### Air Quality Forum Meeting Summary  
**Tuesday, February 13th, 2018**

#### Members and Alternates in Attendance
- Todd Rogers, JCHED  
- Doug Watson, KDHE Bureau of Air  
- Rollin Sachs, UG DAQ  
- Jodi Frisbee, KCMO  
- John Neuberger, Sierra Club  
- Kelly Gilbert, MEC/KCRCCC  
- Allison Smith, KDOT  
- Andrew Savastino, KCMO, OEQ  
- Carol Adams, KCMO EMC  
- Mike Boothe, JCHED  
- Richard Rocha, Bayer  
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- Richard Rocha, Bayer

#### Others in Attendance
- Amanda Graor, MARC  
- Martin Rivarola, MARC  
- Tom Jacobs, MARC  
- Aaron Bartlett, MARC  
- Doug Norsby, MARC  
- Marc Hansen, MARC  
- Brad Loveless, Westar Energy  
- Gina Bowman, B2G  
- Sara Lamprise, MEC  
- Roger Walker, REG MO  
- Krystal Voth, LVCO P & Z  
- Catherine Reed, KCMO AQ  
- Luke Rodriguez, UGDAQ

1. **Introductions and Determination of Quorum**
   
   Introductions were made, and a quorum was found present.

2. **Approve December Meeting Summary***

   Approval tabled until March.

3. **Regional Pedestrian Policy Plan**

   The Regional Pedestrian Policy Plan reviews MARC’s current plans for pedestrians, explores how plans can work together, and identifies the best practices for use at the local and regional level. The 47-page document was developed over two years and features a four-part pedestrian inventory that provides recommendations for pedestrian policy-level support. Regional strategies include investments for access and mobility, addressing pedestrian barriers, and an increase in pedestrian related resources. At the local level, recommended strategies include creating a pedestrian master plan for communities, commitment to the capital improvements plan, prioritizing sidewalk plans, and adopting planning and zoning provisions that ensure pedestrian connectivity. The plan will not be a part of the 2018 call for projects, but it will be going to the Total Transportation Policy Committee for adoption later this year.

4. **Clean Air Action Plan Update Progress/Draft Review**

   The Clean Air Action Plan update has been narrowed done to three priority action areas that have been gathered from the recent surveys, feedback, and prioritization exercise. Each action area includes three to four strategies followed by 3-10 year progress goals.
Action 1 relates to improving multi-modal linkage of public transportation networks. This action focuses on growing bike usage, improving the connection of public transit to employment, and creating a network of Smart Moves mobility hubs.

Action 2 seeks to apply emerging technology to transportation which will improve the region’s ability to manage traffic congestion and reduce emissions following the ACES strategy: Autonomous, Connected, Electric and Shared. Strategies include deploying autonomous vehicles, expanding traffic signal coordination, increasing the use of electric vehicles in the region, and improving transit ridership across the RideKC system.

Action 3 pertains to the level of public education and outreach related to specific sustainability initiatives. Strategies for addressing this priority include increasing public awareness at mobility hubs via smart kiosks, raising awareness about smart traffic signalization efforts led by Operation Green Light, and providing education opportunities on specific regional sustainability initiatives.

Additionally, there is an update proposed to existing Actions 2 and 3 of the 2011 CAAP update. Action 2 incorporates a strategy to increase the amount of tree canopy and public green space while Action 3 will advance the latest building energy codes.

5. Transportation Updates

The 2018 call for projects is similar to previous ones and will be programmed for the 2021-2022 year. There are three main programs that MARC coordinates involving transportation funding: the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program, the Surface Transportation Program, and the Transportation Alternatives set aside Program. The attached presentation breaks down the funds for each of these programs, details how funds are made available for possible projects, explains committee assignments, and how project selections will be handled.

The call for projects went out on January 19th, and a pre-application workshop was offered on January 31st. The deadline to submit applications is March 23rd, thereafter staff will score projects until May.

Committees value projects differently depending upon the funding program. Applications are submitted electronically, and funds will be awarded after rigorous evaluation and approval by several standing MARC policy committees.

6. State Rules in Progress

No updates.

7. Next Meeting – Tuesday, Mar. 13th, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

8. Other Business

The E.P.A. is holding a listening session on the repeal of the Clean Power Plan on February 21st, but you have to sign up online and choose a timeslot to attend. A separate comment docket has been set-up and is extended until the end of April.
The MARC regional leadership award nominations are open.

The Mid-West Environmental Compliance Conference is upcoming and flyers with the information were handed out.

Also, information on proposed state and federal budget cut implications was shared. A motion was passed to review the effects and potentially send a letter about the proposed budget.

9. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourns.

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