MEETING SUMMARY

AIR QUALITY FORUM

Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Members and Alternates in Attendance
Andy Savastino, City of KCMO
Carol Adams, KCMO EMC
Gina Bowman, B2G
John Neuberger, Sierra Club
Josh Wood, City of Olathe
Mike Boothe JOCO, Health + Env
Rollin Sachs, U.G. DAQ
Allison Smith, KDOT
Todd Rogers, JCDHE
Krystal Voth, Leavenworth County
Jodi Frisbie, KCMO Water Services

Others in Attendance
Ron Achelpohl, MARC
Tom Jacobs, MARC
Martin Rivarola, MARC
Doug Norsby, MARC
Catherine Reid, KCMO Aviation
Lynelle Ladd, Kansas State Univ.
Tiffany Le, KCBPU

Andrew Miller, KCMO Health Dept.
Paul David Lampe, MARC
Catherine Reid, KCMO Aviation
Brian Alferman, Johnson County
Jackson Ward, Johnson County
Mary Beverly, JoCo Health & Environ.
Jaclyn Brown, U. G. DAQ
1. **Introductions and Determination of Quorum**  
   Introductions were made. Quorum was NOT met.

2. **Approve November Meeting Summaries**  
   Summary was not approved due to lack of quorum.

3. **Regional Transportation Plan 2050**  
   a. **Project Selection**  
      Martin Rivarola provided an update about the latest phase of work for RTP 2050: project selection. The project selection phase of work started in November and will conclude in the end of 2019 with a final list of project priorities. MARC will notify existing project sponsors in the current RTP that existing projects must be resubmitted with updated information including scope of work, budget, and project schedule. MARC will develop a set of projects for submission that correspond to needs identified in the Needs Assessment phase.

      Project evaluation criteria will be developed to further evaluate the projects against one another. MARC committees, including the Air Quality Forum, will be consulted to provide feedback on the criteria before project selection is officially launched in late February. Evaluation of projects will occur starting in May and staff will build scenarios using the submitted projects in June. Scenarios will be analyzed throughout the summer before being packaged for the final list of financially constrained projects.

   b. **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategies**  
      Karen Clawson said that MARC will include greenhouse reduction strategies as part of the development of RTP 2050. She presented a possible process to begin developing those strategies. First, a workgroup will be formed to advise on the right amount of process needed to engage the public and stakeholders. The workgroup will also vet the strategies under consideration, and ultimately advise on the final set of strategies for inclusion in the plan. MARC staff will begin evaluating the strategies based on greenhouse reduction potential and other factors while also developing a baseline and setting targets. Finally, these strategies will be integrated in the plan performance tracking and reporting structure.

      Ms. Clawson presented several categories of strategies that will be explored initially. A tentative schedule includes kicking-off with the workgroup in late February, baseline setting and strategies analysis taking place throughout the spring, and a charrette taking place in April. The whole process should conclude in late summer or early fall.

4. **Transportation Updates**  
   a. **Missouri and Kansas Transportation Funding/ Vehicle Registration Fees**  
      Karen Clawson presented current discussions being had on both side of the state line in regards to increase funding for the state transportation systems. On the
Kansas side, the discussion is focused on charging a decal fee for drivers of electric and hybrid-electric vehicles at the time of vehicle registration. This move would help offset losses seen in fuel tax revenue largely due to increased fuel economy. Missouri already charges a decal fee for electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles.

Funding discussions in Missouri are focused on updating the fee schedule of vehicle registration fees from one based on taxable horsepower, to one based on fuel economy—where the higher the vehicle’s miles per gallon rating, the more the owner will pay.

MARC staff is studying this issue but has concerns that there may be unintended consequences as a result of these funding initiatives. MARC’s Clean Air Action Plan includes strategies to increase electric vehicle usage in the region and these potential initiatives would run counter to that by discouraging people from buying these more fuel efficient vehicles.

MARC staff will continue to research this issue and may present a position or comment letter at a future meeting for consideration by Air Quality Forum members.

5. **State Rules In Progress**
   There were no state rules briefings or discussion.

6. **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, January 8, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

7. **Other Business**
   No additional business was discussed.

8. **Adjourn**
   Meeting adjourned.