OPEN MEETING NOTICE

KANSAS STP PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

May 9, 2019
9:30 AM
Broadway Room, 1st Floor MARC Offices
600 Broadway, Suite 200, Kansas City, Missouri 64105

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Committee Chair/Vice Chair Elections*

3. Approve the February 14, 2019 Meeting Summary*


5. Regional Transportation Plan 2050
   • Received application summary
   • Discussion of committee role
   • Next steps

6. Other Business

7. Adjournment

* Action Items

Next Scheduled Meeting: August 8, 2019 at 9:30 am

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1. Welcome and Introductions
Marc Hansen welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting with self-introductions.

2. Committee Chair/Vice Chair Elections
Staff had previously informed the committee that a new chair and vice chair were needed since both positions were recently vacated. Per the committee’s roles and responsibilities document, the elected serve 2-year terms and the TTPC co-chairs approve the elected. Marc Hansen opened the floor for nominations.

J.R. McMahon nominated Jose Leon to serve as committee chair. There were no additional nominations.

MOTION: J.R. McMahon recommended to elect Jose Leon as committee chair, the motion was seconded by Vernon Fields. The motion passed unanimously.

Vernon Fields nominated J.R. McMahon to serve as vice chair. There were no other nominations.

MOTION: Vernon Fields recommended to elect J.R. McMahon as committee vice chair, the motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Congratulations to the newly elected chair and vice chair:
Chair: Jose Leon, Spring Hill
Vice Chair: J.R. McMahon, Miami County

Jose Leon continued the meeting as chair.

3. Approval of February 14 Meeting Summary
MOTION: Nate Baldwin moved to approve the February 14, 2019 meeting summary as printed; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

4. Status of the Current Program - KDOT
Marc Hansen provided an updated project tracking sheet for KS STP and CMAQ Traffic flow projects programmed through FY 2022. He reviewed the following updates based on decisions made during the February meeting:
- Staff talked with KCATA about their FY 2021 $1.5M project and pulled those funds forward to FY 2019.

Paperwork will be processed to transfer the funds to the FTA, helping us bring the 2019 balance down.

**STP FY2019:** The current balance: $301,549. Seeing no other options to spend those funds, hopefully the balance would be acceptable with KDOT as close enough to zero. Allison Smith asked if the Gardner and KCATA projects had been corrected in the TIP. Marc explained that things in the area were impacting Gardner’s project so their project’s scope change would be included in the June TIP amendment and approved in July. KCATA’s project would be an administrative modification around the same time and Ms. Smith shared that KDOT’s deadline would be mid-August so it should not be a problem. Ms. Smith added that the remaining FY 2019 projects, 143rd Street in Leawood and Quivira Road in Overland Park are pending obligations and should be fine if they continue on schedule. MARC’s Operation Green Light and Planning Sustainable Places projects have been obligated.

FY 2019 CMAQ Traffic Flow: Lenexa’s $600,000 project is working on some Right of Way issues and plan to obligate on schedule.

5. Regional Transportation Plan 2050
Laura Machala provided a progress update on the 2050 RTP. The call for projects closed on April 25th. We received 420 completed applications for inclusion in the long range plan (no new funds) that were posted May 7th for review at www.marc.org/2050. Projects are sorted by organization and can be resorted by primary mode type. Comments will be accepted through this summer. Out of the 420 projects, 323 were highway/roadway with a total amount of $15.5B requested. Project sponsors should receive their draft evaluation and scores by May 27th. Scores should be finalized mid-June. The committee was asked to review the projects, comment and share the links with others who might want to provide comment. The planning committees will be prioritizing the projects and their recommendations will be presented to the programming committees. Through September, staff will build scenarios and continue to expand the metrics that our model can help us measure, i.e., looking at greenhouse gas emissions, and how those metrics might impact the region. Public meetings will be held to gather feedback on the scenarios and projects. The project prioritization will be finalized by the end of 2019. The RTP is scheduled for completion and adoption in the spring/early summer of 2020.

Discussion:
Michael Webb asked how projects would be evaluated if several jurisdictional projects didn’t coordinate on the front end and they possibly overlap. Mrs. Machala responded that staff would approach each situation individually. Martin Rivarola added that by mid-July staff plans to provide the mapped projects to the 2050 Steering Workgroup to see if any projects overlap and where there are gaps. Staff plans to provide details at this committee’s next meeting in August. An ESRI map viewer link will be on the 2050 webpage. He encouraged members to share the application summary links with their elected officials and others for their review and comment.

Mr. Webb asked if there were plans to coordinate filling in any gaps between communities and Mrs. Machala responded that if staff notice any gaps, sponsors would be contacted. Mr. Rivarola added that we would contact agencies to recommend putting projects in city plans, if not already, to reduce corridor gaps. Ron Achelpohl added that in reviewing the project submittals, quite a few cities submitted multiple segments of a longer corridor as different projects so we may also want to look at combining some of them. Some sponsors might be phasing a long corridor project.

6. Other Business
a) Mr. Hansen highlighted MARC’s upcoming Annual Regional Assembly luncheon on June 14th and encouraged attendees to attend and celebrate recognition of this year’s awardees.

b) Mr. Hansen shared that MARC’s Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) will be updated soon for FFY 2020-2024 projects. He asked sponsors to review their current projects in the TIP and provide schedule, scope of work and cost estimate updates to him by email. Staff would then update the records to eliminate any delays. Sponsors may
contact him if they want a list of their projects to review. The Federal Highway Administration is paying closer attention to accuracy on cost details and project progress and they will not obligate funds to you until the details are up to their standards. He encouraged sponsors to monitor those details throughout their projects progress. He also encouraged them to begin their review soon since it does take some time. On the Kansas side the TIP update process takes 2.5 months or longer with the regular quarterly cycle. Special amendments do exist; however, are not favorable by schedule makers in Kansas and the FHWA. Let him know if you want to receive a list of your projects to review, otherwise, go to the TIP website; send Marc any updates by email, the changes will be made and the updated TIP will go out for public review and comment in September with approval in October and formally approved by USDOT in November, ready to go early in FFY2020.

c) FAST Act Rescission review: A $7.5B total rescission was built into the FAST Act. The rescission amount will be calculated at the end of this fiscal year based on the balance of unobligated CMAQ, TAP, Planning and Off-system bridge funds. Fortunately the STP program is exempt from the rescission. The states have little flexibility regarding the funds. The Kansas side of the MARC programs are in fairly good shape. Ron Achelpohl added that there is an importance of replacing the FAST Act that expires in 2020 and reauthorizations are being discussed in the Senate and House. Allison Smith shared that KDOT is carefully monitoring the various pots of funds, particularly the TA, and working to add funds to statewide projects to avoid losing some funds. Ron added that TA and Bridge funds on the Missouri side could be significantly impacted.

d) Martin Rivarola shared information on the 2019 BUILD program, previously called the TIGER program, accepting applications for large bridge projects; minimum award of $5M per project, applications close July 19th. Contact Ron, Marc or Martin and we will provide a letter of support. Also let KDOT know you are applying for those funds.

e) Mr. Hansen asked attendees to review the membership roster for their jurisdiction and email any updates to mhansen@marc.org or tanderson@marc.org. The current list is posted on the committee webpage: http://www.marc.org/Transportation/Committees/Transportation-Committees/STP-Priorities-Kansas

7. Adjournment
With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Next Meeting:
The next regular quarterly meeting will be 9:30 a.m., August 8, 2019.