KANSAS CITY REGIONAL TIGER PROJECT
MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT
August 2011

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PROJECT TYPE:
Multimodal(bicycle, pedestrian, roadway, transit)

LOCATION:
Kansas City metropolitan area
Kansas Congressional District 3
Missouri Congressional Districts 5 & 6

AREA:
Urban

AWARD AMOUNT:
$50,000,000

RECIPIENTS:
Mid-America Regional Council
Johnson County Transit
Kansas City Area Transportation Authority

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1.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW

A. Project description.

TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) is a discretionary grant program of the U.S. Department of Transportation funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. In 2010, the Kansas City region was awarded, on a competitive basis, $50 million in TIGER funding to make transportation infrastructure improvements along several regional transit corridors and in the Green Impact Zone in Kansas City, Mo.

Grant Structure - Given the multijurisdictional nature of the project and diverse set of planned investments, the $50 million project was divided into three separate grants through the Federal Transit Administration.

- **RECIPIENT:** Mid-America Regional Council (MARC)
  **AMOUNT:** $600,000
  **PROJECT ELEMENTS:** Program administration and project coordination

- **RECIPIENT:** Johnson County Transit (JCT)
  **AMOUNT:** $10,714,000
  **PROJECT ELEMENTS:** Transit investments in Metcalf Avenue/Shawnee Mission Corridor

- **RECIPIENT:** Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA)
  **AMOUNT:** $38,686,000
  **PROJECT ELEMENTS:** Green Impact Zone infrastructure, transit investments in U.S. 24 and U.S. 40 corridors in eastern Jackson County; North Oak corridor north of the Missouri River; State Avenue corridor in Kansas City, KS.

B. Summary status, including any scope changes.

**MARC:**

**Program/Project Coordination**
- Continued to coordinate overall project activity, schedule coordination, and public communication.
- Continued to collect data and information from TIGER TEAM partners, developed July monthly progress report, and submitted report to DOT contacts on 8/15/11.
- Continued to update and maintain TIGER website, TIGER Tracker, and all TIGER-related videos and reports, including uploading the July monthly progress report to the TIGER website ([www.marc.org/TIGER/documents.asp](http://www.marc.org/TIGER/documents.asp)) on 8/15/11.
Continued coordination with TIGER TEAM partners, specifically KCATA and JCT, for data collection and the development of “before conditions” for the performance measurement report.

Convened an internal TIGER meeting for MARC staff on 8/17/11 at the MARC office in Kansas City, Mo. Items included TIGER-related updates, results from the Transportation Fair, and preparation for upcoming sidewalk construction in the Green Impact Zone.

MARC staff attended a TIGER steering committee meeting on 8/19/11 at the JCT office in Olathe, Ks. Purpose was to coordinate project development along the Metcalf/Shawnee Mission Parkway corridor.

Convened a full TIGER TEAM meeting of all project partners on 8/31/11 at the MARC office in Kansas City, Mo. Agenda focused on traffic signal priority coordination for the Metcalf/Shawnee Mission Parkway corridor and overall project signage.

Public Outreach & Communications

- Continued coordination with Proffer Productions Inc. for the development and release of a series of short videos for the TIGER video project.
- MARC staff participated in a TIGER briefing on 8/10/11 in the Green Impact Zone. The briefing was presented to Missouri 5th District U.S. Representative Emanuel Cleaver II.
- MARC staff helped publicize a Unified Government Transit (UGT) open house on 8/10/11 at the Indian Springs Mall in Kansas City, Ks. The event showcased TIGER improvements along the State Ave. corridor. MARC staff helped publicize the event via e-news blasts and social media posts.
- MARC staff attended the UGT open house on 8/10/11 at the Indian Springs Mall in Kansas City, Ks. Approximately 68 individuals attended the event. Members of MARC’s Public Affairs Department helped document the event through photographs. Proffer Productions Inc. filmed the event for video content for future short videos for the TIGER video project.
- Convened a meeting with Green Impact Zone partners on 8/25/11 at the MARC office in Kansas City, Mo. Purpose was to plan and coordinate signage in the zone that will inform residents of TIGER project improvements taking place in September.

KCATA:

Green Impact Zone

- Traffic Signal Project Manuals (A10 and A11) have been reviewed, revised and resubmitted to KCATA.
- Pervious Pavement (A2) and Pavement Rehab (A3) have been rescheduled to 2/15/12 for final submission of plans and specifications to KCATA.

Missouri Corridors

- Continuing with design start on N. Oak Corridor.
- Received design comments from KCMO for Missouri Corridor’s East-KCMO Urban Core Project and final revisions are being made.
• Received preliminary design submittal from consultants for East-KCMO Boulevard Project; waiting on revisions from the review by KCATA.
• Still waiting for design review and approval from Wal-Mart Headquarters for Eastside- KCMO Blue Ridge Transit Center.
• Revisions are being made by consultants for Eastside- Independence after comments by the city and MODOT of the 90% design.

State Avenue Corridor
• Continuing in design by BHC Rhodes.

JCT:
• Held project management and steering committee team meeting on August 19th.
• Ongoing coordination with project partners to address design details.
• Easement acquisition are being negotiated and acquired.
• Received FTA Region VII authorization for sole source of signal priority equipment.
• Responded to the petitioner’s protest of Transit Signal Priority request for bids.
• Suspended Request for Bids on transit signal priority element until further notice from FTA.

2.0 DESIGN AND PROCUREMENT

A. Overall progress and any milestones reached during month.

MARC:
• Continued coordination with Proffer Productions Inc. for the development and release of the 2nd short video for the TIGER video project. The video will be uploaded to the TIGER website [www.marc.org/tiger](http://www.marc.org/tiger) when completed.

KCATA:

Green Impact Zone
• The Traffic signal projects have to have revisions made to the manuals. They are scheduled to bid next month.
• The Troost Sidewalk Project was rebid on 7/26/11 and will be awarded in December 2011.
• The Pavement Rehab and Pervious Pavement have been moved back to 2/15/12 for design completion due to delays from Buy America and the upcoming winter season. This does not affect the construction NTP or completion date.

Missouri Corridors
• Eastside KCMO- Urban Core has been reviewed by the city and Taliaferro & Browne is working on revisions to the 90% design.
• Eastside KCMO- boulevards have been reviewed by KCATA and Taliaferro & Browne are working on revisions to the 60% design.
• Blue Ridge Transit Center is still being reviewed by Wal-Mart.
• North Oak Corridor is being designed by Olsson & Associates.
• Eastside- Independence 24 Hwy & Brookside has been reviewed by the city and MODOT, Olsson is making revisions to the 90% plans.

State Avenue Corridor
• Conceptual Designs for the 7th & Minnesota Transit Center and the Corridor have been submitted and currently the Preliminary Development Plan for 7th & Minnesota is being worked on.
• The 47th & State Conceptual plan is being worked on and is scheduled to be submitted on 9/9/11.

JCT:
• Easement acquisition are being negotiated and acquired.
• Met with legal council on August 25th to evaluate use of eminent domain for remaining tracts.
• FTA Region VII office reviewed transit signal procurement file, August 23rd.
• Multiple meetings with JCT and consultant to review AVL system and coordination of real time signing.
• Olsson submitted draft final plan package for comments.
• Coordination with utility companies is ongoing.

B. Deliverables made during period or anticipated for next month.

MARC:
• Begin collecting data and information from TIGER TEAM partners on 9/1/11 to develop August monthly progress report.
• Develop August monthly progress report and submit report to DOT contacts on 9/15/11.
• Upload August monthly progress report to TIGER website (www.marc.org/TIGER/documents.asp) on 9/15/11.
• Continue coordination with TIGER TEAM partners, specifically KCATA and JCT, for data collection and the development of “before conditions” for the performance measurement report to be submitted to DOT contacts by 12/31/11.
• Initiate documentation and photography of project construction activities within the Green Impact Zone.
• Continue to film interviewees for short videos for the TIGER video project.

KCATA:
• Submission of final design for Missouri Corridor’s Eastside-KCMO Urban Core Project next month.
• Submission of 90% design for Missouri Corridor’s Eastside-KCMO Boulevard Project to the city next month.
• Submission of final design for Missouri Corridor’s Eastside-Independence to KCATA next month.
• Approval of Blue Ridge Transit Center’s 30% design by Wal-Mart
• Submission of Preliminary Development Plan for 7th & Minnesota.
• Submission of Conceptual Plans for 47th & state TOD.
JCT:
- Consultant monthly design activity update was submitted.
- Olsson submitted the draft final plan package for comments, August 12th.
- Olsson submitted the revised project schedule, August 19th.
- A revised cost estimate based on the draft final plans will be submitted early September.

C. Procurement status, from advertisement through post-bid and NTP.

MARC:
- Updated KCATA and JCT TIGER procurement announcements on the TIGER website (www.marc.org/TIGER/bidsproposals.asp).

KCATA:
- Construction is closed-out of Independence Transit Center Heaters project.
- Construction NTP was given to contractors for the GIZ sidewalk projects A5, A6, A7, and A9 on 8/29/11.

JCT:
- Received FTA Region VII authorization for sole source of signal priority equipment, August 4th.
- Responded to the petitioner’s protest of Transit Signal Priority request for bids, August 9th, 2011.
- Holding off from requesting bids on transit signal priority element until further notice from FTA.

3.0 CONSTRUCTION

A. Overall progress update.

MARC:
- N/A

KCATA:
- Actual construction has not started in the GIZ. Contractors are waiting on approval of permits. Actual construction start is scheduled for 9/12/11.

JCT:
- No construction contracts to-date.
- Several utility crews are scheduling relocation of utility conflicts to start in September.

B. Note submittals, payments, and any issues with safety and quality.

MARC:
- Payments made for work related to video production support. No issues.
KCATA:
- Payments made for work rendered to design consultants. No issues.

JCT:
- Payments were made to the design consultant, the appraisal and acquisition consultant, Johnson County Transit, and the City of Overland Park.

C. **Provide an ongoing list of construction change orders/modifications.**

MARC:
- N/A

KCATA:
- None

JCT:
- No construction contracts to-date

4.0 **SCHEDULE**

A. **Current progress vs. baseline schedule.**

MARC:
- On schedule as defined with respect to Section III: Schedule of executed USDOT/FTA/MARCMOU.

KCATA:
- On schedule

JCT:
- The Transit Signal Priority element has been delayed due to procurement issues.
- A revised Transit Signal Priority schedule is being developed.
- The updated project schedule will be evaluated and adjustments may be made with respect to requests for bids.
- The overall project is on schedule to be completed in April of 2013.

B. **Critical path tracking.**

MARC:
- No critical path items to report.
KCATA:
- No critical path issues

JCT:
- No critical path items to report.

5.0 COST

A. Accounting of actual vs. budgeted.

MARC:
- Expended $178,182.45 (as of August 31, 2011), 29.70% of total $600,000
- Committed (expended or under contract) $268,928.97, 44.82% of the total $600,000.

KCATA:
- Expended $700,190.11 (as of August 31, 2011), 1.81% of the total $38,686,000
- Committed (expended or authorized) $1,640,755.14, 4.24% of $38,686,000

JCT:
- Expended $703,119.41 (as of August, 2011), 6.56% of the total $10,714,000.
- Committed (expended or under contract) $1,181,412.23, 11.0% of total $10,714,000.

B. Brief explanation of any variances.

MARC:
- No variances to report

KCATA:
- No variances to report.

JCT:
- No variances to report.

6.0 PROJECT ISSUES

A. Summarize adherence to or attainment of required agreements, contract conditions and goals, property acquisition, etc.

MARC:
- No issues to report.

KCATA:
The Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement with the Unified Government in Kansas has been drafted and reviewed. It will be approved by the KCATA Board on 9/28/11 and signed by both parties by 11/1/11.

JCT:
- Working on long term lease agreement with Rosana Square.
- Met with Overland Park legal counsel and acquisition agents on August 25th to evaluate use of eminent domain for remaining tracts.
- Responded to the petitioner’s protest of Transit Signal Priority request for bids.

B. Update significant issues, actions to reconcile and responsible parties; note disposition of past and current action items; show dates of planned resolution and actual completion dates.

MARC:
- No issues to report.

KCATA:
- No issues to report.

JCT:
- Received an official petition of the Transit Signal Priority bid request on July 21st, 2011.
- The Transit Signal Priority request for bids was cancelled on July 27, 2011.
- A request for authorization for noncompetitive negotiations was submitted to FTA Region VII office.
- Received FTA Region VII authorization for sole source of signal priority equipment, August 4th.
- In accordance with Step 3 of the protest procedures, the City Engineer sent by certified mail to the petitioner a final written decision on August 9, 2011.

7.0 ATTACHMENTS

Graphics, tables, figures, photos, etc.

MARC:
- None

KCATA:
- None

JCT:
- None