MEETING SUMMARY
AIR QUALITY FORUM

November 12th, 2019
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
MARC Board Room, 600 Broadway, Suite 200
Kansas City, MO 64105

Members and Alternates in Attendance
Allison Smith, KDOT
Beth Pauly, MEC
Catherine Reid, Aviation Dept.
Doug Watson, KDHE
Gina Bowman, B2G
Jaclyn Brown, WYCO
John Neuberger, Sierra Club
Josh Wood, City of Olathe
Mike Booth, JCDHE
Philip Boyless, KCMO
Richard Blevins, Clay Co
Richard Rocha, Bayer
Rollin Sachs, U.G. DAQ
Sean Partain, MoDOT
Tiffany Le, KCBPU

Others in Attendance
Doug Norsby, MARC
Kaleena Salazar, MARC
Karen Clawson, MARC
Laura Machala, MARC
Martin Rivarola, MARC
Patrick Trouba, MARC
Ron Achelpoh, MARC
Royce Handy, MARC
Tom Jacobs, MARC

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

2. October Meeting Summary
   Tabled for later approval.

3. 2019 Ozone Season Summary
   Sara Croke provided a summary of the 2019 Ozone season. There were zero ozone
   alerts this year, the lowest since 2015, with only 47 yellow days, the lowest since 2016.
   Weather or Not’s accuracy rate was 89% per 3PPB. March through October showed
   above normal temperatures with wide swings month to month. Rainfall was above
   normal by 14 inches and 58% of rain days happened in May alone, making this the
   second wettest Ozone season on record since 1995.

4. 2019 Green Commute Challenge Wrap-Up
   Karen Clawson shared the 2019 wrap-up for the Green Commute Challenge. The challenge
   started on June 1st and ended on August 31st. The challenge registered 39 teams with 593
   members that reduced driving by 340,000 miles via 30,000 logged trips. 268,000 pounds of
emissions were prevented and over 1 Million calories were burned. The number of teams were lower than last year but still on par year to year. This was also the first-year scooters were added as commuting options while walking, carpooling, and riding the bus were the top 3 modes.

5. Connected KC 2050 (RTP 2050)
Laura Machala presented on the Long-Range transportation plan with a review of the process, scenario analysis and new greenhouse gas emissions scenarios, and the project prioritization approach. The outcomes from this plan process will provide more access to opportunity, transportation choices, economic vitality, a healthier environment and public health & safety.

   a. New Greenhouse Gas Scenarios
   The projected trend growth and focused growth will grow jobs and more. These new scenarios showed how our current decisions impact land consumption, vehicle mile travels, transit and active transportation, and greenhouse gas emissions.

   b. Project Prioritization Process
   There were 419 project applications that totaled over $15 Billion. By cost, highway/roadway leads with 56.6% of the costs. The projects that will are prioritized higher are those that align most with the stated visions and outcomes. Also, these projects will be separated into groups based on funding system. There was a project prioritization survey sent out with 55 responses that ranked projects by high, medium or low priority. The cost of top projects total over 6 billion with Missouri local at the top.

Karen Clawson added to this presentation with more on the impact on greenhouse gas emissions and what they were. MARC’s Travel Demand Modeled was paired with the EPA’s Moves model, looking at land use, Smart Moves, transit projects, operational costs, reducing speed limits and electric vehicle adoption. These parameters reflect the fact that the largest share of greenhouse gas emissions come from transportation. The result from the modeling show that strategies that electric vehicle adoption, pricing strategies, combined with focused growth appears to be the best way to may significant dents on greenhouse gas emissions.

6. State Rules in Progress
Timeline for RVP revisions are being watched closely. Also, every five years EPA updates the Ozone NAAQS and the deadline is being tracked as it is overdue.

On the Kansas side there is a fee regulation for class 1 source’s that is going through the division of budget for approval. For class 2’s there has been a fee regulation update that is now on hold. For the VW settlement, money has been withdrawn and it is going into the DERA projects which is matched by the EPA.

7. Other Business
   a. Membership nominations and next steps
   There are vacancies on the membership list and there has been a call for nominations to fill the business and community groups. There are multiple seats still available with 1 for health organization, 2 for environmental organization, 2 for transportation organization, and 1 seat available for the for-profit organization. There will be letters sent out for reappointment seats.
Climate Action KC has been working on a climate action playbook with MARC and it will be rolled out on December 17th via an event at the Kauffman Foundation from 2-5pm. The goal to complete the entire climate action plan is by September 2020.

8. **Next Meeting – December 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.**

9. **Adjourn**
   
   Meeting adjourned.