Commissioner Walters welcomed those present and asked for introductions.

**Approval of November 3rd Meeting summary.** Ms. McRae made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nowotny, to approve the November 2017 meeting summary. The motion carried.

**Activity Center Map**
Mr. Rivarola reported that the activity center map is used for one of the criteria in evaluating applications for federal funds under the Placemaking goal. MARC is conducting a call for projects for various transportation programs supported with federal funds. The Activity Center map categorizes regional activity centers and corridors in three different classifications (level of development intensity and walkability). Andrea Repinsky presented the map reporting on data used including population and employment density, land use diversity, walkability, proximity to transit stops and transit level of service. Additional work is being done on the map and it will be presented at the March committee meeting. No action was required. Mr. Rivarola stated that he will send out a link to the website with the detailed information and other datasets. Ms. McRae stated that it would be useful to show a layer of trails and bikeways. Mr. McKim asked about how projects like the intermodal facility, where planning may be needed for the surrounding area, may not show up as an activity center using these criteria. Mr. Rivarola responded that different types of activity centers are being included and that in some cases, the definition of an activity center is subjective.

**Green Infrastructure Playbook**
Tom Jacobs provided a report on the Green Infrastructure Playbook. The consulting team is completing work on the natural resource atlas and playbook, which was supported with transportation funds. A policy framework will be
developed in 2018 using EPA resources. It is hoped that green infrastructure could be integrated into planning and project design utilizing these new resources. The playbook provides examples of approaches, defining green infrastructure more broadly to include streets and other infrastructure. The two examples include a property owned by the Shawnee Mission School District. The District has a goal of incorporating ecological design into its 53 properties and use the design as part of their academic instruction and to connect the district with surrounding neighborhoods. The second example is around the Rock Island Railroad corridor, which includes parts of four watersheds. The focus on that project is to build a trail as part of a broader transportation corridor while preserving natural resources. Mr. Jacobs posed the question to the committee of under what conditions would you apply the green infrastructure model to system-based planning? Mr. Birkel asked about the school district property and the importance of offering physical activity opportunities for the neighborhoods to stay connected.

Mobility Hub Workgroup Report
Karen Clawson gave the report on the workgroup. They have identified 10 hubs, including downtown Leavenworth, downtown Overland Park, downtown Olathe, Gardner, Roeland Park, Metro North, Lee’s Summit, downtown Grandview, downtown Raytown and Blue Ridge in Kansas City. A UMKC planning class will help to present the hubs visually and help to engage local governments. Michael Frisch stated that there are three parts to the planning studio, work with students on general metrics, comparative analysis and elements of the public realm. The class will look at the 10 mobility hubs and create a retrofitting suburbia book and urban street guide. There is a $1000 prize for the best designs, and the students will be meeting with local communities.

PSP Workgroup Report
Beth Dawson gave a report by phone. The call for projects for 2019 funding for Planning Sustainable Places will take place in early May and the deadline will be late June. There will be three project types (sustainable places plan, implementation activities and project development). The selection criteria has been reviewed with the intention of refining how project sponsors have already addressed existing infrastructure. For “activity center”, updated the information with the new Smart Moves plan and reflecting areas where low income and minority populations are concentrated, at greater than community averages but not necessarily greater at the regional average. The social equity measure would not just target areas with higher concentrations but also look at how the project adds benefit and where under represented populations are an active participant, asking for a support letter or on a committee or provide resources like meeting space or staff time. For financial commitment added resource commitment and will clarify local match. The maximum grant remains at $150,000 with no minimum. Ms. Dawson stated that Surface Transportation Program (STP) applications are due 3/23 and the recommendation is to request $700,000 for Kansas and $800,000 for Missouri for a 2021 funding round.

Other Items *Quick updates
  SPPC Membership & Workplan – Ms. Nagel stated that few changes have been made to the committee membership. Lee’s Summit Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem Rob Binney has been asked to serve as co-chair. We expect him to accept and attend the next meeting. A draft 2018 work plan was distributed.

Next meeting March 9, 2018