MEETING SUMMARY
AIR QUALITY FORUM
Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 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)
Becky Fast, JOCO
Carol Adams, KCMO EMC
Catherine Reid, KCMO Aviation
David Albrecht, MEC
Dennis Murphey, KCMO OEQ
Doug Watson, KDHE
Gina Bowman, B2G
Jackson Ward, JOCO DHE
Jayson Prentice KDHE
John Neuberger, Sierra Club

Joseph Stole, GeoEngineers, INC.
Josh Wood, City of Olathe
Joshua Buchre, Exide Technologies
Kathleen Waters, KDHE
Krystal A. Voth, Leavenworth County
Laura Machala, MARC
Mike Boothe JOCO, Health + Env
Misty Wallace, Exide Technologies
Richard Rocha, Bayer
Rollin Sachs, U.G. DAQ
Sara Lamprise, MEC
Scott Burnett, JACO
Todd Rogers, JCDHE

Others in Attendance
Doug Norsby, MARC
Karen Clawson, MARC
Martin Rivarola, MARC
Tom Jacobs, MARC

1. Introductions and Determination of Quorum
   Introductions were made. Quorum was met.

2. Approve November and December Meeting Summaries*
   Summaries were approved.

3. Green Infrastructure Framework Presentation
   Tom Jacobs provided a layout of the 3 year work the Green Infrastructure framework has done. The framework, built from multiple green programs under MARC, ties all of the green efforts of MARC together and is now connecting public health and social equity. Also, the framework has new branding that make the language more accessible with a new rollout called “Here We Grow.”
The framework was broken down into questions. The first question was on scale and how the regional scale vision interacts with other sectors and spaces. Next the question of criteria asked how to determine success. The question of needs aimed to layer all of current needs and to expand into social equity and public health. The question of momentum aimed at connecting all the momentum already going on in the city for similar work. The question of accessibility asked how to create models that can fit into accessible places. Jacobs also presented a data set that described the natural resources of Kansas City.

4. **Position on Proposed Legislation in Missouri to Update Vehicle Registration Fees**

   The forum suggested ideas and motioned to move forward on a comment letter regarding proposed bills in State of Missouri to use fuel economy as a basis for vehicle registration fees. The current fee schedule for vehicle registration fees greatly impacts more fuel efficient vehicles than gas-powered cars. This provides a disincentive for people who own these vehicles or plans to buy them, which impacts us and our goal of decreasing emissions by increasing fuel efficiency.

5. **Metropolitan Energy Center’s Building Energy Efficiency Program**

   The Metropolitan Energy Center provided a presentation on their new Energy Solutions Hub. Their target market is commercial and industrial building between 10,000 and 100,000 sq. ft. They aim to connect smaller organizations and companies with energy efficiency, etc. They have formed an advisory board, contacted organizations and building owners, hosted meeting with green organizations and city governments and more to get companies connected to their resources.

   MEC has been working with certified energy vendors for decades and are using this hub for businesses who may not know how or know of the resources they have. They provide educational workshops, certification opportunities, and they are tracking data to show the effect of this work. Their big picture is to show companies that cutting of energy usage, cuts emissions—which ties into air quality. They are also working with KCPL to focus on multi-family buildings as well.

   Lastly they are looking for help for professionals in this context, participants, outreach opportunities,

6. **Transportation Updates**

   Laura Machala gave a rundown of the Regional Transportation Plan 2050 2019 Call for Projects Criteria Draft. The draft received feedback in December that was about shortening the criteria, simplifying questions, and weighting the questions. All of the feedback was incorporated into the new draft presentation. There are only two sections that aren’t scored; project description, and data and technology. Some of these other categories were updated and changed as well.

   A feedback exercise was done via the RTP 205 Evaluation Criteria Workshop. This was in accordance to feedback that has been gathered from other groups about how the questions should be weighted. 100 points needed to be spread out among Readiness and Fiscal
Sustainability, Regional Plans, Policies and Strategies, Centers and Corridors Focus, Access to Opportunities, Economic Vitality, Transportation Choices, Public Health and Safety, and Healthy Environment. Machala also provided a scenario analysis updated, based on various transportation scenarios being impacted by different land use scenarios.

Angela Markley followed up with an update for Greenhouse gas reduction strategies for RTP 2050. A workgroup has been put together and will meet on the 26th to discuss strategies and potential impacts. A tentative date for a workshop is in April. Strategy areas included, increasing electric vehicle use, reducing VMT’s, promoting transportation demand solutions, and more.

Upcoming workshops will focus on benefits, costs, overall potential to reduce greenhouse gas and creating methodology to evaluate suggestions.

7. State Rules In Progress
N/A

8. Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

9. Other Business

10. Adjourn
Meeting adjourned.