



OGL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 24, 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
Noel Forrester, Olathe, Chair	Barry Viss	Alex Preston, TransCore
Michael Spickelmier, Lansing	Scott Cutshall	Cliff Adams, WSP
Adam Hilgedick, Blue Springs	Cedrick Owens	Christos Achillides, Iteris
Thomas Northup, KDOT	Ray Webb	Janelle Clayton, Merge Midwest
Shawn Gotfredson, Overland Park	Chris Jenkins	John Albeck, Iteris
Sol Moinuddin, KCMO	Karen Clawson	
Steve Schooley, Lenexa	Ron Achelpohl	
Brian Scovill, Leawood		
Brian Shields, Overland Park		
John Findlay, Liberty		
Kristofer Finger, KCK		
John Sullivan, Westwood		
Melissa Schmitz, MODOT		
Ryan Barrett, KDOT		
Kieth Bredehoeft, Prairie Village		
Sherri McIntyre, Liberty		
Ericka Ross, MODOT, Vice-Chair		

Welcome

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

- 1. January 23, 2023, committee minutes** – Steve Schooley made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was supported and approved unanimously.
- 2. Vice-chair election** – Ericka Ross has agreed to take the vacant Steering Committee position for MODOT which includes the vice-chair position.
- 3. Agency updates** – The NFL draft activities are anticipated to cause traffic congestion around downtown KCMO.
- 4. Carbon Reduction Program** – Karen Clawson with MARC shared information about a new federal funding opportunity. There are \$4.6 million per year available for 5 years for projects in the Kansas City area. For more information: <https://www.marc.org/transportation/funding/carbon-reduction-program>.
- 5. Hot topic: K-7 & Parallel R-Cut intersection** – Ryan Barrett with KDOT presented an update on the plans and construction progress for the intersection of K-7 & Parallel Pkwy. The long-term plans for this section of K-7 are to be a freeway with grade-separated crossings. As an interim solution for this intersection to improve safety and travel times, they selected an R-Cut intersection, where left turns are allowed off the main-line, but side street traffic must turn right and do a U-turn at a downstream median crossing.
- 6. ATMS software project** – Background: OGL applied for and was awarded CMAQ funds for the purchase of an ATMS system. Upon reviewing several available systems and discussing with a selection sub-committee, the Steering Committee decided in 2022 that staying with TransSuite was the best option at this time and we will be using the funds to pay for several enhancements to the existing software. Alex Preston with TransCore updated the committee. TransSuite has moved to a web-based user interface for future

development, but the Windows client version is still supported. Some efforts currently underway are some user interface changes and customization, additional failure thresholds for traffic responsive, enhancements to streamline time space diagram generation, and split logger display changes. Many others are on their roadmap for the future.

7. **Grants and awards** – Ray informed the committee that OGL has been awarded the SMART grant funding, STIC project funding in both Kansas and Missouri, as well as 2025/2026 CMAQ funding that we applied for. All of these were applied for with the intent of purchasing performance measure systems. Ray will be working to plan how to have all these projects work together in concert to advance the OGL program.
8. **MO and KS CMAQ construction project updates** – Cedrick Owens updated the committee on the two projects. The Kansas project is underway: boring is taking place on 135th St. The three Siemens controllers have been received for Lansing but the 51 Econolite controllers for the other agencies will be coming in June. The Missouri project bids were rejected as too high and will be re-bid with reduced scope, hopefully in May.
9. **INRIX US signals scorecard for 2022** – Barry Viss shared some data from INRIX’ Signal Scorecard, specifically for the MARC region. It shows signals in our region are operating at a better level of service than the national average. They were able to produce for us a report of the worst performing signals in our region, many of which were known to be under construction for much of the year.
10. **Quarterly operations report** – Christos Achillides and John Albeck with Iteris reported on the retiming project that included Holmes, Rockhill, Troost, and 75th St in KCMO, completed in November. The project is seen as a success. Barry Viss highlighted a few numbers from the operations report that was included in the meeting packet.
11. **Quarterly budget report** – The quarterly budget report was included in the meeting packet. Ray noted that federal funds were finished in August, after which we spent local funds only, until the new federal funds were obligated in December. We did have to tap \$52,821 of our \$300,000 emergency fund to bridge the gap, which funds will be replaced with new local match money. The new increased local agency match rate of \$800/signal/year should help. Invoices have been sent to most agencies and many have paid. Ending balance at the end of February is \$334,810. MARC will also need to collect a local match for the ATMS software project.

Other business

- We would like to offer some training for TransSuite in the next few weeks.
- The 2nd edition of the Traffic Signal Maintenance Handbook from ITE has been distributed.
- Save the date of June 14, there will be an open house “Day of Celebration” commemorating 20 years of KC Scout, 30 years of MODOT motorist assist, and 15 years of OGL.

Next meeting date: July 24, 2023.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.