



Board of Directors MEETING NOTICE

Mid-America Regional Council • 600 Broadway, Suite 200 • Kansas City, Missouri 64105 • 816/474-4240

April 26, 2022

Board Member Meeting: 12:00 p.m.

Hybrid format: limited attendees in MARC's Board Room with a remote option via Zoom

- **Members of the public who wish to participate in this meeting: please email Karina Bielecki at kbielecki@marc.org by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 for instructions to join the teleconference.**

AGENDA

1. Introductions and Board Sharing Time
2. Chairman's Remarks
 - a. Recognition of Outgoing Board Member
 - b. Pending Appointment of New Board Treasurer
3. EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION AND QUALITY PLACES
 - a. REPORT: Transportation Funding Programs Update
4. HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT
 - a. REPORT: Briefing on Regional and International Climate Coordination and Building Energy Exchange Efforts
 - b. REPORT: Update on Green Infrastructure Implementation Efforts and Potential Next Steps
5. COMPETITIVE ECONOMY
 - a. REPORT: Economic Forecast Update for Kansas City Metropolitan Area
6. BRIEF REPORTS:
 - a. REPORT: Update on Regional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Initiatives
 - Monitoring New Variant/Changes in Data Reporting
 - Recovery planning
 - Federal policy/funding changes
 - b. REPORT: Update on Bike Month and the 2022 Greater Kansas City Trails & Bikeways Map

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

7. VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve Minutes of the March 22, 2022 Board Meeting
 - b. Approve Actions Taken at the March 29, 2022 Head Start Advisory Committee Meeting
 - c. Approve Changes to Employee Fringe Benefit Package Effective July 1, 2022
 - d. Approve an Agreement with John Marshall for Services Related to Office Expansion
 - e. Approve an Agreement with Odimo for Architectural and Construction Management Services Related to Office Expansion



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- f. Authorize an Agreement with Kansas City Audio-Visual to Update the Audio/Visual System in the Board Room
- g. Approve an Agreement with GeoComm for the GeoComm GIS Data Hub
- h. Approve an Agreement with AT&T for a Switched Ethernet Circuit to Supply Redundant Access to the Regional 911 System
- i. Authorize an Agreement with Linn County to Join the Regional 911 System
- j. Approve an Agreement with Motorola to Purchase VESTA Call-taking Hardware for Linn County
- k. Authorize a Contract Extension with Mike Parker through December 2022 for Emergency Services Support for the Regional COVID-19 Coordination Hub and Related Planning and Recovery Services
- l. Authorize Amendments to SFY 2022 Contracts and Approve SFY 2023 Contract Amounts and Rates for Selected Partners
- m. Authorize a Service Agreement with University of Missouri Kansas City to Assist Patients with Heart Failure
- n. Authorize the Release of SFY 2023 National Family Caregiver Request for Proposals
- o. Approve a Contract with Brungardt Honomichl & Co. for Design Engineering and Construction Management Services to Support the Regional Preventive Maintenance Program
- p. Approve the 2022 2nd Quarter Amendment to the 2022-26 Transportation Improvement Program
- q. Approve Functional Classification System Updates

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment

MARC Board of Directors — Members and Alternates

Name	Jurisdiction	Title
Allen, Perry**	MoDOT	Asst. District Engineer
Bacon, John	City of Olathe	Mayor
Baird, Bill	City of Lee's Summit	Mayor
Boehm, Mike	City of Lenexa	Mayor
Boley, Damien	City of Smithville	Mayor
Bunch, Eric	City of Kansas City	Councilmember
Burnett, Scott	Jackson County	Legislator
Culbertson, Jeff	Leavenworth County	Commissioner
Davis, Andrew	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
Eilert, Ed	Johnson County	Commission Chairman
Ellington, Brandon	City of Kansas City	Councilmember
Fast, Becky	Johnson County	Commissioner
Fields, Vernon	City of Basehor	Councilmember
Garner, Tyrone	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Mayor/CEO
Grummert, Holly	City of Overland Park	Councilmember
Hall, Heather	City of Kansas City	Councilmember
Hanzlick, Janeé	Johnson County	Commissioner
Harrington, Jeff	City of Bonner Springs	Mayor
Heley, Logan	City of Overland Park	Councilmember
Hobart, Dan	City of Independence	Councilmember
Hurlbert, Victor	Clay County	Auditor
Huston, Bob	Cass County	Presiding Commissioner
Jarrold, Dick**	KCATA	Vice President
Johnson, Harold	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
Johnson, Ryan	Cass County	Commissioner
King, Bob	Ray County	Presiding Commissioner
Koehn, Leroy**	KDOT	District Engineer
Lucas, Quinton	City of Kansas City	Mayor
Lopez, Beto	City of Lee's Summit	Mayor Pro Tem
Makinen, Robbie**	KCATA	President/CEO
Markley, Angela	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
McDonough, Mike	City of Raytown	Mayor
McKiernan, Brian*	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
Mikkelson, Eric	City of Prairie Village	Mayor
Moriarty, Michael**	KDOT	Chief of Transportation Planning
Nolte, Jerry	Clay County	Presiding Commissioner
Pogue, Randy	City of Kearney	Mayor
Roberts, Rob	Miami County	Commission Chairman
Ross, Carson	City of Blue Springs	Mayor
Rowland, Rory	City of Independence	Mayor
Schieber, Ron	Platte County	Presiding Commissioner
Schwach, Paula	City of Westwood Hills	Mayor
Silvester, David**	MoDOT	District Engineer
Skoog, Curt	City of Overland Park	Mayor
Smith, Doug	Leavenworth County	Commission Chairman
Turnbow, Kristofer	City of Raymore	Mayor
Vogt, Marge	City of Olathe	Councilmember
Walker, Rick	City of De Soto	Mayor
White, Frank	Jackson County	County Executive
Wood, Dagmar	Platte County	Commissioner
Vaughan, Tyler	Miami County	Commissioner

*Public Transit Representatives (Voting) **Public Transit Advisory Representatives (Non-Voting)

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

April 2022
Item No. 1

ISSUE:

Introductions and Board Sharing Time

BACKGROUND:

Time has been reserved on the agenda for introductions and items of interest to Board members. The Board Chair encourages board members to raise matters for discussion at future meetings or other issues of general concern or interest.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

April 2022
Item No. 2-a

ISSUE:

Recognition of Outgoing Board Member

BACKGROUND:

The following members of the MARC Board have left in April:

Mayor Eileen Weir, Independence, Missouri

We would like to recognize these members for their service and leadership on the Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

April 2022
Item No. 3-a
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

REPORT: Transportation Funding Programs Update

BACKGROUND:

- Status of Suballocation Programming applications

One of MARC's fundamental roles as Metropolitan Planning Organization is to provide a forum and facilitate processes for cooperative decision-making about the use of federal transportation dollars for projects and programs in the Kansas City area. Consistent with this role, MARC issued a call for projects for pre-applications for federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), and Surface Transportation Block Grant Program - Set Aside (TAP) funding programs estimated to total \$103.8 million through FFY 2026. A total of 135 completed pre-applications were received.

MARC awards sub-allocated federal transportation funding to eligible local priorities that advance regional goals, strategies, and actions as articulated in the metropolitan transportation plan, Connected KC 2050. Over the next 2 months, MARC committees will review these candidate projects for plan alignment. This preapplication assessment is advisory in nature and will not preclude a sponsor's ability to submit a project for funding consideration during the full technical application stage over the summer.

During this month's board meeting, staff will provide additional details about these pre-applications as well as a general timeline for project selection.

- Status of RAISE grant applications from the KC region

US DOT recently released a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program. Various applications were submitted by regional agencies for USDOT consideration. In addition, a bi-state multi-city application for a planning study was submitted by MARC on behalf of the partnership team for the Bistate Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor. During this month's Board meeting, MARC staff will provide an overview on the various RAISE program applications which have originated from our region, as well as anticipated timeline for program selection.

- Upcoming opportunities

Several other opportunities for competitive grant funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law are known or anticipated. Most recently, US DOT issued a combined notice of funding opportunity for the INFRA, MEGA, and RURAL programs, due May 23, 2022. Many other competitive programs for Bridges; Culverts; Carbon Reduction; Advanced Transportation Technologies & Innovative Mobility Deployment; Reconnecting Communities; Congestion Relief; and others are pending. More information is available at: https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/BUILDING-A-BETTER-AMERICA_FINAL.pdf#page=11

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Suballocated programs: MARC will collect a non-federal project fee from successful applicants equal to 1% of federal funds awarded to them through this call for projects.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) authorized a call for projects for FY25-26 federal suballocated funding on February 15, 2022.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ron Achelpohl
Martin Rivarola

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

April 2022
Item No. 4-a
Healthy Environment

ISSUE:

REPORT: Briefing on Regional and International Climate Coordination and Building Energy Exchange Efforts

BACKGROUND:

During the week leading up to the Regional Climate Action Summit held on Saturday, April 9, participants from 19 different regions in the US and around the world arrived in Kansas City to learn from local leaders in climate and energy work and share their experiences through a partnership with Climate Action KC.

The International Urban and Regional Cooperation Program (IURC), a program of the European Union, has paired the Kansas City region with Metropolis GZM, based in Katowice, Poland and consisting of 41 cities and communes in the center of the Silesian Province. The delegation from Metropolis GZM participated in discussions on innovation, alternative fuels and unmanned aerial vehicles, transportation, university and public sector collaboration, and sustainable development. The IURC and the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) joined forces with Climate Action KC for the second half of the week to lead a Renovation Wave Networking Event. This event included discussions on sustainable buildings, fulfilling local climate action plans through renovation wave initiatives, and presenting creative and replicable solutions.

The week culminated in the Regional Climate Action Summit with over 600 participants attending at Johnson County Community College.

The Regional Building Energy Exchange (BE-Ex KC) is an initiative of Climate Action KC and led or participated in many of the events over the course of the week. The BE-Ex KC Executive Director will provide an update on their work and what is coming next for the organization.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Tom Jacobs
Ashley Sadowski

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

April 2022
Item No. 4-b
Healthy Environment

ISSUE:

REPORT: Update on Green Infrastructure Implementation Efforts and Potential Next Steps

BACKGROUND:

MARC has long embraced green infrastructure conservation in ways that are integral to MetroGreen, Planning Sustainable Places, the Climate Action Plan, Clean Air Action Plan, Regional Transportation Plan, and Hazard Mitigation Plan. Staff will provide an update on recent efforts to advance green infrastructure conservation and restoration and share potential next steps to make continued progress.

From the planning perspective, MARC adopted the Green Infrastructure Framework in June 2019. An EPA Wetlands Program Development grant supported regional plan integration leading to more robust implementation efforts at both the regional and local levels. Much of that effort was focused at the intersection of climate protection and transportation (e.g. complete and green streets, Planning Sustainable Places). Staff will share about recent and prospective efforts to build upon that work.

From a policy perspective, the framework identified several priority policy areas. EPA funds supported the development of model ordinances on tree protection and native landscaping. Staff will share more detailed information about those policy proposals, along with plans to address the stream protection, stormwater management standards, and transportation system resilience rooted in nature-based solutions.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

None, information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Tom Jacobs

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

April 2022
Item No. 5-a
Competitive Economy

ISSUE:

REPORT: Economic Forecast Update for Kansas City Metropolitan Area

BACKGROUND:

MARC has been providing periodic economic forecasts of the region's path to recovery from COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic. MARC's regional economic forecast requires a national forecast to set the overall context. To meet the needs for accurate forecasts in a rapidly changing environment, the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City has funded MARC's licensing of a national forecast from Moody's Analytics that is updated monthly.

Moody's most recent forecast is the first to fully incorporate assumptions regarding surging inflation, more aggressive interest rate hikes from the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) of the Federal Reserve, and the war in Ukraine. In addition, the Bureau of Labor Statistics recently revised the metropolitan employment data across the nation, the result of which lowered the pace of the region's job recovery from the pandemic-induced recession. MARC's new forecast for the region's expected economic growth will be presented at the meeting and will take into account all of these factors.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Frank Lenk

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

April 2022
Item No. 6-a

ISSUE:

REPORT: Update on Regional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Initiatives

BACKGROUND:

MARC staff will give short updates on regional efforts in which we are engaged to support and coordinate regional response and recovery to the COVID-19 pandemic, including:

COVID-19 General Updates

- Monitoring New Variant/Changes in Data Reporting
- Recovery planning
- Federal policy/funding changes

RECOMMENDATION:

None, information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel
Jennifer Sutherlin
Amanda Graor

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

April 2022
Item No. 6-b
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

REPORT: Update on Bike Month and the 2022 Greater Kansas City Trails & Bikeways Map

BACKGROUND:

Bike Month

May is celebrated as “National Bike Month.” During this time, MARC promotes cycling using Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds under the Active Transportation and Air Quality programs.

Activities include:

- Promotion of cycling activities from around the region from organizations such as Bike Walk KC and area schools on kcbikemonth.com.
- A media ad campaign to promote cycling using radio, billboards, and social media.
- The Bike Month Challenge, in which participants log trips using RideshareKC and are entered to win prizes.

Greater Kansas City Regional Trails & Bikeways Map

MARC prints a map of the 8-county Kansas City region’s trails and bikeways every two years. Data is largely solicited from cities and counties by MARC staff. The 2022 map portrays approximately:

- 912 miles of shared use path and 4 miles of two-way cycle track
- 168 miles of bike lanes and 619 miles of marked, unseparated bikeways
- 145 miles of mountain bike trails, 290 miles of pedestrian hike trails and 118 miles of equestrian trails

The printed map includes a QR code that accesses the [online version of the map](#), which will show updates made since the map was printed. The printing will use CMAQ funds under the Active Transportation program. Approximately 20,000 maps will be printed and distributed across the region. At the upcoming Board meeting, MARC staff will provide additional details on these active transportation programs.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Active Transportation Programming Committee met to review the data included in the Trails & Bikeways Map on February 18, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Patrick Trouba
Martin Rivarola

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

April 2022
Item No. 7-a

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve minutes of the March 22, 2022 Board meeting

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the March 22, 2022 meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022 meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm

Karina Bielecki



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING SUMMARY
March 22, 2022
12:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Harold Johnson, Jr., Unified Government of Wyandotte/Kansas City, Kan. - MARC Board Chair
Mayor Carson Ross, Blue Springs, Mo. - MARC Board 1st Vice Chair
Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, Kan. - MARC Board 2nd Vice Chair
Mayor Eileen Weir, Independence, Mo. - MARC Board Treasurer
Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, Mo. - MARC Board Secretary
Mayor Curt Skoog, Overland Park, Kan.
Mayor Paula Schwach, Westwood Hills, Kan.
Presiding Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, Mo.
Councilmember Daniel Hobart, Independence, Mo.
Mayor Eric Mikkelson, Prairie Village, Kan.
Auditor Victor Hurlbert, Clay County, Mo.
Councilmember Brandon Ellington, Kansas City, Mo.
Commissioner Doug Smith, Leavenworth County, Kan.
Commissioner Angela Markley, Unified Government of Wyandotte/Kansas City, Kan.
Commissioner Becky Fast, Johnson County, Kan.
Dick Jarrold, KCATA
Mayor Kristofer Turnbow, Raymore, Mo.
Councilmember Logan Heley, Overland Park, Kan.
Mayor Rick Walker, De Soto, Kan.
Mayor Michael Boehm, Lenexa, Kan.
Mayor Tyrone Garner, Unified Government of Wyandotte/Kansas City, Kan.
Mayor Mike McDonough, Raytown, Mo.
Councilmember Vernon Fields, Basehor, Kan.
Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, Mo.
Commissioner Andrew Davis, Unified Government of Wyandotte/Kansas City, Kan.
County Executive Frank White Jr., Jackson County, Mo.

STAFF PRESENT

Executive Director David Warm and other MARC staff

OTHERS

Kathy Nelson, Visit KC
Ryan Kneib, MoDOT
Maddie Waldeck, Basehor, Kan.

Paige Martz, CBB Transportation
Jon Batchelor, TranSystems
Maxfield Kaniger and Brett Lofton, Kanbe's Markets

INTRODUCTIONS AND BOARD SHARING TIME

Commissioner Harold Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed attendees. Due to the meeting being held remotely, Commissioner Johnson provided instructions for participation. He reported that staff would present on all the agenda items, provide an opportunity for comments and questions after each item, and ask for approval of all agenda items, as well as the consent agenda, with one vote at the end of the meeting. Members will have an opportunity to abstain or object to any items necessary during the final vote.

Self-introductions were made, and members shared items of interest from their jurisdictions.

REPORT: Update on Regional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Initiatives

Ms. Jennifer Sutherlin, Public Health Program Manager at MARC, reported that COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in the Kansas City metro continue to trend downward. Cases are down 37% over the previous seven-day period. While these trends are similar to US trends, globally health experts are keeping their eyes on the situation in Europe, where cases are rising in some countries such as the UK.

Ms. Sutherlin also reported that the CDC has changed the way they are communicating risk level for the community. Previously, the CDC used new cases per 100,000 people and percentage of positive tests over the past seven days to calculate a level of low, moderate, substantial, or high transmission risk. In the new calculations, the CDC uses new COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 people and percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients over the past seven days to calculate a level of low, medium, or high community risk. Officials continue to keep an eye on wastewater trends to anticipate any possible rise in cases.

Commissioner Harold Johnson, Jr. inquired what public health officials have heard regarding the situation in China. Ms. Sutherlin replied that, while officials are monitoring trends globally, Missouri's state epidemiologist has communicated that the UK and Denmark are the best comparisons for the metro area based on demographics. There were no further questions.

COMPETITIVE ECONOMY

REPORT: Update on Tourism, Visit KC, and the Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation

Mr. David Warm, Executive Director at MARC, introduced Ms. Kathy Nelson, CEO of Visit KC and the Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation. Late in 2021, the two organizations announced that Ms. Nelson would serve as CEO for both. The two organizations share a vision of contributing to the economic growth of the region.

Ms. Nelson shared that in 2018, the region welcomed 25 million visitors for a \$5.6 billion impact on the local economy. She invited board members to attend the annual tourism outlook on May 12, 2022 featuring speaker Lieutenant Governor Kehoe. She shared a list of the multiple groups hosting conventions in Kansas City in February and March 2022. Eight events generated a total of \$50.3 million in economic impact. Ms. Nelson also shared tentative events for the next few years, totalling \$53.7 million in expected impact.

Visit KC has also been actively looking for more ways to support their partners and engage with meetings, events, and sports planners. Virtual tours are a proven and effective way to generate interest with planners and give them valuable information even if they're planning from afar. That's why Visit KC has partnered with Threshold 360 to capture a no-cost virtual tour of area locations to be used on their website and in presentations to meetings and events planners.

Ms. Nelson noted that Kansas City has been awarded multiple NCAA championship hosting opportunities, including the 2023 Men's Basketball Regionals, 2024 Wrestling Championships, and 2025 Volleyball Championships. 2023 will also see a national sports convention and the NFL draft hosted in Kansas City. Visit KC is also organizing efforts to host the World Cup in 2026 and the Rugby World Cup in 2031.

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick inquired when people could expect to hear more about the World Cup bid. Ms. Nelson replied that they expect to announce the hosting city in May. Commissioner Jerry Nolte inquired if there were figures available on economic impact to individual counties. Ms. Nelson answered that there were not currently, but welcomed assistance from MARC in providing such figures.

EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION AND QUALITY PLACES

REPORT: Buck O'Neil Bridge Project Update

Mr. Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment at MARC, reminded the Board that, in 2017, the MARC Board of Directors provisionally approved up to \$40 million of federal Surface Transportation Program funds for a new Buck O'Neil bridge with accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians, subject to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and the City of Kansas City, Missouri securing the remaining funds for the project. In the past few months, several important milestones have been completed for this project.

MoDOT and the city have each secured their share of funding for the project and MARC and MoDOT have amended both the Kansas City regional Transportation Improvement Program and the Missouri Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to commit these funds. The Federal Highway Administration has issued a formal finding of no significant impact, completing the required analysis under the national Environmental Policy Act. In August of 2020, MoDOT qualified five design build teams to submit formal proposals to complete the project. The final selection of the winning Massman-Clarkson team was announced on February 6, 2021. Construction is now in progress and several long-term road closures have recently been implemented to accommodate various phases of the project. Mr. Achelpohl introduced Mr. Ryan Kneib with MoDOT to provide further information.

Mr. Kneib reported that twenty-four bridge foundations, sixteen bridge columns, and the north interchange have all been completed so far. Completed work has involved 6,500 cubic yards of concrete, 1.5 million pounds of steel, and 6,000 tons of asphalt so far. Currently, river crews have started working on foundations for the southbound river bridge and columns for the northbound river bridge. Low river levels have provided some difficulty. Looking ahead to what is coming, Mr. Kneib reported that I-35 northbound will be closed through December. I-70 will see periodic single lane closures and periodic ramp closures.

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick inquired about the anticipated project completion date and bridge

opening. Mr. Kneib reported that all construction must be completed by December 2024. The southbound river bridge structure will open for some traffic roughly January 2023. Mr. Warm noted that the project office for the project is on the sixth floor of MARC's office building. There were no further questions.

COMPETITIVE ECONOMY

REPORT: Demonstration of the Economic Equity Values Atlas

Mr. Frank Lenk, Director of Research Services at MARC, reported that MARC is participating in a cohort of MPOs, overseen by the Brookings Institution, to expand the use of a software tool developed in Portland: the Economic Value Atlas. This tool aids decision-makers to keep in mind the broader objectives, or values, of the community as they make investment decisions. Cohort members include Portland Metro, who continues to invest resources into improving the tool, the Met Council in Minneapolis-St. Paul, and MARC in Kansas City.

MARC's first use of the tool is to adapt it to reflect the work of KC Rising, which has an overarching goal of growing the economy for everyone and identified seven Pillars of Prosperity that underpin the region's ability to achieve this goal. The pillars are: Industry, Enterprise, Connectivity, Neighborhoods, Inclusion, Education, and Culture. How strong these pillars are become the values that the tool seeks to measure. This work was funded by grants from the Kauffman Foundation and the William T. Kemper Foundation. Along the way, the tool's name was rebranded to the Economic Equity Values Atlas (EEVA).

MARC staff has spent the last several months getting the software to appropriately represent data about the Kansas City region in a way that is consistent with the KC Rising framework. The tool is now operational. Staff will demonstrate its use to specific audiences in order to receive feedback on needed improvements or desired use cases before officially releasing it.

Mr. Lenk provided a brief demonstration of the tool. Mr. Warm noted that the tool will be made available to planners and economic developers in communities to be used broadly as an analytical tool for better decision making across the metro. There were no questions.

EFFECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

REPORT: Update on Strategic Planning to Facilitate a Shared Approach to 988 across Missouri Community Mental Health Centers

Ms. Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services at MARC, reminded the Board that, in July 2020, the FCC adopted rules designating 988 for Americans in crisis to connect with suicide prevention and mental health crisis counselors. Phone service providers will direct all 988 calls to the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by July 16, 2022. MARC is supporting the six Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) that serve the Missouri side of the region with a strategic planning process to prepare for 988 implementation. CommCARE is the behavioral health crisis hotline operator for four of five counties and is also a member of the project strategic planning committee.

The CMHCs agree that a consistent model for crisis response across all agencies is ideal prior to implementation of 988, yet there are barriers including geography and limited resources. The project involves a four-phase process to gather and analyze stakeholder input and research to

answer the following:

1. What can we do to be as prepared as possible prior to the 988 implementation in July 2022?
2. What is the ideal crisis response system for the greater Kansas City region in Missouri?
3. Are there ideas we could pilot on a smaller scale before implementing region-wide?
4. What works well in the current crisis response system that we can build upon to reach the ideal system?
5. What barriers and gaps must we overcome to achieve the ideal system?
6. How can we fill gaps and move toward the ideal system?

A final report will be presented to funding partners and other key stakeholders in July. The planning process will cost \$91,500 and is funded by the Health Forward Foundation and REACH Healthcare Foundation. There were no questions.

BRIEF REPORTS

REPORT: Update on Parade of Hearts

Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez reminded the Board that the Parade of Hearts is a region wide public art experience intended to unite the region after the events of 2020-21. The Parade will be held from March to May 2022 and is centered around the KC Heart marketing campaign and its historical connection to the Kansas City Monarchs Negro Leagues baseball team. The Parade of Hearts officially kicked off on Friday, March 4, 2022, with an unveiling and display of the hearts and a meet-and-greet reception with the artists. Special thanks to the many mayors, city managers, and members of the MARC Board of Directors who attended to support the event kick off. Installation of the hearts began on Monday, March 7, and will be completed over the next several weeks. Hearts are on display in five counties and 27 cities in the region.

The Parade of Hearts team is highly focused on heart installation, but soon the event website will be updated to include heart profiles, artist bios, maps of locations, merchandise store, and information on the event visitor app to promote tourism. Each heart is tagged with a QR code that visitors can access through the app to keep track of hearts they have visited. The app will also help visitors navigate to more information about the Parade such as sponsors, beneficiaries, merchandise, etc.

Hearts will be on display through May, and the event will culminate on June 17, 2022, with a heart auction at the Arvest Bank Theatre at the Midland. MARC's Early Learning Department is one of five beneficiaries of the event proceeds. MARC will use the funds to award grants to early child care providers to prepare for child care licensing, business licensing, and enhanced health and safety for children and staff. There were no questions.

REPORT: Update on Major Regional Planning Initiatives

Mr. Martin Rivarola, Assistant Director of Transportation and Land Use Planning at MARC, reported that MARC planning partners are currently undertaking various planning and project development activities. These include initiatives of local and county-wide significance as well as corridor specific efforts.

In the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, the goDotte Strategic Mobility Plan seeks to develop a transportation strategy to help guide the next 10 years of projects, thus ensuring that future transportation investments support the community's goals to

improve the county's quality of life. The plan seeks to modernize transportation policy and integrates transportation and land use decision-making to develop a more sustainable network. The Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) received an update on the study on November 16, 2021.

In Kansas City, Missouri, through the City's Comprehensive Plan update, the city is seeking to update a more robust set of transportation policies. The transportation element of this work seeks to provide direction and prioritize investments and policy initiatives using an environmental, safety and equity lens. TTPC received an update on the study on February 16, 2021.

In Leavenworth County, Kansas, the Leavenworth County capital improvement plan seeks to develop a prioritized listing of projects. This study will identify transportation needs, develop goals and objectives, and articulate project priorities and determine project costs. The study will focus on prioritization and costs of 15-20 priority projects for the county.

The I-70 Second Tier EIS Re-Evaluation study builds on and extends the work of the I-70 First Tier EIS for future I-70 (The Paseo to just east of US. Hw 40). These studies identified options that would improve safety and efficiency for I-70 users and protect neighborhoods, cultural resources, and any environmentally sensitive areas in the corridor.

The I-35/I-29 Corridor Study will document existing conditions, freight impact, and potential solutions to better serve people and goods movement in the northern portion of the Kansas City metropolitan area.

The Eisenhower (IKE) Legacy Transportation Program is Kansas' legislature-approved 10-year transportation program. This program, informed by KDOT's local consult process, selects projects for advancement into development & construction on a 2-year rolling cycle. A number of regionally significant projects have been funded for construction or added to the development pipeline. Significant upcoming studies are envisioned for capacity projects for I-35 (Santa Fe to US-56) and the K-10 (I-435 to K-7) corridors.

The KDOT Road User Charge (RUC) Study focuses on identifying how a RUC system, where drivers pay to use the road based on miles driven (sometimes referred to as vehicle miles traveled fees or a mileage-based user fee) could help fund transportation investments.

The NorthRail Study builds on previously completed work from 2014. The prior study was conducted to assess technical feasibility and identify a preferred alternative for a northern streetcar extension across the Missouri River into North Kansas City. This study is required to revisit the technical and financial feasibility, as well as determine the next steps of a streetcar extension into North Kansas City.

The East West (KU Med-Stadiums) high-capacity transit study will evaluate multi-modal options on an east-west corridor connecting the Truman Sports Complex to the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas. This effort was initiated in part by a request from the University of Kansas Health System, to look at opportunities to better connect KU Medical Center with regional medical complexes in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Bistate Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor initiative is a cooperative effort to create and implement a transformational strategy to enhance mobility, transform communities, and reduce carbon emissions. The effort focuses a wide range of federal and local investments on a key regional transit corridor that connects three major cities in two states and two counties along State Avenue, Independence Avenue and Truman Road.

There were no questions.

VOTE: Authorize a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant Application for the Bi-State Sustainable Corridor

Mr. Achelpohl reported that passage of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (“Bipartisan Infrastructure Law”) has created new opportunities for federal investment in a wide range of infrastructure needs in communities across the nation. The US Department of Transportation has recently issued a notice of funding opportunity for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. This program will support transportation planning and capital investments through grants between \$5 to \$25 million. Applications are due April 14, 2021.

Under the leadership of Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, II and Congresswoman Sharice Davids, MARC has been supporting efforts among the cities of Independence, Kansas City, MO and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS to coordinate development of a bistate corridor connecting key activity centers and promising neighborhoods in need of reinvestment and mobility services along State and Independence Avenues from Village West in Wyandotte County to Truman Square in Independence.

New federal infrastructure funding provides a generational opportunity to invest in coordinated and comprehensive transportation, housing, workforce, broadband, green infrastructure, public safety, and economic development strategies to support equitable growth and redevelopment of promising but disadvantaged neighborhoods along the corridor. Focused investment along and connected to this corridor will enhance its capacity to catalyze growth and opportunity throughout the Kansas City area using sustainable strategies.

MARC is working with the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority and local government partners along the corridor to apply for planning funds to position the corridor for future federal grants for zero-emission transportation investments such as electric bus rapid transit, mobility hubs, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and electric charging stations. The proposed project would include robust community engagement to complete corridor planning, environmental clearances, and preliminary engineering to 30% design for the transportation elements of the corridor.

Current estimates for this work total \$7 million, of which at least 80% would be eligible for federal reimbursement through the RAISE program and up to 20% would be provided as cash match by local partners. Up to \$500,000 would be used for MARC staff support for coalition building, convening, and project planning. Mr. Achelpohl requested authorization to prepare and submit a RAISE grant application to USDOT for planning and transportation project development for the Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor for a total cost of up to \$7 million. There were no questions.

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes of the February 22, 2022 Board Meeting
- b. Approve an Expansion Project for the MARC Offices
- c. Expand and Extend an Agreement with Rubin Brown for Audit Services
- d. Authorize Amending SFY 2022 Contract Amounts for Selected Providers to Continue Service Provision
- e. Authorize Acceptance and Expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act Funding for Older Americans Act Services
- f. Authorize Acceptance of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 Vaccine Access Funding and Release of Relevant Requests for Proposals
- g. Authorize the Release of a Rolling Home-Delivered Meals Driver Request for Qualifications
- h. Authorize an Application to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for Community Health Worker Projects
- i. Authorize an Application to the Environmental Protection Agency to Support Community Air Quality Monitoring

MOTION: Mayor Carson Ross moved for approval of all agenda items and the consent agenda, and Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick seconded. Commissioner Johnson asked if any member wanted to abstain or object to any of the agenda items. All were in favor of approving agenda items 7-c through 8-i. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

MEETING SUMMARY APPROVED:

Harold Johnson, Chair

Date

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Item No. 7-b
Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve Actions Taken at the March 29, 2022 Head Start Advisory Committee Meeting

BACKGROUND:

The Head Start Advisory Committee reviewed the following program information reports at its March 29, 2022 meeting:

- Head Start Fiscal Reports, CACFP, and Credit Card Reports for October 2021 - January 2022
 - Credit Card reports were from January 2022 - March 2022
- Head Start Enrollment Reports for November 2021 - February 2022
- New Program Policies and Updates

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Head Start Advisory Committee considered this information at its March 29, 2022 meeting and recommended MARC Board approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the actions taken at the March 29, 2022 Head Start Advisory Committee meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

Steven Lewis
Jovanna Rohs

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April 2022
Item No. 7-c
Core Capacities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve Changes to Employee Fringe Benefit Package Effective July 1, 2022

BACKGROUND:

MARC's cafeteria, health, dental, and vision insurance plans operate on a July 1 – June 30 plan year. MARC currently offers four health insurance plans, one dental plan, and one vision plan to employees, all obtained through Midwest Public Risk (MPR). In 2020, we completed a full marketing of our health benefits and selected MPR.

In March 2022, the MPR Board of Directors approved premium increases with minimal changes to the plan designs. The percentage of premium increases for our current plans effective July 1, 2022, are below. These increases reflect increasing medical costs, pharmacy benefit costs, and plan utilization.

<u>Plan</u>	<u>MPR Premium Increases</u>
OAP 1500	3%
OAP 2500	3%
HDHP CF 1500	5%
HDHP CF 2500	5%
Vision	0.0%
Dental	0.0%

Evaluation of Plans

The following are goals that have been developed for benefit plan renewal:

- Offer plan options that represent true choice differences
- Offer plans with benefit structures that are competitive to the market
- Offer market competitive employer/employee cost sharing
- Implement a program that is within our budget and is publicly appropriate

The Employee Council reviewed the renewal based on these goals.

MARC uses Hallier Benefit Advisors to assist in benefits management. In comparison with regional and national data provided by Hallier Benefit Advisors, these premium increases are below average. This data also shows that key aspects of our plans such as deductibles, premiums, and employee/employer cost sharing are competitive with the market.

Employee/Employer Cost Sharing

As a basis for cost sharing, MARC designates one plan as a basic "core insurance plan" each year on which to base the cost sharing formula. MARC's current employer premium cost sharing percentages are 72% for family, 78.3% for Tier 2 and 82.3% for individual coverage. The plan with the largest number of employees is the HDHP 1500 so it was selected as the core plan for 2021-2022 plan year.

Other Benefits

Dental and Vision insurance rates did not change. MARC does not contribute towards these plans. Staff recommends continuing to offer both benefits.

All employees (whether on MARC's health insurance or not) currently receive a monthly Cafeteria Allowance which helps offset insurance costs and/or to purchase optional benefits of dental, vision, life, and disability insurance and/or to contribute to a flexible spending account or health savings

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account. The current allowance is \$200/month. Due to rising inflation and the competitive hiring market, staff recommends an increase of \$20 for this plan year to \$220/month.

For many years, MARC has offered a Health Savings Account pre-fund option for the HDHP plans. This approach provides the employee with some funds available in the HSA to help with any medical expenses that occur early in the plan year. The current pre-fund amount for individual coverage is \$600, and \$1200 for tier 2 or family coverage. Staff recommends no change to this benefit for this plan year.

Staff requested that Hallier Benefit Advisors share new trends regarding benefits in order to ensure our program remains attractive to employees and potential employees. They presented information on optional benefits to the Employee Council. Examples of optional benefits include insurance for cancer, accidental injury, critical illness, hospital indemnity, legal issues, and identity theft. Election of these benefits would be completely voluntary, and 100% employee paid. The Employee Council is reviewing the benefit options and gauging interest and may offer some optional benefits beginning January 1, 2023.

Summary of Recommendations

Recommendations for the 2022-2023 Plan Year are as follows:

- Health Insurance

Plan	Total Premium	Employer		Employee	
Open Access 1500					
Family	\$2010.00	\$1172.00	58.3%	\$838.00	41.7%
Tier 2	1712.00	1076.00	62.9%	636.00	37.1%
Single	746.00	487.00	65.3%	259.00	34.7%
Open Access 2500					
Family	\$1938.00	\$1172.00	60.5%	\$766.00	39.5%
Tier 2	1650.00	1076.00	65.2%	574.00	34.8%
Single	716.00	487.00	68.0%	229.00	32.0%
High Deductible 1500*					
Family	\$1628.00	\$1172.00	72.0%	\$456.00	28.0%
Tier 2	1374.00	1076.00	78.3%	298.00	21.7%
Single	592.00	487.00	82.3%	105.00	17.7%
High Deductible 2500					
Family	\$1464.00	\$1172.00	80.1%	\$292.00	19.9%
Tier 2	1242.00	1076.00	86.6%	166.00	13.4%
Single	518.00	487.00	94.0%	31.00	6.0%

*Core Plan

- Vision and Dental Insurance. Employees who elect Vision and/or Dental plans may use their Cafeteria Plan Allowance for premiums. There is no other cost sharing from MARC.

	Employee Total Monthly Premium		
	Family	Tier 2	Individual
Vision	\$ 22.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 8.00
Dental	88.00		36.00

- Cafeteria Plan Allowance at \$220/month.

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- Pre-funding option for employees on the high deductible plans of \$600 for individual and \$1200 for family and tier 2.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

All employer share of benefit costs are budgeted in the Indirect and Clearing Fund and funded through our Fringe Benefits allocation rate. Budgeted numbers are calendar year, and include 6 months of one plan year, and 6 months of the next plan year.

Employer Costs	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget	2022 Projected	
Health Insurance	\$1,302,246	1,173,272	1,304,905	1,268,293	Based on proposed cost sharing
Cafeteria Allowance	\$388,065	358,200	439,200	408,000	With six months of \$20/month increase

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize changes to the employee fringe benefit package effective July 1, 2022, including offering the OAP 1500, OAP 2500, HDHP 1500, and HDHP 2500 with the cost sharing shown above; continuing to offer employee funded Vision and Dental insurance; increasing the Cafeteria Plan Allowance at \$220/month; and prefunding HDHP plan Health Savings Accounts at \$600/\$1200 to be repaid by employees over the plan year.

STAFF CONTACT:

Nancy Weitzel Burry
Carol Gonzales

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April 2022
Item No. 7-d
Core Capacities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve an Agreement with John Marshall for Services Related to Office Expansion

BACKGROUND:

An overview of the expansion and remodel of MARC offices was presented at the March Budget and Personnel Committee meeting. Work is underway on the next phase of the project. MARC was presented with the opportunity of accepting donated used furniture from a private company that is downsizing. MARC staff, along with Odimo representatives (architects) and individuals from John Marshall toured the facility and determined that the furniture was attractive and in excellent condition. We identified approximately 46 cubicles and furnishings, furniture from 9 private offices, 7 conference rooms, a training room, break room, and 2 lounge areas that could be used in the new space.

Costs to disassemble, store, and reassemble the furniture were significantly less expensive than buying the furniture new. Additionally, it is consistent with MARC's value of sustainability. John Marshall has provided furniture for MARC offices for many years through government contract prices. The donated furniture is Herman Miller brand. John Marshall is a Herman Miller vendor; consequently, their staff is trained on how to disassemble and assemble that specific brand. John Marshall staff has provided design services, doing "as-fit" drawings to ensure the donated furniture meets the needs and fits the plans of the space study. Based on the donating company's schedule the furniture needs to be moved from their building in late April/early May. Because the remodel project will not be completed until fall, John Marshall has also agreed to store the furniture. This fall, following the remodel, John Marshall will reassemble the furniture on the 4th floor and will also assist with the furniture moves on the 3rd floor.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

We asked John Marshall to provide estimated pricing for this work. MARC will be invoiced based on actual time and materials using current labor rates.

Spring 2022		
Project Management and Design	Estimated 188 hours at \$78/hour	\$14,664
Demo of Furniture	Estimated 90 hours at \$78/hour	\$7,020
Transport (assumes overtime)	Estimated 90 hours at \$108/hour	\$9,720
Storage	Estimated 5 months of storage	\$13,925
Fall 2022		
Delivery	Estimated 50 hours at \$78/hour	\$3,900
Reassembly of furniture	Estimate: 914 hours at \$78/hour	\$71,292
Reconfiguration	Estimate: 180 hours at \$78/hour	\$14,040
	Estimated Total	\$134,561

We have updated the budget below, knowing that there will still be changes in both the costs and the sources of revenue as we move forward:

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REVENUES	
Tenant Refurbishment Allowance	342,537
Indirect	215,000
911 Budget	80,000
10% of Long Term Contingency balance	167,000
Additional 911, other grant, indirect funding	310,463
Total	\$1,115,000
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Remodel Costs	901,000
Furniture	134,000
Board Room Equipment	80,000
Total	\$ 1,115,000

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve agreements with John Marshall for design services, disassembly, storage, and reassembly of furniture.

STAFF CONTACT:

Carol Gonzales
Mike Daniels

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April 2022
Item No. 7-e
Core Capacities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve an Agreement with Odimo for Architectural and Construction Management Services Related to Office Expansion

BACKGROUND:

An overview of the expansion and remodel of MARC offices was presented at the March Budget and Personnel Committee meeting. Work is underway on the next phase of the project.

In the summer and fall of 2021, Odimo architects were selected to facilitate a space study for the MARC offices. Through a supplement to that agreement, Odimo worked with staff to develop preliminary schematic designs for the new space and modifications to existing space. The final phase of this project includes:

- finalizing schematic design
- finalizing construction documents
- managing the bidding process
- assisting with selection of a general contractor
- provide construction administration services

Staff requested Odimo prepare a Scope of Services for this final phase. Their proposal includes subcontracting with Branch Pattern for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) services.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Odimo has proposed a not to exceed fee of \$95,000, which includes \$56,350 for architectural services and \$38,650 for MEP work. We have updated the budget below, knowing that there will still be changes in both the costs and the sources of revenue as we move forward. The Odimo agreement is included within the Remodel Costs budget.

REVENUES	
Tenant Refurbishment Allowance	342,537
Indirect	215,000
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Additional 911, other grant, indirect funding	310,463
Total	\$1,115,000
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Remodel Costs	901,000
Furniture	134,000
Board Room Equipment	80,000
Total	\$ 1,115,000

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve agreements with Odimo for architectural services at a not to exceed cost of \$95,000, related to the expansion and remodel of MARC offices.

STAFF CONTACT:

Carol Gonzales
Mike Daniels

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Item No. 7-f
Core Capacities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an Agreement with Kansas City Audio-Visual to Update the Audio/Visual System in the Board Room

BACKGROUND:

MARC has been working on improving its meeting rooms to accommodate hybrid meetings involving in-person and remote attendees. The AV equipment in the Board room was put in place in 2006 and has only received minor updates since that time. It is our largest and most used room. An RFP was sent to local audio/visual vendors and posted on Demand Star on December 13, 2021. Four proposals were received: Heartland AV - \$64,534, Kansas City Audio-Visual (KCAV) - \$80,435, Progressive Electronics - \$70,555, and SKC Communications - \$98,602. A MARC technical staff committee was formed to review the proposals. During the evaluation we were notified by Heartland AV that they no longer had repair services in the Kansas City area. On-site visits were scheduled with the other three vendors. The technical committee believes that KCAV's experience and the appropriateness of their proposal, including pricing, make them the best fit for this project.

Equipment and functionality that are included in this proposal include:

- Ceiling embedded audio system that is centrally controlled.
- Two large (98") screens at the front (west side) of the room.
- Three screens (55") located on the east, north and south sides of the room for better visibility.
- Three auto tracking cameras
- A central control system based at the podium that can be pre-programmed for various meeting setups.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Funding of \$100,000 was included in the Indirect fund as part of the overall remodel project. We just received notification of our Head Start COLA/Quality Improvement award and may use some of that funding for this project also. We plan to enter into an ongoing service arrangement with them as well.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$ 100,000
Source	Indirect, Head Start COLA/QI
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Equipment	\$ 60,997
Installation	\$ 19,438
Total	\$ 80,435
Service Contract (2 nd year on)	\$5,630

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize MARC to enter an agreement with KCAV to create an audio/visual system in the Board room for a total cost of \$80,435.

STAFF CONTACT:

Sasan Baharaeen
Carol Gonzales

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Item No. 7-g
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve an Agreement with GeoComm for the GeoComm GIS Data Hub

BACKGROUND:

GeoComm GIS Data Hub supports ongoing submissions of Mid America Regional Council’s regional coverage area GIS dataset for data processing and quality control reporting. The dataset will include the following counties’ GIS datasets: Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray Counties in Missouri; and Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, Wyandotte, Atchison, and Linn Counties in Kansas.

The system accepts GIS data in its native format, processes it through configured quality control checks, and provides actionable reporting to assist MARC with resolving errors and inconsistencies within the data. The system is a cloud-hosted application accessed by MARC users over the internet.

This product is replacing our current product for quality control checks and prepares our system for future NextGen911 mapping improvements.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

This is a three-year agreement for the GeoComm GIS Data Hub, totaling \$104,313. The cost will be paid yearly, and the expenditure is included in the regional 911 allocation budget.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$104,313
Source	911 Allocation Budget
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$104,313

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Public Safety Communications Board approved the use of these funds in the 2022 Regional 911 Budget on September 8, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the three-year agreement with GeoComm for the GeoComm GIS Data Hub.

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric Winebrenner

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April 2022
Item No. 7-h
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve an Agreement with AT&T for a Switched Ethernet Circuit to Supply Redundant Access to the Regional 911 System

BACKGROUND:

MARC Public Safety contracts with AT&T and other telephone companies for various digital telecommunications connections.

Several years ago, MARC evaluated the need to add redundancy for connections to each Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) to avoid a single point of failure. At the same time, MARC looked at using newer technology for the connections, such as an AT&T Switched Ethernet (ASE) circuit, to increase system capacity, improve service, and reduce costs.

We are establishing digital telecommunications connections to improve our redundancies.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The monthly-recurring cost for the connection is \$1,042.94 on a 6-year contract for a total of \$62,576.40. This expenditure is included in the regional 911 allocation budgets.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$62,576.40
Source	911 Allocation Budget
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$62,576.40

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Public Safety Communications Board approved the use of these funds in the 2022 Regional 911 Budget on September 8, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the agreement with AT&T for an ASE circuit from Fort Leavenworth to Johnson County Emergency Communications Center to supply redundant access to the regional 911 system.

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric Winebrenner

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April 2022
Item No. 7-i
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an Agreement with Linn County to Join the Regional 911 System

BACKGROUND:

The Regional 911 System currently serves the nine counties that are members of the Mid America Regional Council plus Atchison County, Kansas. The Linn County Sheriff has requested that Linn County, Kansas become a part of the regional 911 system.

This request would add the Linn County public safety answering point (PSAP) to the system. The Public Safety Communications Board's (PSCB) policy for new agencies desiring to join the regional 911 system sets out the following criteria to guide decisions by the PSCB.

- Location of the agency or community is contiguous to the counties participating in the Regional 911 System, or there is a relationship between the agency or community's service area and the Regional 911 System's existing service area.
- The local officials in the community making the request to join the Regional 911 System have the support of the governing body of their county and participating cities.
- The cost to provide the Regional 911 System services to the requesting agency or community will be covered by that agency or community and not pose a financial burden on Kansas City metro area counties to allow for services to be delivered.
- The delivery of the Regional 911 System services to the requesting agency or community will not detract from the level of service needed by Kansas City metro area PSAPs.

The request is consistent with the Public Safety Communications Board policy criteria: Linn County is contiguous to the region; the Linn County Sheriff and the Linn County Commission approved this action in March 2022; Linn County will cover all costs associated with their joining and participation in the regional system; and the service to Linn County will not detract from the level of service to other PSAPs in the region. Linn County is currently using the same equipment and software as PSAPs in the MARC region. The agreement between the county and MARC is for one year and may be renewed annually.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Initial costs to connect to the system will be paid by Linn County. Once added to the system, the county's population will equal .045% of the overall regional total. Costs for the regional 911 system are shared by participating counties on a per capita basis.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$40,670.15 year
Source	Linn County 911 Allocation funds
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Network/Other Circuits	\$10,210.96
Language Line	\$207.19
SS7	\$393.05
Cyber Security	\$749.95
GIS Maintenance	\$1,453.45
911 Training	\$450.42
Tower Maintenance	\$959.39
911 Equipment Maintenance	\$3893.55

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Cost Shares	220.70
MARC Coordination	\$11,124.71
Capital Projects	\$10,790.95
Capital Reserve Fund	\$215.82

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Public Safety Communications Board approved the addition of Linn County to the regional 911 system at the April 20, 2022 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an agreement with Linn County to join the regional 911 system.

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric Winebrenner

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April 2022
Item No. 7-j
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve an Agreement with Motorola to Purchase VESTA Call-taking Hardware for Linn County

BACKGROUND:

The Public Safety Communications Board approved the addition of Linn County to the Regional 911 System on April 20, 2022. The purchase of this equipment is part of the agreement for Linn County to join the MARC Regional 911 System. The equipment will be purchased and installed by MARC technicians at the newly constructed Public Safety Building in Mound City, KS.

The Regional 911 System currently serves the nine counties that are members of the Mid America Regional Council plus Atchison and Linn Counties in Kansas.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

As part of the agreement to join the MARC Regional 911 system, Linn County has agreed to reimburse MARC for the new VESTA Call-taking hardware.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$62,381.95
Source	911 Allocation Budget (Capital Projects)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Pass-Through	(Linn County) \$62,381.95

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Public Safety Communications Board approved the addition of Linn County to the regional 911 system and the approval of this purchase at the April 20, 2022, meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the agreement with Motorola to purchase VESTA Call-taking hardware for Linn County.

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric Winebrenner

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April 2022
Item No. 7-k
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a Contract Extension with Mike Parker through December 2022 for Emergency Services Support for the Regional COVID-19 Coordination Hub and Related Planning and Recovery Services

BACKGROUND:

Mike Parker began volunteering with MARC Emergency Services in March 2020 and was asked to serve as lead coordinator for the COVID-19 Regional Coordination Hub. Mr. Parker is a retired employee of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and has extensive experience in emergency management and large-scale FEMA disaster response efforts. He has a background and advanced degree in Emergency Health Care. MARC secured funding and entered into an agreement with Mr. Parker in the amount of \$105,000 in June 2020 to enable his continued services.

The Regional Public Health Testing and Contact Tracing Plan included standing up a Regional Coordination Hub for two purposes: (1) regional and local data analytical support to increase understanding of COVID-19 activity (testing activity, active cases, hospital use, availability of supplies/resources); and (2) to coordinate the deployment of testing teams to support and supplement efforts by local public health departments.

Staff requests approval to execute a contract amendment to extend Mr. Parker’s services through December 31, 2022. He will continue as the lead coordinator for the Regional COVID-19 Coordination Hub, and he will oversee transitions in the hub as the presence of the disease continues to decrease, with ongoing monitoring for changes in cases, hospitalizations, and other conditions. The analysis would change its focus to a more holistic view of lifelines as a measure of community health and well-being in consultation with the Health Care Coalition (HCC).

In addition, Mr. Parker will assist with a framework to lay out how regional health and medical emergency services can plan transitions from pandemic-related activities to more normal operations, including the capability to ramp up response if needed. This will include work to refine the Regional Action Plan based on lessons learned from the regional COVID-19 response over the last two years.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Funding for the additional work will be supported by the Missouri Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness ASPR grant (\$15,000) and Marion and Henry Bloch Charitable Foundation (\$48,000). This request will increase the contract by an amount not to exceed \$63,000 for work performed from April 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$63,000
Source	ASPR Grant and Bloch Charitable Foundation
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$63,000

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a contract amendment with Mike Parker in an amount not to exceed \$63,000 (total contract amount not to exceed \$168,000).

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STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel

Erin Lynch

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Item No. 7-l

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize Amendments to SFY 2022 Contracts and Approve SFY 2023 Contract Amounts and Rates for Selected Partners

BACKGROUND:

Existing partners require contract amendments to continue, or initiate, SFY 2022 work for home-delivered meals and information and referral.

Kanbe’s Markets needs a contract extension to finish SFY 2022, which includes operating a central meal re-pack and distribution facility as well as delivering meals (meal fulfillment).

Southeast Enterprises was selected as the SFY 2023 re-pack partner, and approval is required to initiate and test a partnership and operating model in preparation for a full transition on July 1, 2022.

Existing food providers/distributors, selected equipment providers, meal delivery partners, and other essential organizations are included in this request.

Under MARC’s Managed Services Network (MSN) integrated care initiative, a competitive RFQ was used to select TICO Productions, LLC., to help with a new outreach and messaging project that will better establish the image and messaging of the community-integrated health network for relevant stakeholders. This work will cross SFYs 2022 and 2023.

Finally, United Way 2-1-1 was selected to continue contract Information and Referral (call center) activities for MARC, but with the addition of one additional FTE position, to ensure that caller wait times are within acceptable ranges.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

**Title IIIC.2
Home-Delivered Meals**

Kanbe’s Markets (contract extension to complete SFY 2022 mid-May - June 30, 2022):

To provide meal re-packing and delivery, including a \$10/vehicle per pickup for loading bulk home-delivered meals.

Compensation

- a. In recognition of the start-up costs for KANBE’S, MARC will pay KANBE’S a monthly stipend of \$ 35,840 during Phase 1. The amount of the stipend is based on mutually agreed upon and well documented costs of the program as shown in the annualized budget in Appendix 4.
- b. At such time that services are expanded (Phase 2), MARC will pay KANBE’S based on a \$ 0.20 repackaging fee and \$1.50 per Meal for any Meals over 13,000 per month.

Total Increase to Value of Contract not to exceed \$53,760

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Southeast Enterprises (remaining SFY 2022-SFY 2023)

To provide frozen meal re-packing and ordering. Delivery partners will pick up from the Southeast warehouse, or bulk meals will be delivered to strategically placed freezer pods for last-mile fulfillment to clients.

Total price is \$176,259 - 191,955 (\$2,700.90/week X 52 weeks, or \$140,446.80; \$35,812 to 51,508 one-time startup), at 5,000 meals/week (260,000 annual meals), or \$0.68-\$0.74/meal 0.935-0.995/meal (out-years would exclude initial start-up costs).

Total Value of Contract \$191,955

MARC, existing fulfillment partners, and food sourcing partners (remaining SFY 2022-SFY 2023)

With Community Center Services partners, MARC will coordinate delivery of frozen meals to new clients, clients who are under integrated care contracts, and clients involved in special initiatives or programs.

Potential Total Value of Contracts \$2,000,000

Beginning March 1, 2022 (remaining SFY 2022-SFY 2023)

MARC’s Community Integrated Health Network

TICO Productions

Updated messaging is needed to better communicate the value and opportunity of MARC’s integrated care work, largely conducted under the auspices of the community-integrated health network that was titled the “MSN.” Improved messaging and identification of strengths of the network is expected to better align the work with the needs of health care organizations while outlining the benefits of the approach for community-based organizations.

TICO will interview key informants, make recommendations on messaging and images, and help to develop media and other products that support the community’s efforts to better align social care with health care.

Total Value of Contract not to exceed \$50,000

Beginning May 1, 2022 (remaining SFY 2022-SFY 2023)

Title III B

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL:

United Way of Greater Kansas City’s 2-1-1 call center handles contracted Information and Referral activities. Three call specialists, trained to assist older adults, conduct intake screens, make connections to community resources, and provide general information about aging successfully in the community. A third position is recommended for this cycle to keep wait times at a reasonable length.

United Way 2-1-1 of Greater KC

Total Value of Contract not to exceed \$163,209

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARC Commission on Aging recommended authorization to amend SFY 2022 contracts and approve SFY 2023 contract amounts and rates for selected partners as described above.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize amendments to SFY 2022 contracts and approve SFY 2023 contract amounts and rates for selected partners as described above.

AGENDA REPORT

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STAFF CONTACT:
James Stowe

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

April 2022
Item No. 7-m
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a Service Agreement with University of Missouri Kansas City to Assist Patients with Heart Failure

BACKGROUND:

MARC has partnered with a high-capacity implementation science team, housed at the University of Missouri Kansas City's Healthcare Institute on Innovations and Quality (HI-IQ), to provide whole-person social services to un- or underinsured individuals experiencing heart failure. The HI-IQ team is offering local hospitals an array of interventions that help to improve heart failure outcomes, including integrated care services under MARC's MSN model.

However, MARC is using federal Older Americans Act funds for these services, and eligibility typically begins at age 60. The HI-IQ team is using their own dollars to "purchase" services through the MSN for patients who are under 60, and who may be treated at hospitals in either Kansas or Missouri. This will allow for a more appealing package of interventions for participating hospitals and will increase the number of patients served under the initiative.

The HI-IQ team has committed to analyzing the results of this project as a demonstration of the efficacy of the MSN model on outcomes such as quality of life and health care utilization among individuals experiencing heart failure.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Curators of the University of Missouri	\$70,000
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$70,000

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Commission on Aging recommended execution of a service agreement with University of Missouri Kansas City to assist patients with heart failure.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize execution of service agreement with University of Missouri Kansas City to assist patients with heart failure.

STAFF CONTACT:

James Stowe

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

April 2022
Item No. 7-n
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize the Release of SFY 2023 National Family Caregiver Request for Proposals

BACKGROUND:

To strategically plan for the next program year, the Department of Aging and Adult Services and MARC Commission on Aging will develop a Requests for Proposals (RFP) for services to begin on July 1, 2022 and extend through June 2023.

Services include:

- National Family Caregiver Support Program
 - Caregiver Training and Support
 - Caregiver Information and Assistance

The RFP document will be released on Tuesday, May 3, 2022. Proposals submitted in response to these documents will be due to MARC no later than Friday, June 3, 2022.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARC Commission on Aging recommended authorization to release a SFY 2023 National Family Caregiver RFP.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize release of SFY 2023 National Family Caregiver RFP.

STAFF CONTACT:

James Stowe
Sarah Albin

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

April 2022
Item No. 7-o
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve a Contract with Brungardt Honomichl & Co. for Design Engineering and Construction Management Services to Support the Regional Preventive Maintenance Program

BACKGROUND:

MARC completed an open competitive procurement through the Request for Qualification (RFQ) process for design engineering and construction management support. The consulting engineer will aid MARC in completing the Missouri Regional Preventive Maintenance (RPM) program using Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) funds. Three firms submitted letters of qualifications:

- TranSystems
- Brungardt Honomichl & Co. (BHC)
- GBA Builders

Interviews were conducted and the winning consultant firms was selected by a small group of jurisdictions from the Missouri Surface Transportation Program (STP) Priorities Committee, MoDOT, and MARC. BHC was the winning consultant firm. The consultant procurement process followed the following dates:

Event	Date
Consultant solicitation	2/14/2022
Qualification letters received	3/4/2022
Consultant Interviews	3/18/2022

CRRSAA funds need to be expended by September 30, 2024. BHC will help MARC to qualify eligible local roadways for preventive maintenance activities addressing deferred maintenance needs before September's deadline.

Item	Fund Amount	Funding %
CRRSAA	\$ 8,393,333	100%
Preliminary Engineering/Construction Inspection	\$ 1,568,286	19.00%
MARC Project Administration	\$ 113,309	1.00%
Construction Balance	\$ 6,711,738	80.00%

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

MARC will contract with BHC for an amount not to exceed \$1,568,000 in Missouri CRRSAA funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a contract with BHC for design engineering and construction management services to complete preventive maintenance of pavements on area local roadways using Missouri CRRSAA funds.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ron Achelpohl

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

April 2022
Item No. 7-p
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve the 2022 2nd Quarter Amendment to the 2022-26 Transportation Improvement Program

BACKGROUND:

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the region's short-range program, identifying projects to receive federal funds and projects of regional significance to be implemented over the next three to five-year period. MARC amends the TIP on both a quarterly cycle and as needed to accommodate changes to projects in the TIP.

The proposed 2022 2nd Quarter Amendment to the 2022-26 Transportation Improvement Programs includes 14 projects:

- 5 new projects to be added, including but not limited to:
 - #280175 - K-32: Portland Cement Concrete Pavement (PCCP) Patching
 - #380214 - I-35: Bridge replacement at Pflumm Road
 - #380215 - US-69: Bridge replacement at Johnson Drive
 - #590314 - I-29: Bridge rehabilitation at Guinotte Avenue
 - #590315 - NW Barry Rd: Bridge rehabilitation at US-169
- 9 modified projects
 - Scope
 - Schedule
 - Budget

Details of these projects are available for review on the Internet at:

<http://www.marc.org/Transportation/Plans-Studies/Transportation-Plans-and-Studies/TIP/TIP-Amendment-Archive/Archive-assets/22Q2amend.aspx>

MARC's Public Involvement Plan requires that proposed amendments to the TIP be released for public review and comment prior to adoption. No comments from the public were received.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Active Transportation Programming Committee approved modifications to #259209, #259210, and #259211 at their meeting on February 9, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the 2022 2nd Quarter Amendment to the FFY 2022-2026 TIP.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marc Hansen

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April 2022

Item No. 7-q

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve Functional Classification System Updates

BACKGROUND:

Functional classification is the process by which streets and highways are organized according to how they move vehicles across our transportation network. This designation is based on factors such as roadway volume and speed limit, among other criteria established by the Federal Highway Administration. Functional classification is used in transportation planning, roadway design, and is one factor in determining if a roadway project is eligible to receive federal funds.

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Kansas City Region, MARC is responsible for developing and maintaining the Functional Classification system of roadways within its planning boundaries through coordination with local cities, counties, and departments of transportation. MARC follows an established schedule of two updates per year. Last fall MARC received 32 new requests for functional class changes.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

In some cases, functional classification determines the eligibility of roadways to receive federal funds, most notably the Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds that MARC's programming committees award every two years.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

MARC received a request for three functional classification changes in Edwardsville, Kansas. After KDOT expressed some concern about these changes the Highway Committee delayed consideration until KDOT could meet with Edwardsville. MARC staff facilitated a meeting and Edwardsville was able to ameliorate KDOT's concerns by providing the reasoning behind these changes as documented in an attachment. The committee reviewed and recommended approval of the requested functional classification changes on March 23, 2022.

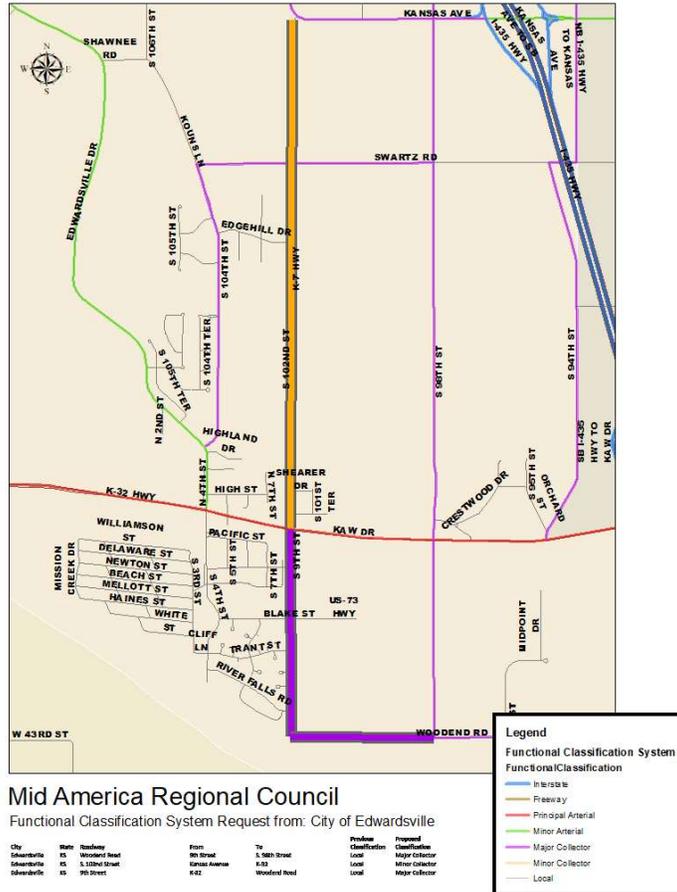
RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Functional Classification System changes as presented.

STAFF CONTACT:

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City	State	Roadway	From	To	Previous Classification	Proposed Classification
Edwardsville	KS	Woodend Road	9th Street	S. 98th Street	Local	Major Collector
Edwardsville	KS	S. 102nd Street	Kansas Avenue	K-32	Local	Minor Collector
Edwardsville	KS	9th Street	K-32	Woodend Road	Local	Major Collector



Explanation from the City of Edwardsville why the following streets should be classified as collectors:

- **Woodend Road** – from 9th Street to S. 98th Street – this segment of Woodend is part of the existing flow of residential and industrial traffic that accesses K-32 and I-435 via S. 9th Street and Woodend Road. The area is already built out with large industrial facilities with expansions and infill development possible in the industrial park.
- **S. 9th Street** – from Woodend to K-32 Hwy – as with the Woodend Road, S. 9th is already built to serve significant truck traffic to and from the industrial park. S. 9th is also 1 of only 3 City streets crossing the UP rail line and, therefore, required to function as a collector route.
- **S. 102nd Street** – from K-32 to Kansas Ave – Given Edwardsville’s limited street network north of K-32 due to terrain, 102nd Street must function as a collector to provide access to K-32, I-435 and I-70. It, 98th Street, and Edwardsville Drive/110th Street are the 3 main corridors available to serve Edwardsville north of K-32. During the Quiet Zone study for 102nd/9th Street just south of K-32, it was noted that 102nd Street north had over 1,000 cars per day in late 2020.