MEETING NOTICE
AIR QUALITY FORUM
Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
MARC Offices, 600 Broadway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64105

Members and Alternates in Attendance
Allison Smith, KDOT
Andy Savastino, City of KCMO
Angela Markley, UG/WyCo (KS Co-Chair)
Bob Randolph, MDNR
Carol Adams, KCMO EMC
Doug Watson, KDHE
Elaine Giessel, Sierra Club
Erik Wolf, UG
Krystal Voth, LVCO
Luke Rodriguez, UG DAQ
Mark Leath, MoDNR
Richard Rocha, Bayer
Rick Brunetti, KDHE
Todd Rogers, JCDHE

Others in Attendance
Amanda Graor, MARC
Doug Norsby, MARC
Laura Machala, MARC
Ron Achelpohl, MARC
Royce Handy, MARC
Tom Jacobs, MARC
Brad Loveless, Evergy
Catherine Reid, KCMO Aviation
Alex Hufft, University of Kansas

1. Introductions and Determination of Quorum
Introductions were made. Quorum was not met.

2. Approve August Meeting Summary*
Approval tabled to October.

3. Regional Transportation Plan 2050 Update
Laura Machala shared an update to the regional transportation plan. She provided a review of the vision statement, the objectives of the plan, the policy framework, a needs assessment and the story map aspect of the plan. She also explained the regional vision and how it balances out supporting people and place.

After a walk-through of two websites created for story maps and its interactive ability, there was a quick poll conducted at the meeting to see what transportation needs were most important. This poll that is also being used among other meetings throughout the region to get an idea of what needs are important to us.

The timeline for the plan is approaching project selection which will take place in 2019. This fall and winter will be to finalize and present various scenario analysis, as well as creating public engagement. There is a goal of adopting a plan in 2020.

For more information, please visit MARC.org/2050.
4. Green Infrastructure Planning Update

Tom Jacobs explains the upcoming policy workshop and how it fits into other transportation processes. He details the importance of green infrastructure as a multi-benefit element that encompasses a lot of other goals MARC already is reaching for. He provided a backdrop of programs and other activities that support green infrastructure and how the region has evolved from the 1991 Metro Green Plan, up until now.

There was an initial policy workshop that focused on the opportunities to create more green infrastructure and to benefit from other activities that may have been abandoned. His presentation included a handout containing various components of the Regional Green Infrastructure Policy and Planning Framework. The handout included completed or underway projects, short term goals, and medium term goals. Categories included phasing, funding, ordinances and standards, leadership and collaboration, data and tools, integration, education, and lastly, land conservation and land use. These categories were color-coded in bundles that grouped similar processes and needs together.

After going through the handout and each bundle, he shares the next steps. Another policy workshop will take place on September 26th and will focus on establishing priority and feedback. The goal after that is to package up the information for the MARC board consideration.

5. VW Settlement Update

Amanda Graor provides a brief update on the VW settlement. Both states have released their plans and recently there was a bi-state update meeting to get information out on the settlement timelines. As of now, Kansas doesn’t have any calls for projects out. Missouri has one that is a DERA call for school buses.

Kansas will use their initial funding and use it for the DERA option. They will place $2 million on the school bus side and $2 million on the equipment side to speed up the process for getting funds. They are also putting together a committee of experts for spending on EV charging infrastructure. Missouri has finalized their plan in August and has eight different award categories that they will plan over 10-years. They are doing the call for projects for school buses under the DERA option to increase funding for more projects. There have detailed guidelines for how they are funding projects on their website. A category for disadvantaged school districts, a truck category for government agencies and a category for transit buses will be the next call for projects.

6. State Rules in Progress

Missouri will be having a public hearing on 17 amendments related to red-tape reduction on September 27th. 11 rescissions and 7 amendments that were proposed in July, will be going forward for adoption. They are also working to get a sulfur dioxide plan to go to public hearing this fall.

Kansas has their 2015 ozone infrastructure SIP out for comment and ready for public hearing if anyone asks for one. They are finishing the 2010 SO2 infrastructure SIP and starting a process for a class 2 fee regulation. This will be the 1st time they have charged smaller sources for inventory fees.
7. Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

8. Other Business

   N/A

9. Adjourn

   Meeting adjourned.