1) Welcome/Introduction
   Matt Davis conducted the welcome and introduction.

2) Approval of Minutes
   The Minutes from the May 13, 2020 meeting were approved.

3) Active Transportation Programming Committee Seat
   MARC staff informed the committee that the representative of the BPAC for the Active
   Transportation Programming Committee was open. Matt Davis, Missouri Co-Chair for the Bicycle
   & Pedestrian Advisory Committee volunteered. Discussion included talking about the fact that
   Mr. Davis was listed as an alternate to Brian Nowotny for Jackson County already. MARC
   Transportation Assistant Director Martin Rivarola opined that Jackson County could find a
   suitable alternate for Mr. Davis and allow him to take up the voting member representing the
   BPAC. With no objections, Mr. Matt Davis was elected the Bicycle & Pedestrian voting member
   on the Active Transportation Programming Committee.

4) Discussion: Kansas City Open Streets
   Mr. Michael Kelley, Policy Manager for the nonprofit BikeWalkKC, was invited to speak about
   Kansas City’s Open Streets policy that was enacted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Michael explained that this was a nationwide movement to open streets to people, resulting from the lower traffic volumes resulting from the pandemic.

Mr. Kelley outlined the many ways to open streets that many cities have adopted, including automating pedestrian signals at relevant intersections, closing internal roads in some larger parks, allowing neighborhoods to close local streets, and reallocating street lanes into bicycle facilities, or pedestrian facilities, or dining facilities.

Mr. Kelley gave some background by the how the Kansas City City Council ultimately voted in favor an ordinance to approach several of the items he highlighted above. The ordinance helped ease street closure permits and helped automate over one hundred pedestrian crossings.

Mr. Kelley concluded with a discussion about the future. COVID-19 has provided the opportunity to have a discussion about who cities create public spaces for and how to ensure the safety of those that use them. He also gave a number of resources for attendees to consider as well.

5) Discussion: Physical Activity Plan

Mr. Matthew Kleinmann from Children’s Mercy Hospital, part of the Weighing In program at the hospital, was invited to speak about The Kansas City Physical Activity Plan (https://www.kcphysicalactivityplan.org/).

The five stated goals of the plan are to raise awareness of the importance of Physical Activity in KC Region, establish multi-sector coalition to advocate for priorities, develop a KC Physical Activity report card with publicly available data, build a framework for implementation projects from Strategies and Tactics, and come up with future grant ideas for all organizations.

Research has shown that children are not getting enough physical activity each day. To help understand how the region is doing now, Children’s Mercy is adapting a national program and creating scorecards for the region based on the topics and the reliability of data available for each criterion.

The plan is made up of a multi-sector coalition with several focus points, including Community Design and Transportation, Healthcare, Education, and Parks. All have groups that are at various stages of completing work for the plan.

How to Get Involved: go to the KCPA Plan Website, watch Dr. Robin Shook’s Presentation, take the Infrastructure Priorities Survey (https://bit.ly/kcpa_plan-infrastructure), join the Infrastructure Sector Work Group, and attend the Physical Activity Summit (possibly in September).
6) **State DOT updates**

Rachel Wooldridge from MoDOT Kansas City District discussed projects with a pedestrian and/or bicycle aspect including improvements in Parkville improvements on Route 9, a cycletrack on Burlington, and Highway 24 in Independence. The district is also updating their bike plan. Gerri Doyle, also with the KC District office, talked about the Buck O’Neil bridge replacement and the interest generated with bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure with the project, with a shared use path. Employees were expected to split time at the office and home and continue to work with communities in the region.

Jenny Kramer, KDOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator, gave the update for KDOT. The long-range transportation plan was approved the legislature. They have begun work on the Kansas Active Transportation Plan. There is a new 2020-2022 Kansas bicycle map that is being finalized. They sent out packets to 2021 TAP recipients with a new call for 2022 in July.

There was a discussion about the 18th Street bridge in Wyandotte County and the inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The WSP study had several alternate designs, but the preferred design does not have facilities. KDOT staff emphasized that this has not been finalized yet, but additional studies may be necessary.

7) **Update: Connected KC 2050 & Sub-allocated funds programming process**

Martin Rivarola, MARC Staff, presented on the final draft of the plan and discussed that there was one final round (from May 3 to June 2) of public engagement happening. It is located entirely online at Connectedkc.org. This website is also the portal for the programming activities for 2023-2024 federal funds for potential applicants.

The 2023-2024 call for projects will be split into two phases: a preapplication process ending in late May and a technical evaluation expected to start in early August. Staff wants to use the planning committees earlier in the process to elevate the projects and increase the alignment of the applications to the long-range plan’s vision and goals. This review by the planning committees will happen between the first and second phase in July. The second phase will be led by the programming committees like in programming years past.

8) **Round Table – Please share planning or project work your agency is implementing**

KCATA – transit app has been rolled out. KCATA is not accepting fares during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lenexa – working on code amendments to get the complete streets ordinance into the city code.

FHWA – KS – this is the last year of the FAST Act so be prepared for continuing resolutions and authorizations this fall.

BikeWalkKC – moving programming online, including pilot classes with school districts, and adult programming as well.
Independence – Dealing with financial consequences of the pandemic with a new budget in July and may delay projects including the streetscaping project in the square and is part of the Truman Connect project. Also, the city is looking at doing their own version of open streets and outdoor seating. They are also interested in working with jurisdictions regarding the regional wayfinding PSP plan that KCATA is managing.

City of Leavenworth - Created a new 9 hole disk golf.


Johnson County Health Department – Encouraged folks to be involved with KC Physical Activity Plan. Check with county health departments for COVID resources if needed.

Unified Government – Working on the levees project with survey and public involvement.

MARC – Planning Sustainable Places applications are open through June 14.

Next Meeting: July 21, 2020