



Board of Directors MEETING NOTICE

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September 27, 2022

Board Member Meeting: 12:00 p.m.

In-person 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 Kerry Kudron at kkudron@marc.org by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 for instructions to join the teleconference.

AGENDA

1. Brief Self-Introductions
2. EFFECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
 - a. DISCUSSION: Inflation Reduction Act Opportunities and Impacts for the KC Region
 - b. DISCUSSION: Briefing on the 2023 State Policy Agenda
3. SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES
 - a. REPORT: Regional COVID-19 Response After Action Report
4. BRIEF REPORTS:
 - a. REPORT: Review the strategy for Aging and Adult Services' American Rescue Plan Act allocation
 - b. VOTE: Approve the 2022-2027 Regional Transportation Safety Plan
 - c. REPORT: Intergovernmental Watershed and Stormwater Management Initiatives:
 1. VOTE: Authorize an agreement with seven local government partners to administer and facilitate phase two of the of the Little Blue River Watershed Feasibility Study with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 2. VOTE: Authorize an agreement with local government partners and the American Public Works Association, and the acceptance of funds, to update regional stormwater management standards
5. Executive Director's Report

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

6. VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve Minutes of the August 23, 2022 Board Meeting
 - b. Authorize provision of fiscal management services for the 2022 NLC City Summit
 - c. Approve the 2023 Planning Sustainable Places funding recommendations
 - d. Approve Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program funding recommendations
 - e. Approve comments on proposed Federal Highway Administration Greenhouse Gas Performance Rule
 - f. Approve the Civil Rights Act Title VI Anti-Discrimination Policy Statement and Assurance



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- g. Authorize a contract with a consulting firm to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate potential new green infrastructure finance tools
- h. Authorize MARC to contract with selected aging assessors
- i. Authorize a renewal contract to provide direct services for Missouri Adult Protective Services clients
- j. Authorize a renewal provider agreement with the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs for the Veterans Directed Care program
- k. Authorize Request for Proposals for respite services for qualified in-home service providers
- l. Authorize an amendment to Jewish Family Services agreement to accommodate new participant screening and recruitment activities
- m. Accept a proposal from BG Consultants to replace a retaining wall at the Thomas Roque Early Education Center building
- n. Approve a contract for classroom technology upgrades and a contract to expand outdoor play activities at two Head Start facilities
- o. Authorize a grant application to the Missouri Response Commission to support the Missouri region A Urban Local Emergency Planning District
- p. Authorize an application and acceptance of a Health Forward Foundation grant to support local public health departments with communications planning and other cooperative projects around opioid use
- q. Approve maintenance contracts with Graybar for three 911 communications tower sites
- r. Authorize an application and acceptance of funds for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning grant from the Kansas Department of Emergency Management for regional emergency services.

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 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.

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MARC Board of Directors

September 2022
Item No. 2a
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

DISCUSSION: Inflation Reduction Act Opportunities and Impacts for the KC Region

BACKGROUND:

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA), enacted on August 16, 2022, authorizes \$499 billion in new spending and tax reductions to be offset by \$738 billion in health savings and new revenues including taxes and fees. This law is wide-ranging, with provisions addressing climate and energy, tax policy and health care.

Several national organizations focused on state and local government issues have prepared useful summaries of the IRA. The National Association of Counties (NACO) has prepared a detailed assessment, available here: <https://www.naco.org/resources/legislative-analysis-counties-inflation-reduction-act#link-1>. Analysis by the National Conference of State Legislatures is available here: <https://www.ncsl.org/Portals/1/Documents/NCSL/NCSL-Summary-Inflation-Reduction-Act.pdf>.

Major provisions for counties and local governments identified in NACO's analysis include:

- Allows counties to elect for direct pay in lieu of certain clean energy tax credits
- Extends Affordable Care Act (ACA) premium subsidies to 2025
- Caps annual out-of-pocket cost of prescription drugs for Medicare beneficiaries each year at \$2,000
- Provides \$5.95 billion to support the nation's farmers, ranchers and foresters
- Provides \$4 billion to the Bureau of Reclamation to award grants to counties and others responsible for water conservation to mitigate the impacts of drought in the West
- Establishes a \$3 billion Environmental Justice Block Grant Program within the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Invests \$27 billion in a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund at EPA to provide financial assistance to counties to support projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Provides \$350 million to the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council's environment review improvement fund to streamline and expedite the federal permitting process

Staff will provide a high-level summary of the key provisions of the IRA at the meeting and will encourage Board discussion on how MARC can help area local governments leverage its opportunities to advance progress for a stronger Kansas City region through leadership, planning and action.

Potential discussion questions:

- What elements of this new legislation are of most interest to you?
- What activities are underway in your jurisdictions or in the region that may be impacted by the IRA?
- What challenges have the new federal programs in ARPA, BIL and IRA created for your cities and counties?
- Where should MARC staff and committees focus efforts to leverage these new programs for the benefit of the region?

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

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COMMITTEE ACTION:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts the entire Kansas City region.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACTS:

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AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2022
Item No. 2b
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

DISCUSSION: Briefing on the 2023 State Policy Agenda

BACKGROUND:

Each year for many years, the MARC Board has adopted a state policy agenda. The adopted policy has allowed the organization the ability to address specific legislation or proposed rules that might affect the Kansas City region. MARC does not lobby directly for specific bills in the legislatures, but often works with community partners to share information with state officials to help inform decision-making.

For 2023, the policy agenda has been reformatted to align with MARC's budget and work plan goals, and positions are stated more generally to provide general guidance. These areas include:

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places
Healthy Environment
Thriving Older Adults and Communities
Safe and Secure Communities
Quality Early Learning
Competitive Economy
Effective Local Government

ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION: The MARC Board is asked to provide input in the development of the 2023 state policy agenda.

- Are there specific issues that should be included in the policy agenda?
- Are the suggested issues and statements appropriate or how might they be modified?
- Are there priorities among the issues?

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The 2023 Policy Agenda impacts the entire Kansas City metropolitan region.

RECOMMENDATION:

None at this time. Will recommend adoption of State Policy Agenda in October.

STAFF CONTACT:

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2023 STATE POLICY AGENDA FOR MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Draft for Review

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

MARC's role is to advance regional plans for a safe, balanced and equitable transportation system. MARC prepares a Long-Range Transportation Plan every 5 years to guide the investment of federal, state and local funds. In 2022, MARC worked with state and local government and transit operators to program the use of over \$100 million in federal transportation funds for transportation projects and plans to create vibrant places. Other plans address transportation safety, active transportation, and transportation equity. MARC supports the operations of a regional traffic signal system, Operation Green Light, helped small Missouri communities with a pavement overlay project, and supports residents with transportation through Rideshare.

- **Funding:** Maintain existing funding programs to address the state growing transportation needs and ensure that the Kansas City region receives appropriate resources as a major economic hub for both states.
 - Existing resources include motor fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees to support highway needs in Missouri. Expanded funding for multimodal needs including public transit, ports and freight, bicycle and pedestrian safety. Preserve and strengthen the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program in Kansas to address multi-modal needs. Recognize that projects previously approved for funding may need additional resources due to rising material and labor costs.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Encourage adoption of fuel-efficient and zero-emission vehicles to improve air quality and increase climate resilience. (Recommendations from Connected KC 2050 and the Climate Action Plans)
- **Safety:** Support transportation safety legislation and regulations to:
 - Ensure safe driving practices by restricting use of wireless phones and texting for drivers of all ages.
 - Enact primary seat belt laws, safety measures for transit operators, speed limits on highways to reduce crashes and fatalities, and helmet use for ATV and motorcycle riders, particularly those under 18 years of age.
- **New and Emerging Technologies:** Enable safe and effective deployment of autonomous and connected vehicles.
 - Policies and regulations should promote local innovation, maintain the integrity of local transportation systems, and be compatible with adjoining states.

HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

MARC's role is to develop and implement initiatives that help keep the region's air and water clean, reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills, protect and conserve green infrastructure, advance energy efficiency and renewable energy, and catalyze climate resilience.

Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy

- Encourage greater investment in energy conservation, renewable energy and energy efficient technologies.
- Encourage investments in energy efficient housing and building energy retrofits through strategies such as green banks, lender education programs, and utility partnerships.

Solid Waste and Recycling

- Continue support for solid waste management districts and committees in order to protect local government rights to develop and implement local and regional integrated solid waste management systems and strategies, including waste disposal and materials diversion facilities and services, which are designed to protect human health and the environment and to maximize waste reduction and diversion.
- Avoid legislation to preempt or erode the ability of local governments to address solid waste challenges such as plastic bag bans, bag fees, and other waste management policies without involvement by local governments in drafting legislation and when such legislation would create a more effective and beneficial statewide program.
- Ensure that those who manufacture, design, consume or sell products are also responsible for minimizing the product's environmental impact throughout all stages of the products' life cycle, including end of life management (Product Stewardship).

Water Resource Protection/Climate Adaptation/Hazard Mitigation

- Encourage the development of state and local plans and support investments in infrastructure to build climate and economic resilience and to ensure that residents and businesses are protected from the risk of loss of life or damage to property due to more extreme weather conditions.
- Encourage use of electric vehicles, public transportation and active transportation to reduce carbon emissions.
- Expand green infrastructure, native landscaping, tree plantings and local food production to reduce stormwater runoff and urban heat islands, protect water resources and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Air Quality

- Support the Kansas City region's efforts to reduce ozone and fine particulate matter (PM2.5) pollution and maintain its status as a Clean Air region.

SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES

MARC's role is to manage ongoing operation, maintenance and state-of-the-art enhancement of the regional 911 system, and coordination of the region's interoperable communications system. Help strengthen the region's emergency services and homeland security capabilities to prevent, protect, prepare, respond and recover with coordinated plans and high-quality training, exercises, technology and specialized equipment.

911: Support the ability of local communities to work together to maintain local control of the 911 system and 911 taxes for both wireline and wireless communications.

- o The Kansas City metropolitan region has built a high quality 911 emergency call system, with state-of-the-art equipment, trained call-takers, efficient use of resources to upgrade, maintain and operate the system.

Public Health: Continue to support funding to local public health agencies and avoid limitations to local capabilities to respond to disease or other public health emergencies.

- o Local public health services are critical to healthy residents and communities. While each local public health department offers different programs and support based on the needs of their service area, all public health focus on disease prevention and spread and health education.

Emergency Medical Services:

- Consider Medicaid reimbursement for EMS services to more closely match Medicare payments.
- Support regulations that enable EMS agencies to ensure quality Trauma and Time Critical Diagnosis programs, and that personnel are supported in their stressful work environment and that programs designed to ensure quality pre-hospital emergency care are designed for the Kansas City region's work environment.
- Support EMS agencies to establish Community Paramedic programs to improve care to patients in their homes, reduce the need for costly transports and save scarce hospital emergency room resources.
 - o EMS agencies in the Kansas City area work closely with one another, both within their home state and across the state line. EMS agencies rely on public and private insurance payments to cover operating costs.

988/Opioid Settlement/Mental Health

- Support the full implementation of the essential elements of an integrated crisis system, including the 988 call centers, mobile crisis response teams and crisis stabilization facilities.
 - o The national 988 program launched on July 1, 2022, and agencies across the nation, including in Kansas and Missouri, are answering more calls in response to suicide and behavioral health crisis.

- Focus opioid settlement and federal resources to reduce deaths from opioids and heroin by expanding behavioral health services for children, youth and adults and implementing harm reduction programs.
 - The number of suicides and overdoses from opioids continues to increase.

Medicaid: Authorize the expansion of Medicaid in Kansas and fully implement the authorized expansion in Missouri to allow access to federal funding, helping communities maintain and provide critical services for their residents.

- Municipal hospitals and emergency medical services (EMS) are challenged in meeting their communities' needs.

Homeland Security: Grant local governments maximum flexibility and discretion over implementation of monies and strategies regarding homeland security.

- First responders at the local level serve as the front-line defense in the prevention and response to terrorism and other security risks.

THRIVING OLDER ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES

MARC's role is to strengthen support systems for the region's most vulnerable residents, including older adults and underserved populations and create communities that support healthy living and active lifestyles for all residents. MARC serves as the Area Agency on Aging for the five Missouri counties, receiving Older American Act funds to support services, including home delivered and congregate meals, transportation, in-home services, information and referral and minor home modifications. In addition, MARC supports a Community Support Network helping patients with assessments to understand their needs for specific services such as meals and transportation to improve their health outcomes. MARC implements nutrition incentive programs to help individuals and families maximize the use of SNAP resources by purchasing fresh produce.

Funding for Older Adult Programs: Provide additional funding and flexibility for regional and local agencies to respond to specific needs within their service areas.

- The increasing number of older adults, including the number of vulnerable and frail older adults requiring services to remain in the community. If funded, the Missouri Senior Services Growth and Development Program will be used by Area Agencies on Aging to support the infrastructure and technology needed to scale programs and services to the growing population that is impossible under other, heavily regulated funding sources. A funding cliff is anticipated after federal Covid relief dollars are exhausted.

Maintain Programs for Older Adults: Restore programs important to older adult health and well-being that have been demonstrated to be effective.

- Missouri had a RX Program offering assistance to older adults where their health insurance coverage was inadequate to meet their prescription costs. The program was reduced, and while some funding has been restored, this program has been important to many vulnerable older adults. Kansas offers a Rural Transportation Program through KDOT, which helps older adults with essential support in securing services.

Food Security:

- Continue to support enrollment in the federal SNAP and WIC programs to enable low-income families and seniors to afford healthy food.
- Missouri should continue strong support of statewide home-delivered meals infrastructure enhancements.

Community Health Workers:

- Support expansion of the use of Community Health Workers (CHW), (front-line workers that are part of a health care team) by health care organizations to help patients with chronic diseases address social determinants of health and improve their health outcomes.
- Support the reimbursement of CHW services by Medicaid.

EFFECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MARC's role is to provide high quality training and technical assistance services to local governments and develop collaborative efforts and shared services to help cities and counties work more efficiently and effectively. Emerging issues for cooperation among local government and community leadership are affordable housing and broadband/digital equity.

Local Government Authority and Finances:

- Address needs of the Kansas City region by allocating American Rescue Plan (ARP) and other Federal COVID Relief Funds with attention to supporting regional projects and programs that most efficiently administer resources across jurisdictional boundaries
- Maintain home rule authority for local governments
 - Local governments provide critical infrastructure and services to residents and businesses. Their ability to budget for, and make effective use of tax and other resources, should not be limited by state regulation. As state governments consider the allocation of federal funds, the needs of the Kansas City metro area should be considered. The Kansas City area is an economic hub for both states.

Affordable Housing:

- Support policy and innovative strategies to achieve safe, stable and attainable housing
- Enable local jurisdictions to dedicate public funds to support the development, rehabilitation and preservation of attainable housing

- Support the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program for the acquisition, rehabilitation and construction of rental housing for lower-income households
- Support policy and innovative strategies that lower the cost of housing through energy efficiency and transportation improvements.
 - A sufficient supply of attainable and diverse housing types is critical for robust workforce and economic development. Increasing housing costs limit opportunities and create economic burdens for many metro area households.

Broadband/Digital Access

- Support investments by state broadband offices in the use of federal funds to ensure that the Kansas City region, including urban, suburban and rural areas have high quality broadband infrastructure.
- Support investments by state broadband offices in the use of federal funds to support digital access to low-income households for education, employment, telehealth, civic engagement and social interaction through support for devices, internet connections, and digital training.
 - Business, education, health care, local government and other community leaders recognize the importance of internet access and meaningful use by all residents. The pandemic heightened the need for access and support for adults and families.

QUALITY EARLY LEARNING

The Greater Kansas City Regional Early Learning System is comprised of interconnected components that converge to help young children thrive. MARC's role is to provide leadership and coordination for a robust early learning system centered on strong families, quality programs, qualified workforce, and a supportive community context.

- **Strong Families:** Increase access to evidence-based home visitation programs.
- **Quality Programs:** Reduce barriers to childcare subsidy access and increase childcare subsidy reimbursement rates.
- **Qualified Workforce:** Support strategies to develop a pipeline of human capital, including recruitment, retention, and increased funding to support higher compensation.
- **Supportive Community Context:** Maintain existing funding and work to secure future funding to protect critical investments in early learning programs.

COMPETITIVE ECONOMY

MARC's role is to help lead regional partnerships to enhance the performance of the metropolitan economy and expand inclusive economic opportunity, focusing on workforce development systems, postsecondary educational attainment, and producing data and analysis for economic recovery and resiliency efforts. MARC works closely with KC Rising, a partnership of the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City, KC Area Development Council, the KC Chamber and MARC. MARC convenes two regional groups quarterly – the Regional Workforce Intelligence Network (RWIN) composed of workforce and economic development professionals and GradForce KC composed of K-12 and post-secondary education and workforce professionals.

Education & Post-Secondary Opportunities

- The Kansas City region is fortunate to have high quality two and four-year colleges and universities. It is important that the states continue to invest in the region's higher education institutions so that we produce the talent needed to support economic growth and help residents achieve economic success.
- Support funding and requirements of Access Missouri and Missouri A+ Scholars programs to ensure that low-income students can better afford post-secondary education.
- Support legislation to allow qualifying students to seek state financial aid for college courses taken prior to high school graduation, and support policy changes that would simplify the current process for certifying teachers to teach these dual credit courses and improve access by removing geographic restrictions.
- Support measures to assist and incentivize competency-based education including the Real World Learning model being piloted in the greater Kansas City area, development of career pathways, internships and apprenticeships aligned to local workforce needs, and dedicated funding for career and technical center cooperatives and innovation centers.

Workforce Development

Continue to provide support for apprenticeship offices to assist employers in employing and training workers to earn while learning, enabling them to progress toward careers with good paying jobs

- Support a statewide adult learner network and scholarship support for adults to pursue credentials from two- and four-year institutions and fill in-demand jobs
- Support state funding for programs that help increase apprenticeships, workplace readiness, adult education, and workforce certification programs.
- Support policies to make the state and the greater Kansas City region more attractive and accessible to the immigrant workforce
- Support increased access to childcare for working families
- Support workforce training, re-entry programs and other criminal justice initiatives that encourage returning citizens and other at-risk citizens to become employed
- Support measures to expand bistate training, certification, reciprocity and credentialing opportunities.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2022
Item No. 3a
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

REPORT: Regional COVID-19 Response After Action Report

BACKGROUND:

The Regional COVID-19 Response After Action Report was developed to identify strengths, areas for improvement, best practices and lessons learned from the regional response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The report was coordinated by the Multi-Agency Coordination Group (MACG), established by the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee (RHSCC). This report builds on the Interim After Action Report (AAR) that was completed for activity from July 31, 2020, through March 31, 2022, when Kansas and Missouri transitioned from pandemic response to endemic response. However, COVID-19 response and recovery actions in the region continue.

This AAR reviews the regional response in five areas that correspond to the objectives of the MACG: Operational Coordination, Information Sharing/Situational Awareness, Resource Support and Coordination, Public Information and Messaging, and Recovery. To solicit feedback from the various participants in the regional response to COVID-19, surveys were developed, distributed, and analyzed. The survey results were shared with the appropriate Regional Multiagency Coordination System teams and meetings were held with each group to identify strengths and areas for improvement. Key findings will be summarized and shared with the MARC Board of Directors.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee reviewed the draft report at its meeting on August 31, 2022.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Several jurisdictions, agencies, and organizations within the nine counties of the MARC bi-state region, and the northern/southern district of the Region A MARC Health Care Coalition, participated in the COVID-19 regional response and AAR. These include public health departments (18), hospitals (35), emergency management, emergency medical services (EMS), long term care, home care, hospice, Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD), Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD), Medical Reserve Corps of Greater Kansas City (MRCKC), and other organizations. In addition, several state and federal partners participated in the regional response coordination.

EXHIBITS:

The full AAR report is available online with presentation documents for the Board meeting: <https://www.marc.org/event/marc-board-directors>

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

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AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

Month 2022
Item No. 4a
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

REPORT: Review the spending strategy for Aging and Adult Services' American Rescue Plan Act allocation

BACKGROUND:

Under the American Rescue Plan Act, Area Agencies on Aging received an allocation of funding that was distributed by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. MARC's allocation was slightly more than \$4 million.

MARC staff worked with a group of community leaders to identify potential strategies that:

- advanced the department's goals under the Area Plan.
- responsibly allocated the funding to areas that could see progress and impact before funding expiration.
- would otherwise be difficult to fund using more regular allocations.

The identified four strategic areas include:

- Strengthen service lines
- Increase technological capacity
- Implement diverse, equitable and inclusive outreach
- Innovate in integrated care

A synopsis of the plan is attached and will be briefly presented at the MARC Board meeting. The Commission on Aging reviewed and commented upon the plan. This item is a summary only. Specific funding decisions will later be recommended by the Commission on Aging and authorized by the MARC Board.

The department anticipates spending 50% of the allocation in state fiscal year 2023 and the remaining 50% in state fiscal year 2024.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$4,027,013
Source	American Rescue Plan Act
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	TBD
Contractual	TBD
Pass-Through	TBD
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	TBD

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

MARC's planning and service area for Older Americans Act funding includes Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties.

EXHIBITS:

A power point with a synopsis of the plan can be located at: (insert link)

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MARC Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

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MARC Board of Directors

September 2022

Item No. 4b

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve the 2022-2027 Regional Transportation Safety Plan

BACKGROUND:

The [Regional Transportation Safety Plan](#) provides guidance to the Destination Safe Coalition and other regional partners regarding transportation safety priorities and strategies in the Kansas City area, including all MARC member counties as well as additional counties within MoDOT's Kansas City District. The plan uses a data-driven process to focus attention on the most significant factors that contribute to crashes, fatalities, and serious injuries. It promotes a multidisciplinary approach through proven strategies to reduce crashes, fatalities, and serious injuries over the life of the plan.

The Destination Safe Leadership Team adopted the new plan in July 2022. This is the fifth edition of the regional safety plan and differs from earlier versions in a few ways:

- The plan is presented as an online document with interactive content and data visualizations at <https://www.marc.org/transportation-safety-plan-2022-2027>
- The plan updates and refines emphasis areas for the coalition, including:
 - Seat belt use
 - Speeding
 - Impaired driving
 - Distracted driving
 - Pedestrians
 - Intersections
- The plan includes updated strategies to achieve zero roadway deaths in the Kansas City region by 2050, with recommendations and resources for:
 - Education strategies
 - Engineering strategies
 - Local government strategies, and
 - Measuring progress

This plan supports the Connected KC 2050 regional transportation plan's public health and safety goal to "foster healthy communities and individuals by providing safe and secure places to live, walk, bike, ride the bus and drive with clean air to breathe".

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The Regional Transportation Safety Plan benefits the entire metropolitan area.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Destination Safe Coalition developed this plan and voted for its approval on July 27, 2022. The Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) approved the plan on September 20, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the 2022-2027 Regional Transportation Safety Plan.

AGENDA REPORT

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MARC Board of Directors

September 2022

Item No. 4c-1

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an agreement with seven local government partners to administer and facilitate phase two of the Little Blue River Watershed Feasibility Study with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

BACKGROUND:

The Little Blue River Watershed is a 224 square-mile watershed, comprised of 12 jurisdictions with Kansas City, Missouri, Jackson County, Lee's Summit, and Independence making up 81% of the land area in the watershed. The watershed includes many substantial regional assets, including Longview and Blue Springs Lakes, and important recreational and habitat values tied to the Little Blue Trace Trail. Significant challenges in the watershed exist include flooding, water quality, sedimentation in the lakes, and erosion in the banks and bed of the main stem of the Little Blue and its tributaries.

Given the substantial historic federal investment in the watershed, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers received congressional authorization and appropriations to launch a watershed feasibility study. The study will evaluate the causes and dynamics of identified problems, evaluate, and prioritize alternative solutions. Once the study is completed, the Corps would work with local communities to implement solutions, with a cost share rate of 65%/35% (federal/local). Study goals articulated to date include:

- Long-term viability of federal infrastructure investments
- Reliable flood protection along the Little Blue River and its tributaries
- Stable tributary channels, riverbanks and bed elevation, and
- Natural habitat and ecosystem protection and restoration

In June 2021, the MARC Board approved of MARC serving as the formal study sponsor on behalf of participating communities and entering into a Federal Cost Share Agreement with the Corps. In this role, MARC administers and manages the project, and facilitate discussions among the Corps and participating communities. Participating communities will contribute the required 50% of project costs through a formula based on the percentage of land area in the watershed attributable to each community. Participating communities currently include Blue Springs, Independence, Jackson County, Kansas City, Missouri, Grandview, Lee's Summit and Raytown.

The overall project is estimated to cost three million dollars. Given the initial uncertainty regarding the details of overall project scope and cost, communities agreed to collaborate in an initial project phase to clarify the project's scope and budget. Total phase one costs were \$70,000. Local communities contributed a total of \$45,000, of which \$25,000 were matched by federal resources; MARC retain \$20,000 for administration, project management and facilitation. This process was completed by the end of the first quarter in 2022.

Phase two of the project is expected to launch in October 2022. The scope of work defined during phase one in collaboration with local partners, will guide project activities. The total of local contributions for phase two is anticipated to be \$1,455,000, leveraging \$1,475,000 of federal funds. (Note: Should any communities elect not to participate, total local and federal contributions may decline accordingly.) MARC will retain \$70,000 for project administration, management, and facilitation for phase two of the study, which is expected to be completed in March 2025.

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BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$45,000 (Phase one)
	\$1,397,989 (Phase two)
	\$57,011 (in-kind match)
Source	Local community contributions
Amount	\$25,000 (Phase one)
	\$1,475,000 (Phase two)
Source	Federal contribution through USACE
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$20,000 (Phase one)
	\$70,000 (Phase two)
Contractual	
Pass-Through	\$25,000 (Phase one)
	\$1,327,989 (Phase two)
Local in-kind match	\$57,011(Phase two)
Federal match	\$25,000 (Phase one)
	\$1,475,000 (Phase two)

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Seven Missouri jurisdictions will participate in phase two of this effort, including: Blue Springs, Grandview, Independence, Kansas City, Jackson County, Lee's Summit, and Raytown. Belton participated in phase one of the study and elected not to participate in phase two.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an agreement with seven local government partners, to administer and facilitate phase two of the Little Blue River Watershed Feasibility Study with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, accept funds for project administration, and the transfer of funds to the US Army Corps of Engineers in accordance with the Federal Cost Share Agreement.

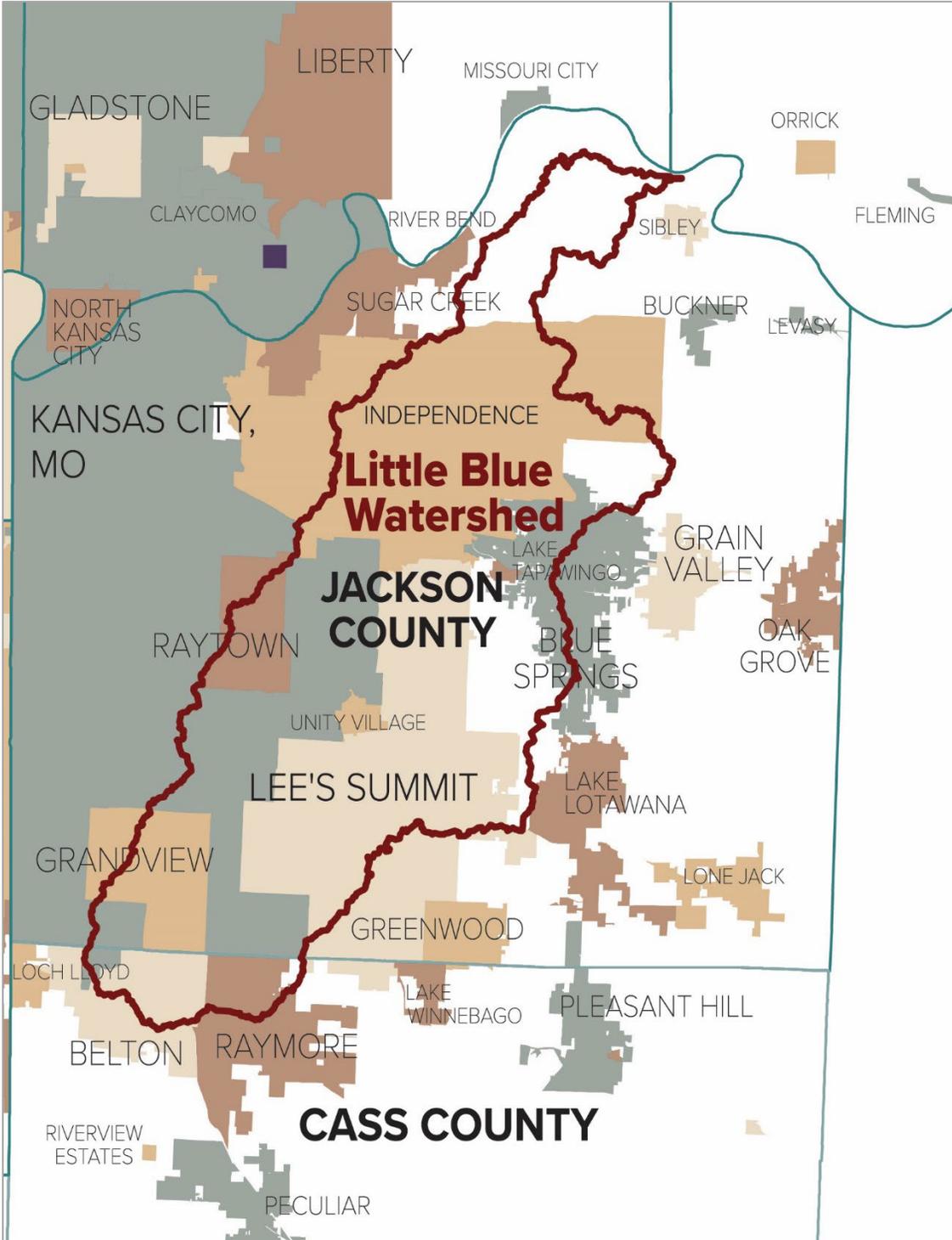
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MARC Board of Directors

Map of Little Blue River Watershed



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MARC Board of Directors

September 2022
Item No. 4c-2
Healthy Environment

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an agreement with local government partners and the American Public Works Association, and the acceptance of funds, to update regional stormwater management standards

BACKGROUND:

In October 2021, the Executive Committee of the American Public Works Association (APWA) Kansas City Chapter accepted the recommendation from the Sustainable Stormwater Task Force to update regional stormwater engineering standards (“APWA Section 5600”) and the accompanying Manual of Best Management Practices to Protect Water Quality (MARC/APWA BMP Manual). The last major update was completed in 2005. Area jurisdictions typically adopt APWA standards with local waivers or variances as needed.

The Sustainable Stormwater Task Force met during 2020 - 2021. Members included 33 public and private sector leaders in the field. The group’s recommendations were based upon a vision that “resilient stormwater management uses a sustainable watershed management approach that manages risk, enhances value for all, and stewards natural ecosystems.” All group members concurred that the practice of stormwater management has evolved significantly since 2005. Changes in technology, data and modeling are coupled with the need to address new issues, from integrated watershed management to climate resilience and environmental justice.

The exact scope of work will depend on available funding and will be developed by MARC with the technical and steering committees. It is anticipated that the scope will, at a minimum:

- create a set of stormwater standards that are more adaptable
- combine water quantity and quality design standards
- include development and redevelopment standards
- address resiliency and sustainability by promoting more holistic system evaluations
- update rainfall standards and other appropriate hydrology methods
- increase the level of hydrology and hydraulic evaluation requirements
- reduce the existing subjectivity in technical assumptions
- provide more natural system design criteria, and
- improve the evaluation of stormwater detention requirements for increased value.

The project will be overseen by technical advisory and steering committees comprised of local government subject matter experts and decision-makers. MARC will provide project management and facilitation services, including managing the procurement process for consulting services. Opportunities for stakeholder engagement for developers, environmental organizations, planners, public health experts, community-based organizations and more will be created throughout the process to ensure that the final products are responsive to community needs and interests.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$790,000
Source	APWA \$50,000 Local government contributions \$740,000
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$114,000
Contractual	\$671,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	5,000

Note: The amount of MARC administrative/management fees will be negotiated with project committees. MARC will work to secure new grant revenues to offset project management costs. The overall cost of the project is estimated to range from \$750,000 - \$1,250,000. Some local governments have indicated that they may be able to contribute additional funds as the project advances.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts the entire metropolitan region of Kansas City. Kansas jurisdictions expected to provide funding support for the initiative include Bonner Springs, Gardner, Johnson County, Leawood, Lenexa, Merriam, Miami County, Mission, Prairie Village, Unified Government, Westwood and Westwood Hills. Contributing partners in Missouri include Blue Springs, Excelsior Springs, Gladstone, Grandview, Independence, Kansas City, Liberty, North Kansas City, Parkville, and Riverside. The APWA will also contribute funds toward the effort.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an agreement with approximately twenty-two local government partners and with the American Public Works Association (APWA) to update regional stormwater management standards and approaches. Authorize the acceptance of approximately \$740,000 in funds from local governments and \$50,000 from APWA to implement these projects.

STAFF CONTACT:

Tom Jacobs

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2022
Item No. 6a

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve minutes of the August 23, 2022 Board meeting

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the August 23, 2022 meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the August 23, 2022 meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm

Kerry Kudron



BOARD OF
DIRECTORS
MEETING SUMMARY
August 23, 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 Pro Tem Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, Mo. - MARC Board Treasurer
Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, Mo. - MARC Board Secretary
Mayor Curt Skoog, Overland Park, Kan.
Mayor Eric Mikkelson, Prairie Village, Kan.
Mayor Kristofer Turnbow, City of Raymore
Commissioner Jeff Culbertson, Leavenworth County, Kan.
Commissioner Rob Roberts, Miami County, Kan.
Councilmember Heather Hall, Kansas City, Mo.
Mayor Tyrone Garner, Unified Government of WyCo/KCK
Commissioner Becky Fast, Johnson County, Kan.
Councilmember Logan Heley, Overland Park, Kan.
Mayor Michael Boehm, Lenexa, Kan.
Councilmember Eric Bunch, Kansas City, Mo.
Auditor Victor Hurlbert, Clay County, Mo.
Councilmember Holly Grummert, Overland Park, Kan.
Mayor/CEO Tyrone Garner, Unified Government of Wyandotte/Kansas City, Kan.
Mayor Rick Walker, DeSoto, Kan.
Mayor Mike McDonough, Raytown, Mo.

STAFF PRESENT

Executive Director David Warm and other MARC staff

OTHERS

Tim Cowden, President/ CEO of KC Area Development Council

INTRODUCTIONS AND BOARD SHARING TIME

Commissioner Harold Johnson, Jr., called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and welcomed attendees. Due to the hybrid meeting, 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.

COMPETITIVE ECONOMY

REPORT: Regional Cooperation to Secure New Panasonic Battery Facility in DeSoto, Kansas

Mr. Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, introduced Mr. Tim Cowden, President and CEO and the Kansas City Area Development Council (KCADC). Mr. Cowden shared that the new Panasonic battery facility planned for DeSoto was a regional effort. The facility will create thousands of jobs, indirect jobs and construction jobs. Kansas Lieutenant Governor David Toland generated a coalition of jurisdictions willing to make this project work. The regional cooperation has been impressive.

Mayor Rick Walker echoed Mr. Cowden's comment that it has been a large, collaborative effort. DeSoto is a fairly small community so a proposal of this scale is not typically something they could approach on their own. KCADC, the county, the state and the Department of Commerce stepped up to assist with any needs along the way to meet a common goal that will benefit the region.

Commissioner Becky Fast from Johnson County shared that they had to allow DeSoto to annex the project and there were additional steps along the way. Mr. Cowden added that you need to utilize the right individuals from the county in order for DeSoto and the state to move forward.

Mr. Cowden stated that the incentives mattered and that the state of Kansas moved quickly. The search for the new Panasonic site started with 13 states, and then it was narrowed down to three. KCADC asked what they could do organizationally to help things move along. Other states did not do so well in their processes and were eliminated. Mr. Cowden shared how proud he was of everyone working together and acknowledged that there is a lot of work to do.

Commissioner Johnson asked about the related incentives. Mr. Cowden explained that the state of Kansas came up with new legislation, investing \$829 million over 12 years, depending on how the company performs. There is a lot of scrutiny around it but, in Mr. Cowden's opinion, it is necessary and, in time, this will prove to be a great investment.

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick asked if the location on the former Sunflower ammunition site factored in positively or negatively in the final decision. Mr. Walker said it was more likely a hurdle due to requiring environmental cleanup and that was an issue that needed to be worked through—to provide evidence that the site had been declared clean and was ready for development. Mr. Cowden concurred that the environmental history of a site was more of a perception than a reality, and he added that being so close to Kansas City was a positive.

Commissioner Becky Fast commented that she noticed Panasonic has strong sustainability goals and wondered if they had interest in working with MARC to adopt the Climate Action Plan goals. Mr. Cowden stated that they considered multiple factors, including the Kansas City region's sustainability plans.

Mayor Walker shared that they have been in discussion with the site selection committee regarding the availability of affordable housing. Due to DeSoto's location, employees should have plenty of housing options in surrounding areas.

Councilmember Heather Hall of Kansas City, Missouri, asked what the estimated average worker wage would be, and Mr. Cowden stated about \$50,000 is what they believe at this time. Mayor Walker shared that the local development agreement for the City of DeSoto requires a certain average salary level in order to receive incentives. It requires that for every taxed public dollar, there are three dollars of private investment as a match. They are confident that they are not financing someone else's operation. The project will receive 100% sales tax exemption during the construction phase. Mr. Cowden stated that the APEX legislation will sunset in a couple of terms if it is not continued. This project will elevate the Kansas City brand, along with other organizations like Oracle and the World Cup. This will drive other companies to take a closer look at Kansas City, as well as be a driver for people moving to the region for opportunities.

Councilmember Eric Bunch of Kansas City, Missouri, asked about the source of the \$829 million incentive from the state over 12 years. Mr. Cowden stated that it is from income taxes and sales taxes.

EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION AND QUALITY PLACES

DISCUSSION: 2023 Transportation Planning Work Program Development

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a core planning product that is updated annually. It includes everything that federal transportation funds are used for, as well as state-funded initiatives. This is developed cooperatively with KDOT, MoDOT, KCATA and other transit agencies and partners.

- Major activities for 2023:
 - 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program
 - Initiate Connected KC 2050 Update
 - Public Participation Plan Update
 - Performance measures and target-setting
 - Address new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law metropolitan planning requirements
 - 2024 UPWP

These are being conducted within the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and there will be some new provisions due to the Inflation Reduction Act.

Other plans and studies include:

- MARC: Freight, Electric Vehicles, Climate Resilience, Housing, Travel Model, Special Studies
- KCATA: East-West Transit Corridor Study, Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant, Restoration of Services Planning Grant
- MoDOT 1-29/I-35 PEL Study (continued), District Traffic Studies
- KCMO: US 71 Reconnecting Neighborhoods (RAISE)

Mr. Achelpohl shared that they are in the early stages of developing the work plan and presented a timeline over the next few months. Mr. Achelpohl asked the MARC Board, of these initial planning initiatives, are there any that should receive priority attention for the region? Are there new developments, local planning objectives or other expected activities that should be added to the planning program?

Councilmember Heather Hall said that it is important to consider passenger access to the new KCI Terminal, and she concurred with Mr. Achelpohl who said that effort will be given to broadening both passenger and workforce access to and from the airport. Mayor Skoog of Overland Park indicated that Overland Park and Miami County are both finishing up updated comprehensive plans and that it would be important to coordinate with those plans. Mr. Achelpohl concurred. Councilmember Logan Heley of Overland Park asked how far south the KCATA corridor study of east-west transit options extends. Mr. Achelpohl indicated the corridor under study is fairly narrow and extends farther north than south. Councilmember Heley asked if there is anything in the recently enacted federal Inflation Reduction Act that local governments should be aware of. Mr. Achelpohl and Mr. Warm both indicated that the staff is currently reviewing the legislation and will report back at the next board meeting.

Mayor Kris Turnbow of Raymore, Missouri, said that from a Cass County perspective, he knows that the Commission and his community would like to see attention given to the 58 Highway corridor, which currently experiences bottle necks and safety issues, as well as how it intersects with the planned I-49 improvement project. Mayor Mike Boehm of Lenexa, Kansas, said the while outside of our region, there has been a proposal to build a four-lane highway from Joplin to western Kansas and that it might absorb resources that could impact our region. Councilmember Bunch said that he was pleased with the recent federal RAISE grant to support the Bistate Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor and indicated its importance to his constituency, as well as the importance of advancing the Independence Avenue BRT corridor. Commissioner Johnson added that this corridor is also important as it extends into Wyandotte County. Mr. Achelpohl concurred.

EFFECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

DISCUSSION: Update on the Regional Housing Partnership

Ms. Katie Killen, Housing Program Manager, shared that the work MARC is doing with the Regional Housing Partnership is in collaboration with LISC of Greater Kansas City. Ms. Killen stated that the framework is a broad topic that includes:

- Data and Analysis
- Networked Leadership
- Financing Tools
- Production Capacity
- Rental and Homeowner Resources
- Public Policy
- Public Engagement

In year one, funding has been secured from several partners, including foundations. The first year is focused on developing the bedrock that will help strategies move forward. Recent efforts include:

- The Housing Data Hub was launched in July 2022. This includes useful visuals, and they will be conducting focus groups.
- A Steering Committee will be formed but has not yet been convened.
- The Kansas City Housing Connection will be launched around housing and affordable housing.
- Financing tools include an RFP for a community land trust or similar model and federal funding sources. In May, U.S. Representative Emmanuel Cleaver was able to secure a \$3 million grant in HUD appropriations that will be going partially to the Regional Housing Partnership.
- An RFP has been issued related to a study on rental and homeowner resources.
- The Housing Locator tool will be used as a regional tool.
- Planning commissioner trainings are being produced, as well as some online trainings through the MARC Government Training Institute.

Upcoming work includes plan reviews and alignment, policy assistance and the Missouri Department of Economic Development Community Revitalization Grant.

Ms. Killen presented a series of discussion questions to the Board, including:

- What are the pain points your community is facing related to housing?
- What housing planning work is underway or being contemplated in your communities?
- What questions are you left with in your housing work that you wish you had better information around?

Mayor Curt Skoog stated that the apartments in Overland Park are 97% full and that the average square footage for homes built last year in Overland Park was 4,700 square feet. He indicated it will be important to develop strategies to create housing diversity and choices that make it possible for those who are renting to have the opportunity to purchase.

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick indicated that she has worked with Commissioners Fast and Allenbrand on a countywide task force that engaged a broad range of interests in assessing housing issues in Johnson County. The task force has recommended three broad issues as early priorities, including addressing homelessness, preservation of existing housing to ensure affordable options and developing homes that are affordable, sustainable ownership options. She said that it would be important to collaborate closely with cities and looked forward to working with the new Regional Housing Partnership to advance new ideas.

Mayor Eric Mikkelson of Prairie Village, Kansas, said that the recently developed housing strategy in his community aligned well with the issues identified in the regional partnership agenda and looked forward to collaborating. He reinforced Mayor Skoog's concern about affordable ownership options, which he said are made more challenging in a small, "landlocked" community where many strategies do not work as well, creating pressures on the ability of the workforce to live near their

jobs. He said he is interested in how MARC can encourage strategies that work in different parts of the region could apply to suburban locations like Prairie Village.

Commissioner Hanzlick added that another challenge is that the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation has developed tools to support affordable housing, but that they are designed for rural communities and have limited applicability to metro communities. Mayor Mikkelson added that community land trusts might have broader applicability across the region as a means to foster affordability and asked how the regional partnership might address bringing these tools to more communities. Ms. Killen indicated that this is an initiative that is now being organized and that it might be a tool to help with both areas in need of redevelopment and as a means to address out-of-region ownership.

Commissioner Harold Johnson said that the market momentum in downtown Kansas City, Missouri, is now extending to Kansas City, Kansas, and that a challenge will be how to leverage what is going on in one community with others.

Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez of Lee's Summit said in his community and much of eastern Jackson County, that leased housing fills up quickly and that the average single-family home price in Lee's Summit is \$450,000, which not affordable for many. He said a regional initiative should help to promote best practices to create more options for more people and that we need to address this regionally and locally.

Commissioner Fast asked what data is available on vacancy rates. Ms. Killen said that some data is available and the partnership is delving more deeply into analyzing vacancy issues.

Councilmember Heley said that there is some popular sentiment to limited new development and also that it would be important to look at financing tools and housing design that enable the possibility of wealth building through homeownership to extend to others. He said that repurposing parking lots might be a good strategy, especially in "landlocked" communities.

Commissioner Rob Roberts of Miami County, Kansas, said that while some projects have proceeded, in his county, housing creation is impeded by a lack of infrastructure and by the few numbers of builders and limited workforce, as well as finding institutions that will invest and loan funds to build.

Councilmember Eric Bunch said that Kansas City issues range from urban gentrification and disinvestment to expanding rural areas. He said a core issue for this regional effort is to help communities develop good policy for long-term results rather than respond to the pressures for short-term interventions.

BRIEF REPORTS:

REPORT AND VOTE: Acceptance of Funds from Parade of Hearts

Ms. Jovanna Rohs, Director of Early Learning and Head Start, shared that the Parade of Hearts project was a great success. The display raised funds for five beneficiaries, including MARC. The University of Kansas Health System helped to generate the idea for the Parade of Hearts and will be using some of the money generated to explore the effects of COVID-19 on hearts. Other funds will be directed to local businesses, supporting local hospitality partners that have been impacted during the pandemic and the artists who created the hearts. The \$125,000 that MARC will receive will specifically support childcare providers impacted during COVID-19. Family childcare providers who have had to close or reduce the number of children and families that they can serve will be awarded funds to re-open or expand.

REPORT: 2022 #CityHallSelfie Day Report

Ms. Kristin Johnson-Waggoner, Public Affairs Program Director, shared that August 15th was City Hall Selfie Day which is an annual social media event held nationally. This event is an opportunity to

show pride in our local jurisdictions by taking photos in front of government buildings. About 20 MARC staff members were able to take photos with officials at 86 locations. MARC won the award for most selfies taken in one state and an award for a selfie in the city with the smallest population (Lone Jack, Missouri).

REPORT: 2022 Eastern Jackson County Shared Services Initiative Update

Ms. Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services, reviewed a few highlights from the Shared Services Initiative. The initiative was started in 2018 and this is the third year of the report. The initiative includes the cities of Blue Springs, Independence and Lee's Summit, and in 2020, they added Grandview and Raytown. MARC supports this convening to work together on a number of issues. These include a networking exchange for employees and discussing solutions related to unhoused populations. This has developed into a micro-regional initiative, and they would love to expand this sort of work in other areas around the region. If smaller communities are interested, Ms. Palmer stated that they are willing to have that discussion.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. David Warm, Executive Director, shared that the National League of Cities conference will be held in Kansas City on November 7th, 8th and 9th.

Mr. Warm also welcomed and thanked staff from A.B. May, which is loaning MARC the Parade of Heart sculpture in honor of MARC's 50th anniversary year.

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes of the June 28, 2022 Board Meeting
- b. Authorize an Agreement for a Human Resources Project to Develop a Comprehensive Compensation Strategy
- c. Accept a Proposal from CityWide for a Concrete and Asphalt Repair Project at Thomas Roque Early Education Center
- d. Approve Purchase of Four Early Intervention Combo Kits to Provide Hearing and Vision Screenings for Early Learners
- e. Authorize a Grant Application to the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to Support Quality Early Learning
- f. Approve Fiber Connection Agreements for 911 Public Safety Answering Points
- g. Approve an Agreement with Motorola to purchase a Disaster Recovery System for the Regional 911 System
- h. Approve SFY 2023 Contract Amounts for Palestine Senior Activity Center
- i. Authorize a Grant Proposal to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to Understand the Impact of Integrated Care
- j. Authorize Purchase of Four Meal Delivery Cargo Vans from Mercedes Benz of Kansas City
- k. Authorize Solicitation and Acceptance of Funds from the States of Kansas and Missouri for MARC's Air Quality Program

VOTE: Approve Administrative Actions from July 2022 Memo

- a. Authorize an Application to the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to Enhance Mental Health Mobile Crisis Response
- b. Accept a Grant from the Sunderland Foundation to Support the Regional Housing Partnership
- c. Authorize a Professional Services Agreement with Marlborough Community Land Trust for Developing a Regional Business Plan around the Community Land Trust Model or Similar Model
- d. Approve Contracts with Multiple Contract Aging Assessors
- e. Approve a Contract with Missouri Department of Social Services for Value-based Medicaid Re-assessments

- f. Approve Updated Care Management Reimbursement Rate for Contracted Agencies
- g. Approve Connected KC 2050 Amendment #4
- h. Approve the 2022 3rd Quarter Amendment to the FFY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

MOTION: Mayor Carson Ross moved for approval of all agenda items and the consent agenda, and Mayor Mike McDonough seconded. Commissioner Johnson asked if any member wanted to abstain or object to any of the agenda items. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez abstained from items 7c and 7j. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

MEETING SUMMARY APPROVED:

Harold Johnson, Chair

Date

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2022
Item No. 6b
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize provision of fiscal management services for the 2022 NLC City Summit

BACKGROUND:

MARC has been requested to act as the fiscal agent for the National League of Cities (NLC) City Summit, which will be held in Kansas City, Missouri on November 17-19, 2022. Businesses and local governments across the metro are supporting this prestigious event, and additional partnerships are welcome.

KRG Consultants, LLC has been retained by the city of Kansas City, Missouri to manage fundraising and community partnerships for the event. MARC’s Government Training Institute (GTI) will collect, deposit and disburse funds in accordance with an agreement with KGR Consultants, LLC in return for an in-kind sponsorship at the \$5,000 “Show Me” sponsorship level for the event.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The fundraising goal for this event is \$750,000. Funds will be managed through MARC Community Services Corporation, a 501c3 entity. All funds raised will be distributed to pay vendors for the event. Funds will only be dispersed to the extent that there are available sponsorship funds and in accordance with a written expenditure policy. If any funds remain after invoices have been paid or 30 days after the event, the funds will be remanded to the City of Kansas City, Missouri.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$750,000
Source	Sponsorships
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent, indirect)	
Contractual	
Pass-Through	\$750,000
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts the entire Kansas City region.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize provision of fiscal management services for the 2022 NLC City Summit contract with KRG Consultants, LLC.

STAFF CONTACT:

Amiee Wenson
Carmellya Anderson

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2022

Item No. 6c

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve the 2023 Planning Sustainable Places funding recommendations

BACKGROUND:

The Kansas City region's vibrant, green, and connected centers and corridors are central to the region's long-range transportation plan, *Connected KC 2050 (CKC 2050)*. To that end, the planning program, Planning Sustainable Places (PSP), is an initiative to provide communities with planning resources to advance sustainable projects in our region's centers and corridors since 2013. In 2023, the tenth anniversary of the PSP program will be celebrated.

MARC issued a call for projects that closed on June 17, 2022. MARC staff conducted an initial review, scored the 23 applications received, and worked with the Sustainable Places Policy Committee to develop a recommended list of awardees. The committee developed the final recommended project list on September 9, 2022. TTPC endorsed the proposed projects at its September 20 meeting.

The recommendation includes 15 planning projects from across the region, including:

- 10 Sustainable Places Plans
- 3 Project Development Activities
- 2 Implementation Activities

Complete street plans, corridor plans, and connectivity plans are just some of the projects included in the proposed list. These projects will be developed with a focus on the integration of transportation, land use and environment, and will include robust citizen engagement. The committee weighed several considerations when developing the list including project scores, scalability, local jurisdiction priorities, geography, replicability, and alignment with PSP program objectives. Local sponsors are responsible for local match requirements. The consultant contracts for the projects will be held by MARC and authorization for those individual contracts will be brought to the MARC Board for approval after they have been negotiated.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
KS Surface Transportation Program (FFY 2023)	\$ 541,000
MO Federal Transportation Admin. (FFY2023)	\$ 800,000
Local Match from Project Sponsors	\$ 546,375
Transportation Fee	\$ 13,410
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$ 140,625
Contractual	\$1,760,160

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Sustainable Places Policy Committee approved the presented funding recommendation on September 9, 2022. The Total Transportation Policy Committee will be considering the recommendation at their September 20, 2022 meeting.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The recommended projects include the entity of Port KC and the jurisdictions of: Bonner Springs, Kan.; Grandview, Mo.; Greenwood, Mo.; Independence, Mo.; Kansas City, Mo.; Mission, Kan.; North Kansas City, Mo.; Osawatomie, Kan.; Overland Park, Kan.; Parkville, Mo.; Riverside, Mo. (KCMO Multi-County partner); and Westwood, Kan.

RECOMMENDATION:

- Approve project funding for the Planning Sustainable Places Program as presented.
- Authorize receipt of local match funds from project sponsors.
- Authorize receipt of \$541,000 from the Kansas Surface Transportation Program and receipt of \$800,000 from the Missouri Surface Transportation Program.
- Authorize the Executive Director to execute agreements with project sponsors.
- Authorize the release of Request for Proposals (RFPs) for selected projects under MARC management.

STAFF CONTACT:

Beth Dawson
Martin Rivarola
Ron Achelpohl

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program funding recommendations

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides funding for the Section 5310 Program that targets specific users and their mobility needs. Section 5310, also known as the, provides funding for vehicle purchases, capital projects and operations that address mobility solutions for older adults and persons with disabilities. More information here:

<http://www.marc.org/Transportation/Funding/FTA/5310>.

The competitive selection of Section 5310 projects is based on the FFY 2021 and 2022 urban area formula-based apportionment for the Kansas City urban area. As the designated recipient of the Kansas City urbanized area, the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) may submit Section 5310 applications for FFY 2021 and 2022 funding, equivalent to the amount apportioned to the region by the FTA. As outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two organizations, MARC manages the competitive selection process for the portions of the FFY 2021 & 2022 apportionments being released through that process.

The following chart represents the estimated region’s funding allocation for the current cycle:

ESTIMATED 5310 Funds for KC Region in 2021 and 2022 (Apportionments)	
TOTAL	\$3,401,648
Admin (MARC)	\$119,058
Admin (KCATA)	\$221,107
TOTAL minus all Admin	\$3,061,483
Operations (45%)	\$1,377,667
Capital (55%)	\$1,683,816
Funds to be Programmed	\$1,683,816

A call for projects and the project selection process occurred over the summer of 2022. At its September 20 meeting, the Total Transportation Planning Committee (TTPC) meeting approved the Mobility Advisory Committee recommendations for award of the FTA Section 5310 funds, which are illustrated in the attached table.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

MARC and KCATA retain 3.5% and 6.5% respectively for program administration purposes.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Mobility Advisory Committee (MAC) oversees this process. TTPC will consider this recommendation on September 20, 2022.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts the entire Kansas City metropolitan region.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the selection of projects to be awarded Section 5310 program funds, as detailed in the staff report.

STAFF CONTACT:

Martin Rivarola

Applicant	Project Title	Project Purpose/Description	Score	Total Project Cost	Total 5310 Request	Funding Recommendation
The Whole Person, Inc.	New Accessible Transportation Options for People with Disabilities and Seniors in Wyandotte County, Kansas	4-passenger sedan, 2 Ford Transit Van Wagons with wheelchair lifts	21	\$ 152,949	\$ 128,960	\$ 104,865
Life Unlimited	Life Unlimited Accessible Mini-Vans 2022	7 ADA accessible minivans to replace existing fleet in poor condition	21	\$ 405,535	\$ 321,854	\$ 259,180
Platte Senior Services, Inc. (PSSI)	ALL ABOARD SENIORS!	Expand bus transit program for healthcare related trips for seniors	19	\$ 79,901	\$ 55,563	\$ 46,147
EITAS (Developmental Disability Services)	2022 eitas ADA vehicle replacement project	Replace 10 vehicles for primarily fixed route services	17	\$ 866,700	\$ 693,360	\$ 521,717
Don Bosco Center	ADA compliant vehicle for Don Bosco Center	12-passenger van with wheelchair lift	17	\$ 79,968	\$ 63,466	\$ 52,470
The Farmer's House, Inc.	Community Inclusion and Employment Services for Adults with Developmental Disabilities.	4-passenger sedan, 12-passenger accessible van, 10-passenger accessible van to expand existing services	17	\$ 186,555	\$ 154,500	\$ 125,297
Down Syndrome Innovations	Down Syndrome Innovations Workforce/ Employment & Adult Continuing Education Program	4-passenger sedan, 12-passenger accessible van and utility truck to expand current service	17	\$ 322,500	\$ 250,000	\$ 201,697
Johnson County Mental Health Center	JCMHC 5310 Mobility Project	6 sedans to support growing demand for transportation	17	\$ 241,920	\$ 192,000	\$ 155,297
City of Liberty	Liberty Access Replacement Bus	Replacement bus for city mobility services	17	\$ 78,646	\$ 66,285	\$ 54,725
Inclusion Connections	PawsAbilities and Activities Transportation Program	12-passenger van (not accessible) to replace vehicle in poor condition	15	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 33,697
The Children's Place	Day Treatment Transportation	Lease buses to support ongoing transportation service	15	\$ 262,600	\$ 158,779	\$ 128,720
Center for Developmentally Disabled	Efficient, accessible transportation for individuals with developmental disabilities that also have high medical needs.	3 accessible vehicles (Dodge ProMaster Advantage 2500 High Roof)	13	\$ 251,491	\$ 211,650	
TNC Community	TNC Community Expanded Transportation to Serve Increased Number of Developmentally Disabled Individuals	2 10-passenger accessible vans to expand existing service	13	\$ 127,071	\$ 107,100	
Swope Health	Vehicle Acquisition for Swope Health's PACE KC Program Launch in 2023	2 10-passenger accessible vans for new PACE program	11	\$ 142,128	\$ 112,800	
Rainbow Center for Communicative Disorders	Community experiences for children with developmental disabilities.	10-passenger high roof conversion van	11	\$ 78,163	\$ 62,531	
Easterseals Midwest	Vehicle Replacement for Disability Transportation Services	Replace 4 lower-capacity vehicles with 3 higher capacity vehicles	11	\$ 167,619	\$ 133,031	

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Item No. 6e

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve comments on proposed Federal Highway Administration Greenhouse Gas Performance Rule

BACKGROUND:

As a step towards confronting the increasingly urgent climate crisis, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) proposes to amend its regulations governing national performance management measures to require State departments of transportation (State DOTs) and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to establish declining carbon dioxide (CO₂) targets and to establish a method for the measurement and reporting of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with transportation under the Highways title of the United States Code (U.S.C.). The proposed rule would not mandate the level of the targets. Rather, State DOTs and MPOs would have flexibility to set targets that are appropriate for their communities and that work for their respective climate change and other policy priorities, as long as the targets would reduce emissions over time. The rule would only apply to on-road mobile source emissions on the National Highway System (interstate and non-interstate highways).

State DOTs would be required to establish two and four-year statewide emission targets and MPOs would establish four-year emissions targets for their metropolitan planning area. The proposed rule also would require State DOTs and MPOs to biennially report on their progress in meeting the targets and require FHWA to assess significant progress toward achieving the targets. There would be no penalties for failure to reach emissions targets, other than adding to regular reports actions the state DOTs will take to meet targets. FHWA proposes a common methodology and data sources to use for calculating GHG emissions, though with state DOT concurrence, MPOs have the flexibility to use alternate methodologies.

Public comments on this proposed rule are due by October 13, 2022. The proposed rule to require state DOTs and MPOs to measure and report on GHG emissions would support and is consistent with goals, strategies and ongoing performance monitoring related to ConnectedKC 2050 and the Regional Kansas City Climate Action Plan.

MARC's draft comments on the proposed rule are on the following page. The comments generally endorse the purpose and methodology of the proposed rule, offer suggestions for reporting procedures and requests additional time for compliance. The draft comments were endorsed by TTPC at its September 20 meeting.

Proposed rule: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-07-15/pdf/2022-14679.pdf>

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Air Quality Forum reviewed proposed comments and recommended their approval by TTPC. TTPC will consider these recommendations on September 20, 2022.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS: This project will affect the entire Kansas City metropolitan region.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve comments on proposed FHWA Greenhouse Gas Performance Rule.

STAFF CONTACT:

Karen Clawson

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National Performance Management Measures; Assessing Performance of the National Highway System, Greenhouse Gas Emissions Measure

Comments from MARC:

- The proposed rule supports national policy on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and building climate resilience.
- Every level of government must take action on greenhouse gas mitigation in order to meet critical timelines for stemming the most severe impacts climate change. This decade needs to be about transformation and cutting our emissions in half by 2030.
- This proposed rule aligns well with MARC's planning and implementation efforts:
 - Mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and reducing the use of carbon-based fuels have been publicly supported strategic policy positions in metropolitan transportation planning and programming in the Kansas City region for more than a decade.
 - The Kansas City Regional Climate Action Plan calls for net zero greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector by 2050 which aligns with proposed national policy. The approach to achieving this regional target incorporates a variety of strategies including, but not limited to, reducing vehicle miles traveled per capita, fuel switching and shifting trips to safe, equitable and affordable mobility options.
 - Both the metropolitan transportation plan and climate action plan integrate a robust set of performance metrics, which include the tracking of greenhouse gas emissions and vehicles miles traveled per capita.
- Target-setting:
 - Targets will be established by each state and MPO, but if progress is being made (i.e. GHG levels are dropping) there is no reporting penalty associated with missing the goal.
 - Target set under this proposed rule is a gross GHG calculation for emissions produced on the NHS. It does not include other road network contributions, nor does it apply on a per capita basis.
- Methodology:
 - The rulemaking's proposed methodology is straightforward. With all proposed data sources being publicly available for each state, calculating emissions should not be onerous.
 - The flexibility within the rulemaking for an MPO to customize the methodology/approaches so that they align with existing, localized carbon accounting processes and methodologies is appreciated.
- Reporting
 - It would be helpful if reporting timelines aligned with EPA's National Emissions Inventory which is issued tri-annually.
- Effective Date:
 - The proposed effective date for this rule of October 1, 2022, is not attainable. FHWA should allow a minimum of one year to allow states and MPOs adequate time to develop appropriate targets.

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Item No. 6f

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve the Civil Rights Act Title VI Anti-Discrimination Program Policy Statement and Assurance

BACKGROUND:

As the Kansas City Metropolitan Planning Organization, MARC is required to maintain and update a policy outlining procedures related to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI). Title VI centers on the statement that,

No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. (See Policy Statement and Authorities).

The current MARC Title VI program expires December 2022. The updated program will run from 2023 to 2026. MARC staff has prepared a draft update of the program for review and comment by the Total Transportation Planning Committee (TTPC), the MARC Board, and our partner transit agencies. It is not required that MARC release the document for public review and comment, though once adopted by the agency, the policy will be available to the public on the MARC website or in hard copy, if requested.

The draft Title VI Program document may be viewed at:

<https://www.marc.org/Transportation/Equity/Programs/LEPP>

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The Anti-Discrimination Policy applies to the entire metropolitan area.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

TTPC approved this item on September 20, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the 2023 Title VI Program's Policy Statement and Assurance.

STAFF CONTACT:

Darryl Fields

Ron Achelpohl

Policy Statement and Authorities

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) assures that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (PL 100.259), be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity. MARC further assures that every effort will be made to ensure nondiscrimination in all of its programs and activities, whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not. In the event MARC distributes federal aid funds to another governmental entity, MARC will include Title VI language in all written agreements and will monitor for compliance. MARC's Title VI Coordinator is responsible for initiating and monitoring Title VI activities, preparing required reports, and other MARC responsibilities as required by Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, and Title 49 CFR Part 21.

David Warm, Executive Director

Date

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Item No. 6g

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a contract with a consulting firm to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate potential new green infrastructure finance tools

BACKGROUND:

In July 2021, the MARC Board of Directors approved the submission of a successful grant application to the EPA Wetland Development Program. Funds will support the evaluation of new conservation finance tools for the Kansas City metro area and accelerate project development for “shovel ready” green infrastructure projects.

Project implementation will help the region achieve goals articulated in the Regional Green Infrastructure Framework and Regional Climate Action Plan. The feasibility study will:

- inventory current and projected financial and institutional resources in the metro area to support nature-based solutions
- assess how potential new funding streams (i.e., voluntary carbon offset funds and environmental impact bonds) may be stitched together using a “funding quilt” approach, along with existing public and philanthropic funds
- create a pipeline of restoration projects across the region’s geography and spectrum of project types (e.g., riparian areas, prairies, wetlands, forests).
- identify and launch one or more riparian restoration projects funded by a layered funding approach, ideally including voluntary carbon offset funds

MARC released a request for proposals in August 2022; four proposals were received from the following firms:

- Quantified Ventures
- Re:Focus Partners
- Shockey Consulting/The Conservation Fund, and
- Wichita State University Environmental Finance Center

A selection committee comprised of project advisory team members reviewed the submissions. Interviews scheduled for September 23, 2022, will determine the preferred consulting team.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$75,000
Source	Grant funds
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$75,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

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RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This project will affect the entire Kansas City metropolitan region. The grant, however, focuses in large measure on communities in the Blue River watershed, including significant areas of Johnson and Jackson Counties and Kansas City, Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize MARC to execute a contract with the selected consulting team for an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to develop a conservation finance feasibility study.

STAFF CONTACT:

Tom Jacobs

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Item No. 6h

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize MARC to contract with selected aging assessors

BACKGROUND:

Due to increasing demand for comprehensive in-home assessments of clients across the health sector, the capacity for quality assessments is a strategic priority for MARC's Aging and Adult Services Department. Contract assessors complete mandatory in-home assessments required under the Older Americans Act (new assessments and annual re-assessments for service eligibility and priority), as well as Medicaid Re-Assessments for the State of Missouri, using the InterRAI validated assessment tool. They also conduct "options counseling" duties for the Veteran-Directed Care program and similar integrated care duties across several health contracts through private funding sources.

Contractors are selected through a competitive, rolling RFQ process. Each contractor must meet or exceed the qualifications required to be employed as a Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Adult Protective and Community Services Worker II, including years of experience requirements and a minimum of a bachelor's degree in a health or human services field. MARC is seeking up to 12 additional assessors to meet demand. Contracts are usually written at \$25,000 unless projected activity volumes are higher.

For this approval cycle, six individuals are recommended for contracts:

- Natalie Bolles
- Janice Ingram
- Sheryse Navarro
- Mitzy Romero
- Renesha Thompson
- Deborah White

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES (Indicated sources)	
Older Americans Act (service cost for various service lines)	\$40-\$55/assessment
Medicaid Re-Assessment	\$75-\$175/assessment
Veteran-Directed Care (VDC) Options Counseling - initial assessment	\$967/client/month
VDC, ongoing options counseling/assessment	\$686/client/month
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Older Americans Act	\$40-\$55/assessment
In-Depth Assessment	\$65/assessment
Telephonic Assessment	\$30/assessment
Medicaid Re-Assessment	\$75-\$128/assessment
Veteran-Directed Care (VDC) Options Counseling/CSN Care Management - initial assessment	\$300/client/month

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VDC/CSN, ongoing options counseling/assessment	\$245/client/month
Orientation, training, and supervisor-directed activities	\$27/hour

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARC Commission on Aging recommended authorizing MARC's Executive Director to contract with selected aging assessors.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This assessment work will occur in Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties. Some assessor activities occur in a broader area, including into Kansas.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize MARC to contract with Natalie Bolles, Janice Ingram, Sheryse Navarro, Mitzy Romero, Renesha Thompson and Deborah White for aging assessor services.

STAFF CONTACT:

James Stowe
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Item No. 6i

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a renewal contract to provide direct services for Missouri Adult Protective Services clients

BACKGROUND:

MARC and sister Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) across Missouri were selected as single feasible source providers for an initiative of state Adult Protective Services (APS) to address unmet and ongoing social health needs of clients. The initial contract period will end on September 30th and this action authorizes a renewal contract for the next federal fiscal year.

The Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging (MA4) will serve as a coordinating and support entity, and will manage a platform, Cumulus (Long-Term Care Innovations, Inc.), for referral and case management functions.

A core service of care management will be offered to clients authorized and referred by APS field staff. The local AAAs will offer non-emergent social health services to provide care and support for the referred client, over an approximate period of 90 days. Meals, transportation and the purchase of short-term supplies or needs (e.g., groceries, rent assistance, etc.) will be provided and coordinated by the AAA.

MARC will utilize its Talent Learning Management System to organize the creation of a statewide training course to help orient APS and AAA staff to the new program.

The following existing MARC Community Support Network contract organizations are expected to provide services to APS clients under the initiative. Contracts will be amended to accommodate service rates, which align with the current prevailing rates for assessment and care management:

- Jewish Family Services
- Metro Lutheran Ministries
- KC Care Health Center
- Community Health Council of Wyandotte County
- Kansas City Shepherd's Center

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The combined base contract for all Missouri AAAs is approximately \$946,000, with allocation designated by APS call volume in the respective AAA's service area. Additional services, for which demand and volume are unknown, are at additional contracted rates or reimbursed at market rates.

PROJECTED REVENUES (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, CRRSAA)	
Missouri DHSS - Base contract (MARC)	\$159,620
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)*	\$25,000
Contractual	\$134,620
Total	\$159,620

*MARC's personnel effort, for coordinating and administering the services to be provided by contracted community-based organizations, is estimated only until the agreement and scope are finalized.

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COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARC Commission on Aging recommended authorization of a renewal contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and partner community-based organizations to provide direct services for Adult Protective Services clients.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This work will be implemented in Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray counties.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a renewal contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and partner community-based organizations, not to exceed \$159,620 to provide direct services for Adult Protective Services clients.

STAFF CONTACT:

James Stowe

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Item No. 6j

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a renewal provider agreement with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for the Veterans Directed Care program

BACKGROUND:

In Missouri and nationally, Area Agencies on Aging have contracted with local VA Medical Centers to manage the Veteran's Directed Care (VDC) program, a collaborative initiative of the Administration for Community Living and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. In this program, MARC primarily manages referrals made from the Kansas City VA Medical Center of veterans who opt to receive care in the community rather than in a skilled nursing facility. It is possible for MARC to receive referrals from other VA Medical Centers in which patients resided in the Kansas City region. Veterans choose a care provider(s) and MARC provides assessment, care plan development and management of the care relationship between the chosen provider(s) and the veteran.

A Financial Management Services firm, Bay Aging (a sister Area Agency on Aging located in Virginia), is contracted to provide fiscal oversight of the care provider and veteran as well as review activities and expenditures according to an established budget.

Current program satisfaction is over 95%.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Under the VDC program, MARC is reimbursed approximately \$686 per veteran each month for coordination and program management. An elevated reimbursement of approximately \$967 is made for the first veteran assessment. MARC's total enrollment is currently 70 veterans, with potential increases expected in the coming year.

REVENUES (Annual at estimated enrollment of 50 veterans)	
Source	VA MISSION Act
VDC Initial Encounter	\$67,690
VDC Ongoing Management (11 months)	\$528,220
Total	\$595,510
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$194,141
Contractual	\$209,650
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$2,850
Total	\$406,641

Assessors may be contracted to fulfill the assessment role and may draw fees, ranging from approximately \$35 to \$150, depending upon the assessment or activity, which would replace personnel expenses in the presented projections.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARC Commission on Aging recommended authorization of a renewal provider agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs for the Veterans Directed Care (VDC) program.

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RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

MARC responds to referrals from the Kansas City VA Medical Center. Referred veterans may reside in a wide geography across Missouri and Kansas but primarily within the metropolitan area.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a renewal provider agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs for the Veterans Directed Care program.

STAFF CONTACT:

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Item No. 6k

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize Request for Proposals for respite services for qualified in-home service providers

BACKGROUND:

To strategically plan for additional National Family Caregiver Support program services, the MARC Department of Aging and Adult Services and MARC Commission on Aging will develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) for respite services to begin January 2023 or sooner. Respite services allow for a qualified in-home services provider to attend to the care recipient so that a caregiver may focus on other needs, self-care or errands outside of the home.

The RFP documents will be released on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022. Proposals submitted in response to these documents will be due at the MARC office no later than Monday, December 5, 2022.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

MARC policies and procedures require a formal bid process if the anticipated amount exceeds \$25,000. Collectively, the respite RFP is expected to result in contracts totaling approximately \$150,000. Once vendors are selected, individual contracts will be recommended for approval according to MARC financial policies.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARC Commission on Aging recommended authorization for Aging and Adult Services to release a Request for Proposals for respite services.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

These services will be available in Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize Aging and Adult Services to release a Request for Proposals for respite services.

STAFF CONTACT:

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Item No. 6l

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an amendment to Jewish Family Services agreement to accommodate new participant screening and recruitment activities

BACKGROUND:

Jewish Family Services (JFS) is an existing service provider for care management services. Recently, JFS collaborated under a joint initiative of MARC and the University of Missouri - Kansas City's Healthcare Institute for Innovations in Quality to begin screening patients at University Health and Saint Luke's Health System for social needs that may be addressed post-discharge.

If participants screen positive for a social need and consent to receive services, JFS then engages the participant after discharge to coordinate needed community services and supports to help prevent functional decline, readmission to the hospital or institutionalization. JFS personnel also act as a liaison between community resources and clinical hospital personnel. This early screening and engagement of hospital patients is known in the scientific literature to be an effective pathway for participant engagement and better health and social outcomes.

The hospital patients considered for this program align with MARC's federal prioritization guidelines, including certain demographic risk categories, as well as the uninsured or underinsured.

MARC is bundling existing federal resources for these participants, including the care management service line that JFS currently performs. However, these additional screening and liaison activities require additional financial support to remain viable. In addition to federal funding, MARC has secured two additional funding pools for residents of Kansas and for residents of either Kansas or Missouri who are under 60 years of age.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Beginning Sept. 1, 2022 (remaining SFY 2023)

Title III B

CASE MANAGEMENT:

To support JFS screening and liaison activities at two regional hospitals, MARC may access non-federal funds for participants who are ineligible for Older Americans Act services. Financial support will be for personnel expenses.

Jewish Family Services

Total Value of Amendment.....not to exceed \$38,134

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARC Commission on Aging recommended authorization to amend Jewish Family Services' SFY 2023 agreement to accommodate new participant screening and recruitment activities.

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RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

These services will be available to eligible residents in the greater Kansas City region.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an amendment to Jewish Family Services' SFY 2023 agreement to accommodate new participant screening and recruitment activities, not to exceed \$38,134.

STAFF CONTACT:

James Stowe

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September 2022
Item No. 6m
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Accept a proposal from BG Consultants to replace a retaining wall at the Thomas Roque Early Education Center building

BACKGROUND:

MARC owns the Thomas Roque Early Education Center building located at 3800 East 51st Street in Kansas City, Missouri. YMCA, one of MARC's Head Start/Early Head Start subrecipients, uses the facility to provide care for 104 children ages six weeks to three years old.

YMCA building management staff maintains the building and manages larger capital projects, with authorization from MARC. The retaining wall is currently leaning due to pressure build up behind the wall. There is only one drain and roots from an existing tree is causing the wall to be pushed outward. It is recommended to remove the tree and replace the entire wall.

In 2019, MARC engaged BG Consultants through a competitive process to prepare a comprehensive building assessment of the Thomas Roque Early Education Building. YMCA staff believe that their experience with and knowledge of the building will expedite the process. YMCA requests using BG Consultants as the project manager. BG Consultants would solicit three bids and subcontract for the construction portion of the project.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

BG Consultants has provided that the cost of the project will not exceed \$97,400 and includes a topographic survey, geotechnical engineering, engineering, and construction services.

The current Head Start/Early Head Start grant ends October 31st, and the YMCA projects they have adequate funds to cover the project within their original allocation of \$5,020,049 approved in June 2021 for the 2021-2022 grant period. Because the project amount is less than 10% of the total amount of their grant, a budget modification is not required. Regional Head Start office approval is not required because it is a minor renovation at a cost less than \$250,000. Head Start requires that the prevailing wage be used in compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act and will be followed.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$97,400
Source	Administration for Children and Families YMCA HS/EHS Grant
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$97,400
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The Thomas Roque Early Education Center is located in Kansas City, Missouri.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize MARC Head Start to accept a proposal from BG Consultants in an amount not to exceed \$97,400, to replace the retaining wall at the Thomas Roque Early Education Center.

STAFF CONTACT:

Steven Lewis
Jovanna Rohs

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Item No. 6n
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve a contract for classroom technology upgrades and a contract to expand outdoor play activities at two Head Start facilities

BACKGROUND:

Two of MARC's Head Start/Early Head Start direct service providers have submitted proposals for large projects to support preventative, preparedness, and response activities related to the coronavirus.

Our partners request the following upgrades to their facilities:

- Operation Breakthrough Inc. (\$86,000) - technology upgrades in the classrooms, replacement of laptops and iPads, and server.
- Raytown School District (Three Trails) (\$58,000) - installation of an outdoor classroom/playground.

Three bids have been submitted for each project and are in the process of review to ensure that they meet MARC's Procurement Policy and the requisite purchasing protocols of our providers, including complying with the Davis-Bacon Act for prevailing wages. The total cost of these projects is anticipated to be up to \$144,000.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The costs of these facility renovation/upgrade projects are allowable expenses within the Head Start supplemental COVID-19 funding under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act and through the Administration for Children and Families. The grant was approved for the period of 4/01/2021 to 3/31/2023.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$ 2,841,688
Source	Administration for Children and Families - ARP Act
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	Operation Breakthrough tech upgrades \$86,000 Three Trails outdoor classroom/playground \$58,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The technology upgrades will benefit a Head Start provider in Kansas City, Missouri and the playground installation will benefit a Head Start provider in Raytown, Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize MARC Head Start to enter into a contractual agreement with approved vendors, to complete tech upgrades for Operation Breakthrough, not to exceed \$86,000 and to complete the installation of an outdoor playground for the Raytown School District (Three Trails Head Start location) for a total cost not to exceed \$58,000.

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STAFF CONTACT:

Steven Lewis

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September 2022
Item No. 60
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a grant application to the Missouri Emergency Response Commission to support the Missouri Region A Urban Local Emergency Planning District

BACKGROUND:

MARC's Emergency Services programs help ensure the region's ability to prepare, respond and recover with coordinated plans and high-quality training, technology, and equipment. The Missouri Region A Local Emergency Planning District (LEPD) has entered into a contract for MARC to provide administrative support to the LEPD. The LEPD collects and maintains information on the types and quantities of hazardous materials at facilities throughout the metropolitan area, develops and updates a regional hazardous materials plan, conducts hazardous materials training courses and exercises, and provides technical assistance to counties developing their local operational plans. The LEPD also monitors legislation and works on state and federal public policy issues related to hazardous materials and emergency response.

Authorization is requested to apply and accept funding if awarded, for the 2022-2023 Missouri Region A Urban LEPD through the state's Chemical Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF).

CEPF money is awarded to each of the Missouri counties (Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray) in the Missouri Region A Urban LEPD. This funding is used to support the operations of the LEPD including training, outreach, and staff support. For the 2022-2023 funding cycle, approximately \$64,922 is available to the LEPD from this fund.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The value of MARC's administrative contract with LEPD is \$48,000 which pays for a portion of the staff involved in the project and support to the LEPD. The remaining contractual expenses are for a flow study and planned training.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$64,922
Source	Missouri Chemical Emergency Preparedness Fund
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$48,000
Contractual	\$16,922
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

All counties in the MARC region benefit from this grant. Although the application is submitted on behalf of Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray counties in Missouri, the staff support and training are for the entire region.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the application for and acceptance of \$64,922 from the Missouri Chemical Emergency Preparedness Fund for hazardous materials planning, training, and exercises.

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STAFF CONTACT:

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Item No. 6p
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an application and acceptance of a Health Forward Foundation grant to support local public health departments with communications planning and other cooperative projects around opioid use

BACKGROUND:

MARC convenes the region's local public health directors on a regular basis, and they have expressed interest in designing a regional communications campaign, a possible cooperative purchase of NARCAN kits, developing common data, surveillance tools and processes around opioid use, and a resource inventory and gap analysis of resources to help residents struggling with opioid addiction and behavioral health challenges.

The project would be supported from a Health Forward Foundation applicant defined grant, resources from pooled local public health funds through the Metropolitan Official Health Agencies of the Kansas City Area (MOHAKCA), and in-kind MARC staff support. The work would support local public health as they prepare for the receipt and use of the opioid settlement funds.

Public Education/Outreach/Communications: Public health departments across the metro area would work together on a regional education and outreach campaign. A communications consultant would help design a campaign with messages, design resources and tactics. Settlement funds, when available, could be pooled to pay for media expenses for regional promotion and for each health department to use for more localized outreach. The regional campaign and communications plan would address the stigma and misconceptions around drug use and treatment, both in the general public and among clinicians. The campaign would provide education on the importance of naloxone and where it can be accessed.

NARCAN Distribution: NARCAN kits have been identified as an effective tool to respond quickly to overdoses from opioids and reduce deaths. Local health departments are interested in pooling resources for the purchase of the NARCAN kits, coordinating distribution, monitoring, and restocking. This work would occur with EMS agencies, behavioral health centers, community organizations, schools, libraries, and other community stakeholders.

Treatment Resources: Work with United Way 211, First Call, and other organizations to determine public and private behavioral health/substance abuse treatment resources for those affected by opioids. System mapping could help to better understand resources, gaps and identify areas for investment.

Surveillance: The local public health departments would work together with MARC to increase opioid surveillance by determining what information could be obtained through state and local health providers and agencies and how to design a data system to help local public health track opioid use in the metro area. Outreach would be undertaken to see if wastewater treatment testing for opioids (and other diseases) could be expanded.

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BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$91,500
Source	Health Forward Foundation \$66,500 MOHAKCA \$20,000 In-kind \$5,000
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	In-kind \$5,000
Contractual	\$86,000 Communications Consultant: \$60,500 Rita Parker (cooperative purchasing): \$4,000 Erin Cardwell (data analytics): \$22,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts the entire Kansas City metropolitan region.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an application to the Health Forward Foundation on behalf of the region's local public health departments in the amount of \$66,500, and authorize acceptance of the funds, if awarded, to support collaborative planning in preparation for local receipt of opioid settlement funds.

STAFF CONTACT:

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AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2022
Item No. 6q
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve maintenance contracts with Graybar for three 911 communications tower sites

BACKGROUND:

The MARC 911 system includes a microwave network which is supported by various communications towers throughout the region to allow optimal coverage and performance. The work requested is for maintenance of the electrical and backup equipment for three of the communications tower sites.

Staff collected quotes for the required work from Graybar based on an existing contract between the city of Kansas City and Graybar which was established with an RFP. The Bonner Springs, Kansas location will require new wiring, electrical breaker replacement, installation of the new uninterruptible power supply (UPS), as well as a disconnect and removal of the old UPS unit. The Tonganoxie, Kansas location will include the disconnect and removal of the existing UPS unit, and installation of the new power supply. Wiring at the Tonganoxie site will be reusable for a cost savings. The work required at the Easton, Kansas location is for a full deinstallation and disposal as this site is no longer part of the 911 microwave network.

- Bonner Springs - \$38,953.51
- Easton - \$6,731.49
- Tonganoxie - \$29,760.58

The total cost for all three sites; \$75,445.58.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Funding for UPS battery replacement and maintenance as well as entire system replacement, if needed, is contained in the 2022 911 Allocation Budget, and projected for future budgets.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$75,445.58
Source	911 Allocation Budget
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$75,445.58
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

COMMITTEE ACTION:

This work is a typical expense anticipated in the 911 system maintenance budget, which is approved annually by the Public Safety Communication Board.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Local jurisdictions served by this request: This request supports the eleven- county MARC regional 911 network and will specifically address maintenance at tower sites in Kansas in Bonner Springs, Easton and Tonganoxie.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve an agreement with Graybar for an amount not to exceed \$75,445.58, for equipment and labor for the replacement and decommission of uninterruptable power supply units at three 911 communications tower sites.

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AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2022
Item No. 6r
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an application and acceptance of funds for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning grant from the Kansas Department of Emergency Management for regional emergency services

BACKGROUND:

The annual Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) grant from the Kansas Department of Emergency Management is one of the two primary funding sources that support the work of the Mid-America Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). The LEPC brings the private industry together with public emergency response agencies to help reduce the region's risks from accidents involving hazardous chemicals.

The Kansas application includes planning funds of \$50,000 and \$20,299 for training activities. The grant will support HazMat training, enhancing emergency response plans, hazard analysis, and other appropriate activities. The performance period for the FY22 grant is Sept. 30, 2022 - Sept. 30, 2023. A 20 percent local match is required and will be met through the documented in-kind time of local emergency services personnel supporting the work.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$70,299
Source	Kansas Department of Emergency Management
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$70,299
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

All counties in the MARC region benefit from this grant. Although the funds come through the Kansas Department of Emergency Management and are spent for "Kansas" projects, one of the by-products of the grant (Emergency Response Plan) benefits the entire region.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize application and acceptance of a Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning grant in the amount of \$70,299 for FY22/23 from the Kansas Department of Emergency Management.

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