OPEN MEETING NOTICE

KANSAS STP PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
August 8, 2019
9:30 AM
Broadway Room, 1st Floor MARC Offices
600 Broadway, Suite 200, Kansas City, Missouri 64105

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve the May 9, 2019 Meeting Summary*
3. Status of the Current Program
4. Green Infrastructure Framework
   MARC staff will brief the committee on the goals and approach of the recently adopted framework
5. Regional Transportation Plan 2050 Development
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

* Action Items

Next Scheduled Meeting: November 14, 2019 at 9:30 am

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1. Welcome and Introductions
Vice Chair J.R. McMahon welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting with self-introductions. He stated that the chair position needed to be filled since Jose Leon no longer worked for the city of Spring Hill. With a brief discussion the attendees decided to hear nominations and hold an election today during agenda item 6, other business, not waiting for the next meeting in November.

2. Approval of May 9 Meeting Summary
MOTION: Vernon Fields moved and Tim Green seconded to approve the May 9, 2019 meeting summary as printed; the motion passed unanimously.

An updated project tracking sheet for KS STP and CMAQ Traffic flow projects programmed through FFY 2022 was provided as a handout. Allison Smith reported that the end of the year balance for FFY 2019 was about $1.8M so KDOT advanced transit funds from FY2020 and 2021 to use most of the balance. Those funds plus KCATA’s Regional Fare Collection 2019 project funds have been transferred to the FTA, leaving an amount of $435,383 which ends up balancing out with the TA program. All projects have been obligated that we expected for FY 2019. We will start over in the next FFY in October.

Ron Achelpohl stated that the most important information to share is that the STP is over programmed through FY 2022 so we will be looking to make adjustments as we get into 2020 to keep the program solvent.

4. Regional Green Infrastructure Policy Framework
Tom Jacobs, MARC’s Environmental Program Director, briefed the committee on the goals and approach of the recently adopted Regional Green Infrastructure Policy Framework. He provided copies of the Executive Summary report dated April 2019. The three-year work effort was funded by KDOT, the MO Department of Conservation and EPA, approved by various MARC committees and the MARC Board of Directors in June. The framework provides an opportunity to strengthen a variety of regional efforts such as transportation, watershed management, land use development practices and parks and recreation, to add value to quality of life in the region.
The main point: green infrastructure is just as essential as roads, bridges and sewers as it would provide clean air and water. Through the three years of this work, stakeholders repeatedly shared that we need to tie this to public health and social equity. The summary and the full report are available at www.marc.org/greeninfrastructure. Adoption of commonly held policies provides consistent guidance across jurisdictions, sectors and practices in the region. During 2018, the process to develop a policy framework was defined by two Green Infrastructure Advisory Committee meetings and two regional stakeholder workshops. This process resulted in three overarching policy recommendations: updating local ordinances; updating stormwater engineering standards and planning guidelines; and better linking of conservation and transportation planning.

5. Regional Transportation Plan 2050
Martin Rivarola provided a progress update on the 2050 RTP for work completed during the past three months. Today’s presentation slides are available on the 2050 website along with background information. The 418 projects submitted for inclusion in the long-range plan were posted May 7th for public review and comment at www.marc.org/2050. An assessment of the programming committees was done regarding how their work aligned with the Plan. Staff reviewed how the TO2040 project scores aligned with the Plan and created “score” cards:
- Positive items:
  - Project scores influence the project selection
  - Scores increased in the past round
  - 67 percent of the entities received funds over the last two rounds
  - Found that past Planning Sustainable Places (PSP) projects were likely to receive funds

- Areas for improvement:
  - Median scores of funded applications have decreased, more on the Kansas side than Missouri.
  - The practice of selecting one project per agency leads to skipping many high scoring projects.
  - Scores are lower in environment, equity, place making and economic vitality.

We are looking at how to address some of the issues as a recommendation for improvement. Prioritization and strategies development will occur during the fall and winter. The RTP is scheduled for completion and adoption in the spring/early summer of 2020.

There were no questions.

6. Other Business
a) Ron Achelpohl explained the 1-page handout of the most recent July 1, 2018 estimates provided by the Census Bureau from their annual Population Estimates Program. Voting membership on the committee begins with the threshold of a population of 5,000. No new jurisdictions reached that threshold.

b) Allison Smith mentioned there is a local consult meeting on August 22nd.

c) Committee Chair/Vice Chair Elections
J.R. McMahon opened the floor for nominations. Vernon Fields nominated J.R. McMahon to serve as chair. There were no other nominations.

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

Jon Gallion nominated Vernon Fields to serve as committee vice chair. There were no additional nominations.
MOTION: Jon Gallion recommended to elect Vernon Fields as committee chair, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Per the committee’s roles and responsibilities document, the elected serve 2-year terms and the TTPC co-chairs will be asked to approve the elected.

Congratulations to the newly elected chair and vice chair, J.R. McMahon and Vernon Fields.

7. Adjournment
With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Next Meeting:
The next regular quarterly meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., November 14, 2019.