MEETING SUMMARY
AIR QUALITY FORUM
July 9, 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
Doug Watson, KDHE
Gina Bowman, Business & Gov’t Relations
Jaclyn Brown, WYCO
Jodi Frisbie, KCMO
John Neuberger, Sierra Club
Joseph Stolle, GeoEngineers
Kelly Gilbert, MEC/KCRCC
Lynelle Ladd, KSU – Pollution Prevention
Mike Booth, JCDHE
Rollin Sachs, U.G. DAQ
Sean Partain, MoDOT
Shawn Strate, KCATA
Stephanie Dresen, Tnemec CO.
Tiffany Le, KCBPU

Others in Attendance
Alex Rotenberg, MARC
Ashton Hess, MARC
Karen Clawson, MARC
Laura Machala, MARC
Martin Rivarola, MARC
Paul Lampe, MARC
Ron Achelpoh, MARC
Tom Jacobs, MARC

1. Introductions and Determination of Quorum

Introductions were made. Quorum was met.

2. Approve May Meeting Summary*

Summaries were approved.

3. Approve Reallocation of 2019 CMAQ-KS Funds

The City of Olathe’s Fleet Emission Reduction Program was programmed to use 2019 CMAQ funds but is having issues with Buy America’s guidelines under the Title 23 of the transportation bill. They have chosen to give the funds back and the AQF will be able to allocate the funds into another alternative fuel program that the funds were initially for. The forum has identified KCATA’s Clean Vehicle Program to be the new recipient of the $302,500.

KCATA’s program will help them transition their bus fleet to CNG, expand their CNG facility, buy more electric vehicles and to generally move away from diesel.

The reallocation of funds to the KCATA project was APPROVED.
4. **Regional Transportation Plan 2050**

The RTP 2050 will conclude with final adoption by June of 2020. There was a call for project launched earlier this year for regional projects to be included in the plan. An assessment of these projects was conducted to determine their alliance with the plan’s transportation policy goals. There are two more policy goals being added to the current goals making a total of 12. The goals deal with data technology and financial sustainability. There will be another public engagement push this fall.

The call for projects has been released to all local governments for a regional discussion of what projects will make the final list. Most of the 419 projects submitted are in the highway/roadway category and have a cost that makes up half on the anticipated projects costs ($15.2 Billion over 30 years).

The next steps for the plan are to finish the evaluation of the projects and scenarios around them, gathering feedback, and project priority finalization. Information about the planning process can be found at marc.org/2050.

5. **MARC Public Outreach Campaign /Air Quality 101 Videos**

Air Quality has new videos for the outreach campaign with a new tagline, “Clean Air, We’ve Got This.” The commercials are now being played on local TV and focus on reducing ozone pollution. Print and other ads reflect the same messaging as the videos.

If you want to share these videos visit marc.org and MARC’s YouTube channel.

6. **Missouri Volkswagen Settlement Funds Update**

In fiscal year 2019 the VW funds were used to replace 150 school buses and 28 were for financially disadvantaged buses. For the government truck category, KC area projects did not receive any funding because the applications couldn’t meet cost effectiveness thresholds. There was a revision period opened but applications were not resubmitted and the $600,000 that was dedicated to the KC area will be opened once more. If projects do not meet the threshold again, funding will be rolled into a statewide pool.

For the transit and shuttlebus category there is $400,000 dedicated to the KC area. A third round of applications will be opened before funds will be available for a statewide pool.

For FY 2020 there are new guideline documents for applications that are in process of being finalized and include non-government trucks, locomotives and marine, port cargo handling equipment, airport ground support equipment and light duty electric vehicle charging stations category. These application periods will be opened this fall and will revolve around outreach workshops to grow interests.
7. **State Rules in Progress**

   The last commission meeting was May 30\(^{th}\) in Jefferson City and the next will be in St. Louis on July 25\(^{th}\). There are 4 new amendment revisions on the agenda. The next meeting after that is August 29\(^{th}\).

8. **Other Business**

   The E15 letter that the forum submitted has garnered inquiries from other groups who want to present information and research to the forum. If interested, there will be a work group created to meet with groups.

9. **Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 13, 2019, 10:00 a.m.**

10. **Adjourn**

    Meeting adjourned.