AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approve the February 9, 2017 Meeting Summary*

3. Status of the Current Program – KDOT*
   Discussion of program balances
   Consideration of request by Roeland Park to modify the schedule for its project. Please reference the attached letter from the city.

4. MARC Programming & Project Evaluation Process
   Discussion of issues identified during the review of the recent programming round. Topics for discussion include:
   • Funding Targets
   • Project Continuity and Phasing
   • Planning Committee Role

5. Other Business

6. Adjournment

A Special Joint Meeting of the Kansas STP Priorities and Goods Movement Committees will be held at 10:30am

* Action Items

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: August 10, 2017

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1. Welcome and Introductions
Joe Johnson welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting with introductions.

2. Approval of Meeting Summary
MOTION: J.R. McMahon moved and Tim Green seconded to approve the February 9, 2017 meeting summary as printed; the motion carried.

3. Status of the Current Program
Program balances:
Marc Hansen provided an updated tracking spreadsheet that reflects projects programmed for FFY 2016 – 2020. Marc reviewed that the current program is over programmed by $1.2M if all the remaining projects progress.

KCATA’s $2,191,700 Regional Clean Vehicle Conversion is now programmed at KDOT and ready for transfer to the FTA very soon. One 2017 project remains: Wyandotte County’s $6.96M K5/Leavenworth Road project from 63rd to 38th. There won’t be enough funds in the balance to fully cover the project. Staff has discussed with KDOT that a portion of the project would need to be split to FFY 2018; however, since the project is not scheduled to obligate until September and letting in FFY 2018, there should not be a problem and the adjustment would be handled with paperwork. The project would receive about $1.2M from the FFY 2018 funds.

We should have no problem reaching a zero balance at the end of the FFY 2017 program, meeting our obligations with KDOT in reaching a zero balance.

Two CMAQ Traffic Flow projects were programmed for FFY 2017:
KC Scout’s I-35 Ramp Metering $120,000 project only needed about $65,000 so the unused funds might be available.
Wyandotte County’s 2017/2018 funded Central Ave and 18th Street Intersection – the 2017 portion has been obligated.

The next call for projects will begin in January 2018 for FFY 2021-2022 with a reduced amount of funds available for 2021 due to shifted projects. Allison stated that for the next meeting she should be able to share the final obligation limitation amount.

The city of Roeland Park requested committee consideration to modify their $4.6M Roe Boulevard livability improvements project, TIP #352002, from FY 2019 to FY 2020. The letter of request was included in the meeting packet.
MOTION: Doug Wesselschmidt moved and Kevin Breummer seconded to approve Roeland Park’s request to move their Roe Boulevard project from FY 2019 to FY 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

If any sponsors have a project programmed in FY 2020 interested in moving forward to 2019, let MARC staff know.

4. MARC Programming & Project Evaluation Process
Continued discussion of the next three issues identified during debrief of the recent programming round: funding targets, project continuity and phasing, and the planning committee role.

Funding targets: during debrief, someone asked about setting up percentages of funds by project type, i.e. transit, capacity and bicycle. Funding targets are used with programming CMAQ funds such as traffic flow, transit, bicycle and alternative transportation, and outreach. There is the possibility of funding a low scored project due to the assigned percentage by type. Since CMAQ funds are used to reduce emissions, improve air quality and relieve congestion, their mission is targeted more than the STP funding which is more flexible and might be more difficult to implement. Several years ago the Missouri STP Committee had an informal process of programming at least 65% of the available funds for operations and management style projects. They no longer use that process. Does the committee want to consider funding targets or continue with the current process allowing the flexibility to fund a variety of project types?

Discussion:
• It is tricky comparing/programming the various project types against each other. Could review the scored projects sorted by project types as a way to review the top projects per grouping but not divide the funds by type.
• The goal is to look at all projects as a whole for various aspects based on the goals and objectives of the long range transportation plan i.e., safety considerations, impacts to land use and environment, operational, multi-modal, etc.
• Request consideration to fund small city projects at 80 percent if selected for programming. Perhaps set a threshold on the large projects.
• Suggested new question on the application: What is your minimum percent of funding needed to move it forward?
• Prefer flexibility of the current committee process, not set funding targets by category.
• One type of project that would benefit having a pot of money is bike/pedestrian. Noted they are also eligible for CMAQ and TAP funds – request communication of awarded funds from the various committees.

The scheduled regular meetings preceding the January call for FFY 2021/2022 projects are August 10 and November 9. If additional meetings are needed, staff will find times to hold special meetings as needed.

Project Continuity and Phasing: as the size of the projects have grown and available funding has not, the idea of phased projects has been mentioned. Should the sponsor have a reasonable expectation to be selected for the next phase? The Missouri committee has had one phased project that involved multi-jurisdictions. The chair shared that the committee could consider when a project is multi-jurisdictional, not by policy but as needed. There was a consensus to not have a policy and review phased projects on a case by case basis.

Planning Committee Role:
MARC’s modal planning committees became involved in the programming process when we programmed FY 2016/17 funds. Those committees do have a vote on the STP committees. They attended an all-day prioritization workshop that provided good input; however, the small agencies shared that they didn’t have sufficient representatives to participate in the various workgroups that met at the same time, and attendees from one state were not very familiar with some of the projects in the other state. The next round they reviewed applications during their committee meetings and in general, their input confirmed support for projects the STP committee considered as high priority for the region. The past round they were asked to provide input on projects on the bubble. They have shared that they want to review all the applications and provide comments if they have a comment. They also liked reviewing during their committee meetings.

What input would be helpful to receive from the planning committees during the upcoming round? Concentrate their input on projects on the bubble? Multiple committee input with agreement on projects of importance hopefully confirms the committee’s decisions on projects selected for programming.
• It is fine if they want to see all the project applications but ask them to concentrate on projects related to their committee expertise.
• Recommend continuing their review during their regular meeting schedule, not all in one day.
• Note projects they consider of high importance.
Next meeting we will discuss bridge projects and other topics. The chair suggested funding any bridge projects that submit an application.

5. Other Business
Marc encouraged attendance at MARC’s Regional Assembly on June 9 and encouraged participation in MARC’s Green Commute Challenge starting June 1. Information on both are available on the website.

6. Adjournment
With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Next Meeting: August 10, 2017