G E N D A

1. Welcome/Introductions – 9:30 a.m.
2. VOTE: Minutes of last meeting* – 9:35 a.m.
3. REPORT: Legislative Update-9:40 a.m.
 - Report from Transportation Legislative Advisory Committee on status of federal authorization and funding
4. VOTE: Draft 2012-2016 Transportation Improvement Program*– 9:50 a.m.
 - Review new TIP draft; consider release for public review and comment
5. VOTE: 2011 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #5*– 10:00 a.m.
 - Review proposed amendments; consider release for public review and comment
6. VOTE: Draft 2012 Unified Planning Work Program*– 10:05 a.m.
 - Review new UPWP draft; consider release for public review and comment
7. VOTE: Proposed Functional Classification Change for 155th Street in Kansas City, MO*– 10:10 a.m.
 - Review recommendation from the Missouri STP/Bridge Committee; consider approval
8. REPORT: Transit Alternative Analyses– 10:15a.m.
 - Update on the Downtown Corridor and Commuter Corridor Alternatives Analyses
9. REPORT: TIGER Update- 10:30 a.m.
 - Update on TIGER Grant activities; review project video
10. REPORT: Creating Sustainable Places – 10:45 a.m.
 - Report on the Region's Creating Sustainable Places project.
11. Adjournment– 11:00 a.m.

***Action Items**

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**Total Transportation Policy Committee
September 20, 2011
Meeting Summary - DRAFT**

Members, Alternates Present-Representing

Marge Vogt, Kansas Co-Chair
Chuck Adams, Unified Government of WyCo/KCK
Jim Allen, Johnson County
Alice Amrein, Johnson County
Kenneth Bernard, Leavenworth County Municipalities
Doug Brown, city of Overland Park
Kathy Dusenbury, Platte County
Chuck Ferguson, Johnson County
Bill Heatherman, Unified Government of WyCo/KCK
Mark Huffer, Kansas City Area Transportation Authority
Russ Johnson, city of Kansas City
Gary Lathrop, Cass County Municipalities
Robbie Makinen, Jackson County
Dan Miller, city of Overland Park
John Powell, city of Independence
Carson Ross, Jackson County Municipalities
John Sharp, city of Kansas City
Mark Sherfy, Johnson County Municipalities
David Slater, Clay County Municipalities
John Smedley, Platte County Municipalities
Allison Smith, Kansas Department of Transportation
Mike Spickelmier, Leavenworth County
Mark Stuecheli, city of Overland Park

Others Present

Eric Bainbridge, Laborers' Local 663
Lou Banks, Unified Government of WyCo/KCK
Robert Bromberg, Olsson Associates
Shari Cannon-Mackey, Burns and McDonnell
Cory Clark, GBA
Ryan Fleming, Affinis Corp
Bob Goodwillie, HG Consult, Inc.
Earl Harrison, Hg Consult
Kent Lage, Johnson County
Mike Latuszek, FHWA- MO Divisio
Kristen Leathers, Affinis Corp
Sherri McIntyre, city of Kansas City
Ron McLinden, Transit Action Network
Ken Miller, city of Lansing
Whitney Morgan, University of Kansas
Dan Niec, Missouri Department of Transportation
Robert Orr, Wilbur Smith
David Pavlich, city of Kearney
Justin Pregont, city of Mission
Hope Visconti, Missouri Department of Transportation
Rich Shipley, Missouri Department of Transportation
Kip Strauss, HNTB
Jackie White, Missouri Department of Transportation

MARC Staff Present

Mell Henderson, Director of Transportation
Tom Gerend, Assistant Director of Transportation
Aaron Bartlett, Bicycle/Pedestrian Planner III
Karen Clawson, Transportation Planner II
Amanda Graer, Air Quality Manager
Marc Hansen, Transportation Planner III
Jeff Hirt, Sustainable Planning Project Manager
Jim Hubbell, Transportation Planner II
Ebony Jackson, Transportation Program Assistant
Stephen Lachky, Transportation Planner IO.
Mandy Matney, Public Affairs Intern
Tyler Means, Transportation Planner I
Heidi Schallberg, Transportation Planner II
Sara Wilbur, Transportation Intern
Julie Wittman, Public Affairs Coordinator

1) Welcome/ Introductions

Kansas Co-Chair Marge Vogt called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees.

2) Approval of Meeting Summary *

There were no changes to the July 19, 2011 meeting summary. Ken Bernard moved to approve the meeting summary, Doug Brown seconded and the motion carried.

3) Legislative Update

Mell Henderson reported that Congress has extended the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), along with the federal gasoline tax, which is the primary source of funding for the Highway Users Trust Fund, through March 2012. In 2008-2009, MARC convened its Transportation Legislative Advisory Committee (TLAC) to develop a MARC position on the next federal transportation authorization bill. That position was approved by the MARC Board and has been shared with our Congressional delegation on multiple occasions. MARC has reconvened TLAC to monitor actions in Washington, and to revisit the current position and its applicability on the next federal transportation authorization bill. TLAC met before the TTPC meeting to discuss the current position and begin the discussion of what should be adjusted for the new version of MARC's position. TLAC will meet monthly until the new version is created. The plan is to bring it to TTPC for review and approval.

Marge Vogt mentioned that MARC wants to be more proactive and detailed in its position. The agenda packet and materials that were reviewed in the meeting is posted on the MARC website. An invitation was extended to TTPC to attend the next TLAC meeting, October 18, 2011 8:00 a.m.

4) Draft 2012-2016 Transportation Improvement Plan*

Marc Hansen reported that MARC has prepared the Draft 2012-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that will serve in place of the scheduled quarterly amendment. The *TIP* includes all federally funded surface and regionally significant transportation projects regardless of funding source planned for the Kansas City metropolitan area in Federal Fiscal Years 2012-2016.

The draft 2012-2016 *TIP* has been developed by MARC to be in compliance with regulations contained in SAFETEA-LU, the most recent legislation governing the federal transportation program. In accordance with these regulations the Draft 2012-2016 *TIP* includes:

- A financial plan that accounts for inflation and includes system-level estimates of operation & maintenance costs and revenues,
- An environmental justice analysis that examines transportation investments and transportation safety,
- An air quality analysis,
- Visualization techniques to help convey information, and
- An updated interactive, internet based mapping application.

The draft 2012-2016 *TIP* is financially constrained and accounts for inflation. It also includes an Environmental Justice analysis that indicates that minority and low-income populations are not underserved by federally funded projects.

The draft 2012-2016 *TIP* includes an analysis of anticipated air quality impacts that indicates that mobile source emissions will remain below previous budgets established for the region and was presented to the Air Quality Forum on September 13, 2011.

The financial plan for the draft 2012-2016 *TIP* includes total project costs of \$1.86B that are distributed between different project categories as shown in the following table:

Transportation Outlook 2040 Goal	# of Projects	% of Total Projects	2012-16 Expenditure	% of Total 2012-16 Expenditures
Accessibility	37	9.2%	\$656,134,991	35.2%
Climate Change & Energy Use	6	1.5%	\$2,113,750	0.1%
Economic Vitality	31	7.7%	\$147,385,761	7.9%
Environment	3	0.7%	\$1,926,650	0.1%
Place Making	12	3.0%	\$6,886,574	0.4%
Public Health	32	8.0%	\$20,471,446	1.1%
Safety & Security	23	5.7%	\$33,317,800	1.8%
System Condition	134	33.3%	\$340,552,692	18.3%
System Performance	124	30.8%	\$654,931,355	35.1%
Total	402	100.0%	\$1,863,721,019	100.0%

The complete Draft 2012-2016 Transportation Improvement Program is available for review at:

<http://www.marc.org/transportation/tip/TIP12-16.htm>

Mr. Hansen demonstrated a new tool that has been created to help with tracking the *TIP* projects called the *TIP Tracker* that can be accessed from the *TIP* website above.

There was discussion about how the current table was crafted and how it does not accurately portray investments that are being made because most project cover several goals. It was determined that MARC staff will revisit the chart and craft a table that will accurately portray the Transportation Outlook 2040 goals projects are contributing to.

Carson Ross moved to approve releasing the Draft 2012-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), including the Financial Plan, Environmental Justice, and Air Quality analyses for public review and comment, Gary Lathrop seconded and the motion carried.

5) 2011 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #8*

Mell Henderson reported that The *Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)*: 1) describes the transportation planning activities MARC and other agencies will undertake during the year; 2) documents the proposed expenditures of federal, state and local funds in support of applications for various planning grants; and 3) provides a management tool for MARC and the funding agencies in scheduling major transportation planning activities, milestones and products.

Proposed amendments to the 2011 UPWP:

- Add the US-71 Corridor Transit Alternatives Analysis to Task 6.4 funded with \$782,640 in Transportation, Community and System Preservation (TCSP) program and local matching funds; and
- Add new Task 8.6 I-35 Managed Lanes Study in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties, funded with \$1,000,000 KDOT state funds.
- Transfer MARC planning funds for staffing costs between work tasks to reflect work to date and anticipated work through the remainder of the year:
 - Reduce Task 1.2 – Public Participation by \$50,000;
 - Increase Task 2.1 – Land Use, Demographic and Comprehensive Planning by \$70,000;
 - Reduce Task 2.2 – Long-Range Transportation Plan by \$25,000;
 - Reduce Task 2.3 – Modeling/Forecasting Activities by \$25,000;
 - Reduce Task 2.5 – Transportation Research and Database Management by \$70,000;
 - Reduce Task 5.2 – ITS Planning and Integration by \$20,000;
 - Increase Task 6.1 – Transit/Paratransit Planning and Coordination by \$100,000; and
 - Increase Task 8.1 – Major Corridor Studies – General by \$20,000;

Details of the revisions were attached to the agenda packet. Because this amendment results in changes to activities proposed in the work program, it should be released for public review and comment prior to approval.

Johns Sharp added that he was pleased that Jackson County received the grant for US-71 Corridor Transit Alternative Analysis.

John Sharp moved to approve the release of proposed Amendment #5 to the 2011 UPWP for public review and comment, Alice Amrein seconded and the motion carried.

6) Draft 2012 Unified Planning Work Program*

Mell Henderson reported that the *Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)*: 1) describes the transportation planning activities MARC and other agencies will undertake during the year; 2) documents the proposed expenditures of federal, state and local funds in support of applications for various planning grants; and 3) provides a management tool for MARC and the funding agencies in scheduling major transportation planning activities, milestones and products. MARC hosted meetings on June 16, 2011 and August 16, 2011 with KCATA, Johnson County Transit, Unified Government Transit, KDOT, MoDOT, and USDOT representatives to coordinate development of the 2012 UPWP.

Major Transportation Planning Initiatives proposed for 2012 include:

- Monitor/Update Positions on Next Federal Transportation Authorization – Task 1.1
- Corridor Planning in conjunction with the Creating Sustainable Places project – Task 2.1
- Eco-Logical Planning on Regional Mitigation – Task 2.1
- Annual TO2040 Performance Measurement Report – Task 2.2
- KDOT 5-County Transportation Study Phase II – Task 2.6
- Traffic Operations and Management Strategic Planning – Task 5.4
- KCATA Transit Infrastructure and Passenger Amenities Needs Study – Task 6.3
- Alternatives Analyses for Downtown and Commuter Corridors – Task 6.4
- Mission Transit Center Operations Plan – Task 6.7
- Johnson County Transit Northeast Facility Planning Study- Task 6.7
- Shawnee Mission Parkway/Metcalf Corridor Improvements – Task 6.7
- KU Medical Center Area Transit Improvements – Task 6.7
- I-35 Bus on Shoulder Implementation Support – Task 6.8
- Freight Corridor Planning Pilot Project – Task 7.1
- MoDOT I-70 Environmental Impact Statement – Task 8.2
- KDOT I-35 Managed lanes Study in Johnson and Wyandotte Counties – Task 8.3

A draft of the 2012 UPWP is available at: <http://www.marc.org/transportation/UPWP/UPWP2012.pdf>

Projects conducted through the UPWP may influence or result in changes to established transportation policies, plans and programs. The draft 2012 UPWP has been developed based on an estimated continuation of federal transportation planning funds that were available under SAFETEA-LU.

Alice Amrein moved to approve releasing the proposed 2012 *Unified Planning Work Program* for public review and comment, Jim Allen seconded and the motion carried.

7) Proposed Functional Classification Change for 155th Street in Kansas City, MO*

Jim Hubbell reported that the functional classification is the process in which roadways are categorized into classes, or systems, according to the type of service they are intended to provide. This system for roadway classification was developed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and has implications for the eligibility of a roadway to receive federal transportation funding.

The Port Authority of Kansas City, MO has requested to change the functional classification of 155th Street (from Scott Ave. to Kensington Ave.) from a local road to a major collector. MARC staff has consulted with officials from MoDOT and FHWA to review the request and determined that a reclassification is warranted based on established federal criteria.

The proposed change to the functional classification of 155th Street was reviewed and approved by the Missouri STP/Bridge Priorities committee on August 9, 2011.

Gary Lathrop moved to approve the functional classification change for 155th Street, David Slater seconded and the motion carried.

8) Transit Alternative Analysis (AA)

Tom Gerend gave an update of the Transit Alternative Analysis. Last summer MARC in partnership with Kansas City, Jackson County, MO, and the KCATA (the Partnership Team) submitted a coordinated regional grant application for Federal Transit Administration Alternatives Analysis funds. On December 21st, 2010 the Federal Transit Administration announced a \$1.8M grant award to support these planning efforts. The regional application targeted detailed planning related to the region's highest priority commuter rail corridors (Rock Island and I-70 corridors) in addition to a downtown distribution (street car) system. Since June the Partnership Team has been working to advance the two related alternatives analysis studies.

Jackson County Commuter Corridors Alternatives Analysis (CCAA): This study is assessing commuter transit alternatives in the I-70 East and Rock Island corridors. The first stakeholder advisory committee was held on August 31st and the project's draft purpose and need statement along with seven alternatives (including both rail and bus options) were presented and refined for presentation to the public. The first public meeting for the CCAA is scheduled for September 27th at the Independence Ennovation Center from 4 to 7 PM.

In related news, Jackson County has received a FHWA grant to complete an Alternatives Analysis of the US-71/Grandview corridor. The funds were awarded through the FHWA Transportation and Community Program and not through the FTA program. The Partnership Team is currently working with MoDOT, FHWA and FTA to integrate this award into existing planning efforts that are already underway.

Downtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis: This study is assessing both streetcar and bus alternatives for the downtown corridor and will ultimately identify a preferred downtown corridor alternative. In August, 2011 the Partnership Team presented the Tier 1 alternatives screening recommendations which narrowed the assessment from 7 downtown alignment alternatives to two alignments (Main Street and Grand Blvd). This recommendation was approved by the Kansas City Parking and Transportation Commission during their August meeting.

The next steps are to begin Tier 2 analysis and screening by comparing Grand and Main, comparing streetcar to bus circulator and to develop addition data. Also, funding options will be discussed in Tier 2. It is expected a final recommendation on the preferred alignment and mode will be presented to the Commission in September. From October-December the AA technical work should be completed; the team will prepare Federal transit data; TTPC and the MARC Board will be asked to consider formal adoption of one or more "locally preferred alternatives" into MARC's long range transportation plan (Transportation Outlook 2040) and the Partnership team will submit the findings to FTA.

There are two public meetings scheduled:

- Downtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis, September, 20 2011 from 4:00-6:30 at Steamboat Arabia in the City Market.
- Commuter Corridor Alternatives Analysis, September 27, 2011 from 4:00-7:00 at Independence Regional Ennovation Center.

Please see the project website for further information www.kcsmartmoves.org.

9) TIGER Update

Tom Gerend reported that in February 2010 the Kansas City region received a \$50 million grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's TIGER (Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recover) program to support the implementation of the Kansas City Regional TIGER project. The Kansas City Regional TIGER Project was a collaborative, multi-jurisdictional proposal involving dozens of partners and supporters in both Kansas and Missouri.

The TIGER grant will support the region's desire for increased access to opportunity through two primary elements of investment:

Green Impact Zone

The Green Impact Zone is a cooperative effort to focus recovery funds on green solutions affecting the quality of life of residents in 150 inner-city blocks within Kansas City, MO. Improvements made within the Zone include new streetscapes, street resurfacing, traffic signal upgrades, pervious surfacing, and a Troost Pedestrian Bridge over Brush Creek.

Regional Transit

Transit corridor improvements outlined in this award will build on past successes, provide benefits for existing transit users, and bring the region closer to full realization of an expanded rapid transit network as described in the Smart Moves Regional Transit Vision. Funded transit improvements include:

- State Ave Transit Investments
- Metcalf/Shawnee Mission Pkwy. Transit Investments
- North Oak Transit Investments
- Eastern Corridor Transit Investments

Mr. Gerend showed before and during construction pictures of sidewalks in the Green Impact Zone and renderings of the State Avenue transit improvement and the transit center.

Both the Green Impact Zone and the Transit corridor projects are on schedule. The bus on shoulder project in Johnson County will be launched later this year.

Mr. Gerend informed the committee of the first project video which helps to convey the objectives of the Kansas City Regional TIGER project. It was suggested to go to the project's website to view the video and the TIGER Tracker <http://www.marc.org/tiger/>.

10) Creating Sustainable Places

Jeff Hirt gave an update on the Creating Sustainable Places (CSP) initiative. In October of 2010, MARC was awarded a \$4.25M Sustainable Communities Planning Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on behalf of its local and regional partners.

The Creating Sustainable Places Initiative is the mechanism to implement the plan set forth in the grant application. This three-year initiative is multifaceted, but the main elements underway are equity engagement, corridor planning, and tool development.

The first step to the initiative was to define an overall strategy and vision for guiding principles. There has been 2 partners congress meetings, which have assisted with this effort.

The CSP initiative is also implementing a guidebook, which ties 6 corridor plans and future planning efforts together. The guidebook will have tool development sections for:

- Economic feasibility
- Visualization
- Natural Resources Inventory
- Sustainable codes
- Health impact Assessments
- Complete Streets

This initiative will also have a broader section of indicators.

The Creating Sustainable Places Initiative represents a key implementation mechanism for numerous related adopted plans, including Transportation Outlook 2040.

Contact [jihirt@marc.org](mailto:jhirt@marc.org) to be added to the Sustainable Communities E-Newsletter distribution list or visit www.imaginkc.org or www.marc.org/sustainableplaces for more information regarding creating sustainable places.

11) Other Business

Heidi Schallberg said that a task force is convening with volunteers from the modal and planning committees to start the work to develop MARC's Complete Streets Policy. The policy will guide planning and programming work. It was also mentioned that a Request for Proposal (RFP) has been issued for the Complete Streets Manual.

Carson Ross mentioned that Blue Spring's City Council adopted a complete streets policy at their last meeting.

Amanda Graor reported that in July the EPA submitted a recommendation of a new ozone standard. The White House has requested that EPA withdraw their request until the next scheduled review in 2013. The 75 parts per billion (ppb) standard will remain the ozone standard through 2013. The MARC region was recently monitored as 76 ppb, that means if the EPA continues with their designation process the MARC region will be designated as a nonattainment area.

The region Clean Air Action Plan was recently updated and builds on the voluntary efforts that have been made over the last few years.

12) Adjournment

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of TTPC will be held on October 18, 2011.