



## OGL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, January 23, 2023, 1:30 p.m.**

**Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting: MODOT – Room 236 and online via Microsoft Teams**

Members Present	MARC Staff Present	Non-Members Present
Alejandro Martinez, MODOT	Barry Viss	Alex Preston, TransCore
Noel Forrester, Olathe, Chair	Scott Cutshall	Kurt Rotering, Olsson
Michael W. Spickelmier, Lansing	Cedrick Owens	Blake Hansen, Olsson
Adam Hilgedick, Blue Springs	Ray Webb	Christos Achillides, Iteris
Thomas Northup, KDOT	Chris Jenkins	Jonathan Deves, HDR
Shawn Gotfredson, Overland Park		Taylor McHenry, HDR
Sol Moinuddin, KCMO		Mike McKenna, Affinis
Bill Stogsdill, Fairway		Kiel Ova, Traffic Tech Services
Steve Schooley, Lenexa		Tuan Nguyen, HDR
Brian Scovill, Leawood		Jami F. Rana, MODOT
Brian Shields, Overland Park		
Erin Ralovo, Lees Summit		
John Findlay, Liberty		
Kristofer Finger, KCK		
Brittany Saathoff, MODOT		
Kataryna Kraemer, MODOT		
Donnie Scharff, Roeland Park		
John Sullivan, Westwood		
Melissa Schmitz, MODOT		
David Northup, KDOT		

### Welcome

The meeting started at 1:30 p.m. Noel Forrester, Chair, welcomed all.

1. **October 24, 2022, committee minutes** – Shawn Gotfredson made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was supported and approved unanimously.
2. **2023 RFQ for traffic signal timing and engineering support** – A sub-committee recommends contracting with two firms, Olsson and Iteris. Steve Schooley made a motion to approve the selection. The motion was supported and approved unanimously.
3. **Vice-chair election** – Derek Olson is no longer with MODOT as such is no longer the OGL vice-chair. A new vice-chair from a Missouri agency will need to be elected at the April steering committee meeting.
4. **MARC conflict of interest & whistleblower policies** – These policy documents were included in the meeting packet. Committee members should review them and contact MARC if they have any questions.
5. **Agency updates** – Kris Finger is the new city traffic engineer in KCK. Blue Springs will be constructing a new signal on Adams Dairy Parkway and Napoleon Dr. Leawood will have closures on Mission Rd, including at 135<sup>th</sup> St, such that the signal there will likely need to be adjusted. US-169 SB will be closed north of downtown starting February 6<sup>th</sup> through the fall of 2024.

6. **Hot topic: St Louis regional operations update** – Jamie Rana with MODOT – St Louis District updated the committee. They have kept some of the efficiencies learned through COVID restrictions. They have a new TMC staffing agency, Kapch, which transition has gone smoothly. They have hired a full-time data scientist to help make use of the transportation data they receive. They are bringing online a new ATMS software, iNET, which provides coverage for both freeway and arterial signal system operations, including ATSPM analysis.
  7. **Traffic Technology Services (TTS) update** – Kiel Ova with TTS gave the committee an update on their services and who is participating. They provide signal status and predicted signal behavior to several vehicle manufacturers for various in-car features. There is no cost to agencies to participate. If desired, additional agencies need to enter the group agreement already in place through MARC. In exchange for the data, TTS provides signal performance measures back to the agency.
  8. **Technology plan update** – Blake Hansen discussed the planned update to the OGL technology plan. Previous versions of the plan focused exclusively on the communications and computer equipment owned by MARC. Possible changes would be to include other traffic technologies that may be used region-wide, or rename the plan to clarify the limited scope of the document. It may be valuable to think about other technologies and services that may be in our future in our industry that may place requirements on the network. The previous version of the plan will be distributed to the committee with the minutes of this meeting.
  9. **MO and KS CMAQ construction project updates** – Cedrick Owens updated the committee on the two projects. The Missouri project bids were rejected as too high and will be re-bid with different scope. The KS project is proceeding with Black & MacDonald and currently shop drawings are being reviewed.
  10. **2025 STBG/CMAQ call for projects** – Ray Webb updated the committee on the OGL applications for funding. The MARC Board will vote tomorrow to receive STBG operations funding for 2025-2026. OGL also was awarded \$421,680 from CMAQ for crowd-sourced signal performance measures in Missouri, which will be available October 1, 2024.
  11. **Quarterly operations report** – Chris highlighted a few items for the committee to be aware of from the operations report which was included in the meeting packet. He also reminded the committee of the 9-day window at the end of the year where the old EPAC firmware does not accept time broadcasts.
  12. **Quarterly budget report** – The quarterly budget report was not included in the meeting packet. Ray is hoping the report can be generated before the end of the week and sent out with the meeting minutes.
- Other business** – Agencies should communicate to MARC staff if they have a desire for any TransSuite training and what format. KCITE provided some info on upcoming conferences and training opportunities. Ray will include the list with the meeting minutes when they are sent out. Staff of several agencies, Olsson, and MARC staff, put together an application for the SMART grant program which was submitted as planned. The OGL group needs to provide guidance to TransCore on enhancements that have been identified. If additional personnel want to be involved in that review and decision process, contact Barry. The OGL program handout has been updated and was included in the meeting packet. If anyone has comments on this before it is made public contact Ray by Friday of this week.

Next meeting date: April 24, 2023.

**Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.