



Destination Safe Committee Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2022 | 9:00am – 10:30am

Sherri Miller, Missouri Co-Chair
Tenille Kimberlin, Kansas Co-Chair

Attendance:

Ron Achelpohl, MARC
Kelly Alvarez, KC Scout
Carla Anderson, KDOT
Tia Bigus, Platte County Health Department
Melissa Black, MoDOT
Jerry Bollinger, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly
Selina Bur, MARC
Paul Bushore, MARC
Joseph Christiansen, Independence Police Dept
Susan Cohen, Americans for Older Driver Safety
Ursula Copeland, KCMO Health Department
Matt Daugherty, LifeFlight Eagle
Michael Davis, MoDOT LEL
Courtney Garrett, KTSRO
Jessica Giacone, St Luke’s Hospital
Anne Golob, Missouri Safety Center
Brandon Granthan, Grandview Police Department
Theresa Havenstein, KDOT
Chris Hess, Trails RPC
Chris Herrick, KDOT
J Stuart Hoffman, Charlie’s House
Carol Hoormann, First Impact
Jen Jordan-Spence, City of Gardner Police

Michael Kelley, BikeWalkKC
Laura Kemerling, Children’s Mercy
Tenille Kimberlin, Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office
Devin Lambeth, Clay County Sheriffs Office
Theresa Lienhop, University Health
Uday Manepalli, KCMO
Robyn Meinholdt, KDOT
Sherri Miller, Tri-County Mental Health Services
Derek Olson, MoDOT
Drew Pearson, Wilson & Company
Erin Ravolo, City of Lee’s Summit
Martin Rivarola, MARC
Grant Ruark, KCMO PD
Noel Schneider, KDOT
Dave Schwartz, KDOT
Kevin Self, Basehor Police Department
Lisa Shofstall, WSP
Brandon Simpson, MoDOT
Bill Sullivan, NHTSA
Bruce Summa, Lawson Police Department
Josh Thompson, Odessa Police Department
Ingrid Vandevort, KDOT
Scott Wilson, MoDOT
Allyn Workman, First Impact
Kayla Zacharias, MARC

1. Welcome! Attendance was taken in the chat.
2. The Coalition discussed approval of October meeting minutes. Robyn Meinholdt made a motion to approve. Ron Achelpohl seconded the motion.

Special Accommodations: Please notify the Mid-America Regional Council at (816) 474-4240 at least 48 hours in advance if you require special accommodations to attend this meeting (i.e., qualified interpreter, large print, reader, hearing assistance). We will make every effort to meet reasonable requests.

MARC programs do not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, color or national origin, according to Title VI of the Civil

Rights Act of 1964. For more information or to obtain a Title VI Complaint Form, see, [MARC Title Vi page](#) or call 816-474-4240.

3. CityLab Article: [Why US Traffic Safety is Getting Worse, While Other Countries Improve](#)
 The coalition discussed the article in small groups and then came back together to discuss takeaways. Carla Anderson (KDOT) shared that education is much needed, but that speed needs to be addressed at the policy level. Several groups noted that after earning a drivers license, most states do not require drivers to do more than an eye exam. Carla also shared that automated enforcement provides an opportunity to improve safety; officers say that when their vehicles are present, people drive the speed limit. When they're not around, people speed. Michael Kelley (BikeWalkKC) said that one of the easiest things we can do is refer to crashes as crashes (not accidents). He believes that many communities need to update and develop stronger complete streets policies that make it easier to separate bikers and pedestrians from drivers. Michael also said that we should start looking into intelligent speed assistance for fleet vehicles.

4. 2023-2027 Destination Safe Work Plan, Kayla Zacharias, MARC
 Kayla provided an overview of the upcoming work plan. Michael Kelley (BikeWalkKC) made a pitch to include complete streets policies and a rating of those policies by the National Complete Streets Coalition. In terms of robust law enforcement, Michael would like to see a formalization of data collection on violations for vulnerable road users, specifically location, transportation mode, race, sex, and disability. He noted that it is often difficult for advocacy groups to get data on what is happening on our roads. Teaching drivers about bike/ped infrastructure is also an opportunity, said Michael. A pilot for intelligent speed assistance is one of the technologies we could explore in the work plan. Susan Cohen (Americans for Older Driver Safety) asked if we can prioritize some areas for the coming year (and those after), as it is a large work plan. Law enforcement attendees noted that the data they share through Operation Impact is on the enforcement side; it isn't about traffic infrastructure or changing policy. Michael Kelley noted that complete streets and vision zero often get put in the same bucket, but Vision Zero (specifically because it is focused on creating safer corridors) may be best achieved on a regional level/with several communities working together.

5. Kansas Safety Targets, Dave Schwartz, KDOT
 Fatalities are down 5% so far in Kansas this year. KDOT chose a target of 400 fatalities for 2023, which would be a 10% reduction from the trend. The suspected serious injury target is 1100, which would represent an 8% reduction from the trend. The fatality rate target is 1.29 (a 9% reduction) and the serious injury rate target is 3.54 (a 19% reduction). Schwartz noted that it hasn't been very long since the Kansas fatality rate was over 2.0. The target for non-motorized fatalities and suspected serious injuries is 160, which is based on the goal of 125 by 2030. Robyn Meinholdt (KDOT) shared that KDOT recently completed an attitudinal survey on what Kansans believe about various traffic safety topics. This may contain information

Special Accommodations: Please notify the Mid-America Regional Council at (816) 474-4240 at least 48 hours in advance if you require special accommodations to attend this meeting (i.e., qualified interpreter, large print, reader, hearing assistance). We will make every effort to meet reasonable requests.

MARC programs do not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, color or national origin, according to Title VI of the Civil

Rights Act of 1964. For more information or to obtain a Title VI Complaint Form, see, [MARC Title Vi page](#) or call 816-474-4240.



about the efficacy of education/outreach campaigns. KDOT will likely be ready to share the results of this survey in the spring.

- 6. MARC 2021 Safety Performance Measures, Kayla Zacharias, MARC
 The MARC region did not meet any of its safety targets for 2021, although the fatality rate target was very close. Fatalities and serious injuries have been trending slightly upward for the last several years. However, fatality and injury rates have remained relatively steady due to gradual increases in population and vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

Michael Kelley asked whether non-motorized injuries include people who are living with disabilities. Crash reports likely do not include information about whether the person involved is living with a disability. There was also a discussion about what modes qualify as “non-motorized.” According to FHWA, “non-motorized transportation is primarily comprised of biking, walking, equestrian, and horse-drawn vehicles but may also include other non-powered transportation devices.”

- 7. No other business was shared. The meeting adjourned.

2022 Destination Safe Committee Meetings					
Destination Safe Committee 9:00-10:30am		DS Public Information & Education Subcommittee 10:45-11:45am		DS Data Subcommittee 9:00-10:30am	
11/30/2022	Hybrid	11/30/2022	Hybrid	12/6/2022	Hybrid
1/25/2022	Hybrid	1/25/2022	Hybrid	2/7/2022	Hybrid
3/29/2022	Hybrid	3/29/2022	Hybrid	4/4/2022	Hybrid
5/31/2022	Hybrid	5/31/2022	Hybrid	6/6/2022	Hybrid

Special Accommodations: Please notify the Mid-America Regional Council at (816) 474-4240 at least 48 hours in advance if you require special accommodations to attend this meeting (i.e., qualified interpreter, large print, reader, hearing assistance). We will make every effort to meet reasonable requests.

MARC programs do not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, color or national origin, according to Title VI of the Civil

Rights Act of 1964. For more information or to obtain a Title VI Complaint Form, see, [MARC Title VI page](#) or call 816-474-4240.

Kansas Department of
Transportation
700 SW Harrison
Topeka, KS 66603
785/296-3566

Kansas Highway
Patrol Troop A
1220 Enterprise Street
Olathe, KS 66061
913/782-8100

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

Missouri Department of
Transportation District 4
600 NE Colbern Road
Lee's Summit, MO 64086
816/622-6500

Missouri State Highway
Patrol Troop A
504 E Blue Parkway
Lee's Summit, MO 64063
816/622-0800