MEETING SUMMARY
AIR QUALITY FORUM
May 14th, 2019 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
MARC Offices, 600 Broadway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64105

Members and Alternates in Attendance
Andy Savastino, City of KCMO
Bob Randolph, MoDNR
Dennis Murphey, KCMO OEQ
Doug Watson, KDHE
John Neuberger, Sierra Club
Josh Wood, City of Olathe
Kelly Gilbert, MEC/KCRCC
Richard Rocha, Bayer
Rollin Sachs, U.G. DAQ
Sean Partain, MoDOT
Todd Rogers, JCDHE
Allison Smith, KDOT

Others in Attendance
Doug Norsby, MARC
Karen Clawson, MARC
Martin Rivarola, MARC
Tom Jacobs, MARC
Paul Lampe, MARC
Gina Bowman, Business & Gov’t Relations
Shawn Strate, KCATA
Gayle Bergman, Unified Government DAQ
Jaclyn Brown, Wyandotte County

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

2. Approve March and April Meeting Summaries*
   Summaries were approved with an edit added for the April meeting.

3. Green Infrastructure Framework - Recommend Adoption to MARC Board*
   The Green Infrastructure Framework was recommended to the committee for adoption and to be sent to the MARC board. It is in the final stages of finishing an executive summary for the next board meeting. The framework is about multi-benefit planning and having a layered approach for all the objectives covering clean air, complete streets, water quality, energy and more leading to three main policy recommendations. These policies deal with first, local zoning and regulations, secondly, the world of storm water management and lastly, the intersection of green infrastructure and transportation. This plan has been shared and endorsed by other committees.

   The framework was recommended by the forum.

4. Regional Transportation Plan 2050
RTP 2050 is still in the process of development and recently conducted a large call for projects. This plan is a federally required document that establishes a regional vision for transportation systems. The plan looks out from 2020-2050 and decides what projects will lead us to the vision that has been adopted for the region. The call for projects was sent out to all regional partners and local agencies had their own concerns and plans considered as a part of the project.

There were 420 project submissions adding up to more than 15 billion in needed costs. Highway and roadway had the most applications and transportation projects were joined in Smart Moves. Projects are being scored and will be completed by mid-June.

There also was a presentation of how to find the projects on the MARC website. The forum was requested to review, share and comment on projects. The next step after scoring will be model testing and scenarios. This process is aimed for committee sharing in July and ultimately arriving at project selection in October.

5. Clean Air Action Plan Implementation

KCATA has multiple projects that tie into the clean air action plan. The projects that were shared from their three-year strategic Mobility Momentum project including RideKC Next, mobility hubs, Prospect Max, electric buses and more. The goal is to transform KCATA from just a bus company into the premier mobility resource for the region. Goals for this project is the create better funding models that rivals other agencies in the country, to improve customer satisfaction to 92%, to reduce cost by 3%, to reduce safety and security incidents by 15%, and to improve employee engagement.

RideKC Next is their system redesign and review to stay up to date with the ever-changing regional transportation landscape. There will be a few public meetings in May and June with a final plan in December and implementation throughout 2020. Their goal for mobility hubs is to become a transit centers that has more public space, services and community, while including their other transit services. They have recently rolled out scooters, e-bike sharing and are planning for free floating car-sharing. The have also began working in the micro-transit market with app-based flexible routing. The first pilot is now taking place in Johnson County. Prospect Max is currently being developed with 48 stations and two transit centers. This is the next generation of Max and will include level boarding, ticket vending, interactive kiosks, public wi-fi, and more. 12th and Grand is the first completed station and has integrated bike lanes as well as shelters—Prospect Max will open in the last quarter of 2019. They purchased two 40-foot electric buses with a plan for two smaller buses on the way. They will be working with KCP&L and developing more charging structure for the buses. They have two pilot projects for autonomous vehicle shuttles with one being at Zona Rosa and then the Crossroads into the 18th and Vine area.

Lastly, Independence Ave is the next corridor to be developed for Max, with the North Oak corridor following.

6. Air Quality Forum Membership
The membership list has been reviewed and there are a few vacancies that need to be filled. There isn’t membership for Independence or Ray County and Johnson County need a formal process for membership of the current seat. There also will be a list of alternates developed. There are eight seats that need updating for new terms and there is will be an open call for those seats. This call will be pursed over the summer.

7. State Rules in Progress

Missouri has an upcoming VW stakeholder meeting and more activity will be reported in the next meeting.

8. Other Business

Marc’s regional assembly is on June 14th and you can register on the MARC website. Electrify Heartland is looking for members on the VW trust advisory committee and they are scheduling a meeting on June 7th with KDOT, KDHE, and utilities around EV charging corridors. The Waste Expo Conference premiered all-electric sanitation trucks and the trend has been growing in the industry.

9. Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned.