

## **SUSTAINABLE PLACES POLICY COMMITTEE**

### **August 12, 2022 Meeting Summary**

#### Committee Members

Dean Katerndahl, City of Parkville, Missouri Co-chair  
Brian Alferman, Johnson County, KS  
Jon Birkel, Hunt Midwest  
Michael Frisch, UMKC  
Janet McRae, Miami County  
Mark O'Hara, Hoerr Schaudt Landscape Architects  
Erin Ollig, City of Overland Park  
Michael Park, Lee's Summit  
Allison Smith, KDOT  
Maddie Waldeck, City of Basehor  
Marisela Ward, MoDOT  
Jeffrey Williams, City of Kansas City

#### Guests

Randy Alewine, City of Kansas City Public Works  
Josh Boehm, WSP  
Chris Chiodini, Grandview  
Matt Davis, Jackson County  
Mike Duffy, City of Riverside  
Leslie Herring, City of Westwood  
Chase Johnson, Port KC  
Josh Johnson, Lee's Summit  
Karrie Kneller, City of Mission  
Wes Minder, City of Kansas City Water Services  
Sean Partain, WSP  
Nicole Shoemaker, City of Greenwood  
Doug Wesselschmidt, Grandview

#### MARC Staff Present

Ron Achelpohl, Taylor Cunningham, Beth Dawson, Tom Jacobs, Marlene Nagel, Martin Rivarola, Patrick Trouba, Kayla Zacharias

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting started at 9:00am, with Missouri Co-chair, Dean Katerndahl asking all those in the MARC Board Room to introduce themselves, then asked those on Zoom to introduce themselves.

#### **Approval of May 13, 2022 Meeting summary**

There were no edits to the meeting summary. Jeff Williams moved that the meeting summary be approved. Michael Frisch seconded the motion. The meeting summary was approved.

#### **Planning Sustainable Places Project Funding**

Beth Dawson provided an overview of the submitted applications for the 2023 Planning Sustainable Places Call for Projects. There were five unique applicants in Kansas and eleven unique applicants in Missouri. There were six total projects in Kansas and sixteen total projects in Missouri. MARC did not receive enough applications to fully expend the Kansas funding. A similar situation occurred in the 2017 program year, and MARC staff issued a second Call for Projects to expend the remaining funds. MARC staff recommends approving funding for all six Kansas applications before issuing a second call for projects.

A committee member asked if a street diet was planned for the Rainbow Boulevard application. Leslie Herring discussed the Westwood, KS application for Rainbow Boulevard. The Urban Land Institute technical assistance program determined the highest and best use for this corridor is higher density mixed use. Density is coming, so Westwood is trying to get ahead of development but has not selected specific strategies. This project will identify strategies to improve the corridor and include transit.

Janet McRae moved to approve the six submitted Kansas applications for Planning Sustainable Places funding. Michael Frisch seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Beth presented the scoring for the Missouri projects and showed three different possible funding scenarios for the committee. Scenario 1 illustrated the top scoring projects by funding type and only funded six total projects. Scenario 2 illustrated the top scoring projects, but only one funded application per sponsor agency. Scenario 3 illustrated the top two projects being fully funded, with 90% funding for the subsequent top-ranking projects. Committee members discussed various approaches to funding the projects based on scoring results. Members expressed a desire to spread funding out among urban and suburban communities that represented the geographic diversity of the region. The committee reviewed applicants' minimum funding requests to determine if some projects were scalable so that more projects would be included. Grandview, Kansas City, and North Kansas City, and Port KC volunteered to take less than the requested amount of funding to include projects from other cities. The committee created a custom funding allocation to bring back for approval at the September meeting. MARC staff will confirm funding amounts are adequate with project sponsors.

Applicant	Project Title	% Fund	Funding
City of Independence, MO	Independence Transportation for All Plan	90%	\$74,250
City of Kansas City, MO	Multi-County Regional Bike/Ped Highway Barrier Removal Project	67%	\$100,500
City of Kansas City, MO	Southwest Boulevard Transportation Study	90%	\$135,000
City of North Kansas City, MO	Riverfront Levee Trail	90%	\$54,000
City of Kansas City, MO	Vine Street with Greenline Connector	90%	\$135,000
City of Grandview, MO	Harry Truman Drive and Presidential Trail Enhancement	80%	\$56,000
City of Parkville, MO	Parkville ADA Transition Plan	50%	\$20,000
City of Greenwood, MO	Greenwood Connected	75%	\$30,250
Port KC	Berkley Riverfront Connectivity Study	90%	\$135,000

A committee member asked for the schedule for funding approvals. Beth explained that the SPPC would vote on final recommendation at the September meeting. Next, the recommendation goes to the Total Transportation Policy Committee for approval at its September meeting. Finally, it goes to the MARC Board for final approval at its September meeting. Beginning in October, three to four RFPs would drop each month until the end of procurement.

Jeff Williams moved to bring the custom funding allocation created by the group back for final approval at the September SPPC meeting. Erin Ollig seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Committee Member Updates**

- Erin Ollig with Overland Park shared that the City of Overland Park just kicked off their Comprehensive Plan update. Taylor Cunningham explained that MARC is undertaking a Comprehensive Plan review of local jurisdictions to see how municipal comprehensive plans align with regional MARC planning work. Overland Park is looking at how to streamline the building permit process for residential construction by having pre-engineered housing plans that residents and builders can choose from for expedited approval.

- John Birkel Prairie Village Planning Commissioner, discussed the ad hoc housing group that has been put together. The committee will be sending housing recommendations to the Planning Commission to determine how they can be incorporated into the Master Plan. Jeff Williams also discussed the difficulty of constructing new housing stock in Kansas City to address housing needs.
- Jeff Williams discussed the ProspectUS project and how they can encourage housing and incremental development on the corridor. Jeff suggested that Overland Park, Prairie Village, and Kansas City come together to discuss how to address housing issues in the metro, provide diverse housing options, and promote incremental development.
- Janet McRae, Miami County, stated that Miami County has been receiving development interest for solar fields. Miami County put a six-month moratorium on solar field development while they assess the need for regulations regarding solar field development. This will not impact current development in Osawatomie. Osawatomie received a \$400,000 grant for new EV stations and held a ribbon cutting for the project. The EV grant funds will allow Osawatomie to put EV charging stations in some residential homes and at city facilities. Additionally, they received a \$40,000 grant for a mural being done downtown along with new bike racks. The state of Kansas is taking broadband grant applications, and 6 out of 7 applications were from Miami County.

### **Other Business**

Dean Katerndahl informed the committee of topics for the next meeting which will take place September 9, 2022 and will be a hybrid meeting and encourage committee members to attend in person. Committee members were encouraged to submit resilient success stories to MARC that tell the story of local projects that align with MARC's Climate Action Plan. The meeting was adjourned.