Mobility Advisory Committee

Purpose Statement and Structure

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) created substantial changes to federal funding of programs that address transportation capital and operations projects for older adults, persons with disabilities and persons of low-income. MAP-21 consolidated the former New Freedom Program into the Section 5310 Program, now called Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, to create the main source of federal funding for agencies that provide services to older adults and persons with disabilities. The change in federal funding along with the progress made through the Kansas City Community for All Ages Initiative, the development of Link for Care, and coordination efforts being taken through the Regional Transit Coordinating Council (RTCC) have created the need to reassess MARC’s current committee structure and establish an integrated forum that responds to these changes and conditions, and supports the mobility management and service coordinating goals formed to-date.

The RTCC has established a primary goal to create a mobility management system that improves the coordination and effectiveness of older adult and persons with disabilities transportation services. As the RTCC includes major service providers and local government funders of service, it is proposed that a supplemental forum be created to bring additional expertise and focus to the issues of special transportation, and paratransit. As proposed the Mobility Advisory Committee (MAC) is to serve as a sub-committee of the RTCC. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) are to jointly oversee the function of this committee. MAC is to meet bi-monthly and alternate meeting locations between MARC and KCATA. Each year each organization will appoint a co-chair to lead the committee.

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The MAC is to have specific functions that include but are not limited to the following:

- Advise the RTCC on mobility and compliance issues.
- Expand the amount of affordable and convenient service throughout the region.
- Facilitate coordination among funders, service providers and area local governments.
- Help define and implement a mobility management system that is tailored to the Kansas City region.
- Evaluate and prioritize the FTA Section 5310 Program projects.

Whereas, mobility management is defined to mean:
• Affordable, convenient service throughout service areas,
• Easily accessible customer-focused information services about transportation systems,
• Streamlined processes for complementary ADA paratransit eligibility, trip scheduling, service provision and travel training,
• Regional performance metrics and safety standards, and
• Sustainable funding and coordinated processes for efficient service operations.