



# Board of Directors BUDGET & PERSONNEL

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October 24, 2023

11:15 a.m.

In-person attendees in MARC's Heartland room with a remote option via Zoom

- Members of the public who wish to participate in this meeting: please email McKenzie Neds at [mnedes@marc.org](mailto:mnedes@marc.org) by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, for instructions to join the teleconference.

## AGENDA

### 1. Approve Contracts, Grants, and Other Major Expenditures

#### EFFECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- a. VOTE: Authorize an agreement with LISC Greater Kansas City for second half 2023 Regional Housing Partnership work.

#### THRIVING OLDER ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES

- b. VOTE: Authorize agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to receive the Social Services Growth and Development Grant.
- c. VOTE: Authorize amendment to increase the current community center agreement with Palmer Center Community Center.

#### QUALITY EARLY LEARNING

- d. VOTE: Update on key agency contracts to provide support services for the Child Care Collaborative Networks in northwest Missouri.

#### SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES

- e. VOTE: Approve an agreement with Motorola Solutions to purchase VESTA 911 Backroom servers to upgrade host sites located at Kansas City Police Department and Johnson County Emergency Communications Center.
- f. VOTE: Authorize application and acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2023 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant and issuance of associated subaward agreements
- g. VOTE: Authorize grant application to the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency to support the Mid-America Missouri Local Emergency Planning District.
- h. VOTE: Authorize a Kansas State Homeland Security Grant Program subaward agreement with the City of Overland Park, KS for next generation firewall equipment for the traffic signalization network.

#### TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT

- i. VOTE: Approve the FY2024 Memorandum of Understanding with the MARC Solid Waste Management District.
- j. VOTE: Authorization of contract with Olsson for arterial performance measures for the Operation Green Light Program.
- k. VOTE: Authorize a three-year contract with TransCore ITS Inc. for the Operation Green Light Regional Traffic Signal System Software Development and Support.
- l. VOTE: Authorize contract with Kansas Department of Transportation for Destination Safe Media Campaign FY2024 - FY2026



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- m. VOTE: Authorize contract with Cambridge Systematics to provide consultant support services for the Regional Travel Demand Forecast Model Expansion.
- n. VOTE: Authorize contract for consulting services agreement for freight planning study.

#### EXEMPLARY CORE CAPACITIES

- o. VOTE: Authorize an agreement with a consultant to develop a Software Assessment and Acquisition Plan at a cost not to exceed \$90,000
  - p. VOTE: Authorize an agreement with Surdex for aerial imagery services in an amount not to exceed \$114,820 for the 2024 Aerial Imagery Project.
- 2. VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda (Administrative Matters and Minor Expenditures)
    - a. Approve the Minutes of the September 26, 2023, Meeting
  - 3. Other Business
  - 4. Adjournment

# AGENDA REPORT

## Budget and Personnel Committee

October 2023  
Item No. 1a  
Effective Local Government

### ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an agreement with LISC Greater Kansas City for second half 2023 Regional Housing Partnership work.

### BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) partners with LISC Greater Kansas City in organizing and advancing the Regional Housing Partnership (RHP) strategy and work plan. The MARC board approved an agreement with LISC in December of 2021 to perform work through 2022 in the amount of \$355,000 and included funding for a subcontract with SourceLink on behalf of RHP. The time to complete work under that agreement was extended administratively through June of 2023. At this time LISC continues to partner to advance the work of the RHP for 2023.

This agreement and payment are for the remainder of the work that LISC Greater Kansas City performed in advancing 2023 deliverables for the RHP and includes dollars for the SourceLink subcontract they hold on behalf of RHP.

Work that LISC partnered to advance for 2023 included:

- Completing the developer needs assessment;
- Establishing the SourceLink platform to connect those working in the affordable housing space;
- Co-convening the RHP Strategy Committee;
- Launching work on the regional housing trust fund business plan;
- Promoting the regional housing data hub platform, data stories and blogs;
- Participating in the CLT Regional Business Plan work and consortium development;
- Promoting the launch of KCHousingLoctor.com;
- Assisting with joint fundraising and grant applications; and
- Presenting on RHP to various groups and organizations;

### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$280,000
Source	Foundation Dollars Raised for RHP
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$0
Contractual	LISC Staff, Operations, and Contractors - \$280,000
Pass-Through	\$0
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$0

### RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Approve an agreement in the amount of \$280,000 with LISC for their contributions to the 2023 RHP.

### STAFF CONTACT:

Katie Killen

## AGENDA REPORT

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### Budget and Personnel Committee

October 2023

Item No. 1b

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

**ISSUE:**

VOTE: Authorize agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to receive the Social Services Growth and Development Grant.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) established the Senior Services Growth and Development Program (SSGDP) to provide additional funding for older adult programming through the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA). SSGDP was created in 2019 to provide funding to enhance services for the development and expansion of senior center programs, facilities, and services. In addition, it is intended to be utilized for any activities related to services for older adults in the Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) planning and service area. However, no funds were appropriated to the project unit the 102nd General Assembly.

The total amount of the agreement is \$2,571,960 for the period September 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Fifty percent of these funds, \$1,285,980, are designated for the development and expansion of the senior multipurpose center programs and facilities. The other fifty percent shall be used for any activities and programs that enhance services for older adults in MARC's planning and service area: Jackson, Clay, Cass, Platte, and Ray Counties. Staff is working with partners to develop a plan for this funding.

REVENUES	
Total Amount of Agreement	\$2,571,960
Source	DHSS Senior Services Growth and Development Fund

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

The Commission on Aging considered this at its October meeting and recommended board approval.

**RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray counties in Missouri

**EXHIBITS:**

None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize agreement between MARC and the Department of Health and Senior Services for Senior Services Growth and Development Award.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz

Bob Hogan

# AGENDA REPORT

## Budget and Personnel Committee

October 2023

Item No. 1c

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

**ISSUE:**

VOTE: Authorize amendment to increase the current community center agreement with Palmer Center Community Center.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services awarded The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Aging and Adult Services (AAS) \$4,026,563 through the American Rescue Program Act (ARPA). This funding is in addition to the regular allocation of state and federal funds to provide services under the Older American Act (OAA), and these funds must be expended by September 30, 2024.

AAS included MARC funded community centers in its Area Plan budget submission to DHSS and MARC community centers received notification that this funding is available to address upkeep and other operational costs. The Palmer Center Senior Center in Independence, MO requested funding to update its dining facilities for center participants and attendees.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

The total cost of these facility updates is \$102,432. Funds are requested to replace outdated serving line equipment, cold storage supplies such as freezers and installation, replacing dining furniture that has not been updated in 20 years, and renovating the dining room by removing wallpaper and painting.

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Equipment	\$56,493
Dining Room Furniture and renovation	\$45,939
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$102,432</b>

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

The Commission on Aging considered this at its October meeting and recommended Board approval.

**RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

Jackson County

**EXHIBITS:**

None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize amendment to increase the current community center agreement with Palmer Center Community Center.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz

Melody Elston

Bethany Reyna

Bob Hogan

# AGENDA REPORT

## Budget and Personnel Committee

October 2023  
Item No. 1d  
Quality Early Learning

### ISSUE:

VOTE: Update on key agency contracts to provide support services for the Child Care Collaborative Networks in northwest Missouri.

### BACKGROUND:

In November 2022, the Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Department of Early Learning submitted three proposals to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Office of Childhood to administer three new Child Care Collaborative Networks that replaced the Educare program MARC administered since 2018. The new networks provide onsite coaching support, intensive cohort trainings, and best practice trainings to support Home Based child care providers, Infant/Toddler and Preschool teachers.

MARC was awarded all three contracts on May 24, 2023. Each one-year contract is renewable for up to four additional years. The geographical area for the Child Care Collaborative Networks comprises: Andrew, Atchison, Bates, Buchanan, Cass, Clay, Clinton, DeKalb, Gentry, Holt, Jackson, Nodaway, Platte, Vernon, and Worth counties in northwest Missouri.

The amount of each of the awards are as follows:

Home Based Child Care Collaborative Network:	\$463,505
Infant Toddler Child Care Collaborative Network:	\$803,423
Preschool Child Care Collaborative Network:	\$1,694,728

The MARC Board approved 12-month key agency contracts for the Local Investment Commission, The Family Conservancy, and the St. Joseph Youth Alliance to implement the Child Care Collaborative Networks at the June 2023 meeting. MARC recently completed the approval process for the Child Care Collaborative Networks budgets with DESE in September. This process has resulted in adjustments to the MARC Board approved budgets for each of these contracts.

The attached chart indicates the name of the agency, the type of service to be provided, and the total dollar amount approved by the MARC Board and the new amount. In addition, MARC would like to enter a new contract with the Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of the University of Missouri-Columbia's Department of Human Development and Family Science to support the implementation of the Preschool Collaborative Network in Bates and Vernon counties.

### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES		
Total Amount	\$2,961,656.00	\$2,961,656.00
Source	Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	
PROJECTED EXPENSES	Approved in June	Adjusted Amounts
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$465,000.00	\$448,285.50
LINC	\$650,800.00	\$678,339.00
TFC	\$709,300.00	\$767,489.00
Youth Alliance	\$492,800.00	\$565,453.00
MU	\$0.00	\$73,417.00
Total Other Contractual	\$370,000.00	\$281,018.00
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$273,756.00	\$147,654.50

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### **Budget and Personnel Committee**

#### **EXHIBITS:**

Child Care Collaborative Networks Budget

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve modifications to the key agency contract amounts and approve new contract with the Curators of the University of Missouri to support the Preschool Collaborative Network for northwest Missouri.

#### **STAFF CONTACT**

Toni Sturdivant

Kyle Matchell

Child Care Collaborative Networks Budget  
The Local Investment Commission (LINC)

Contract Support Services	Approved by Board In June	New Amount	Adjusted Amount
Infant Toddler Child Care Collaborative Network: Provide intensive on-site consultation and cohort training for up to 80 infant toddler teachers.	\$198,500	\$ 221,500	\$ 23,000
Preschool Child Care Collaborative Network: Provide intensive on-site consultation and cohort training for up to 120 preschool teachers.	\$452,300	\$ 456,839	\$ 4,539

The Family Conservancy (TFC)

Contract Support Services	Approved by Board In June	New Amount	Adjusted Amount
Home Based Child Care Collaborative Network: Provide intensive on-site consultation and cohort training for up to 20 home based providers and develop and deliver 120 clock hours of in-person best practice training.	\$188,200	\$163,457	\$ (24,743)
Infant Toddler Child Care Collaborative Network: Provide intensive on-site consultation and cohort training for up to 40 infant toddler teachers and develop and deliver 120 clock hours of in-person best practice training.	\$176,400	\$ 189,656	\$ 13,256
Preschool Child Care Collaborative Network: Provide intensive on-site consultation and cohort training for up to 60 preschool teachers and develop and deliver 120 clock hours of in-person best practice training.	\$344,700	\$ 414,376	\$ 69,676

Youth Alliance

Contract Support Services	Approved by Board In June	New Amount	Adjusted Amount
Home Based Child Care Collaborative Network: Provide intensive on-site consultation and cohort training for up to 20 home based providers.	\$105,500	\$112,580	\$ 7,080
Infant Toddler Child Care Collaborative Network: Provide intensive on-site consultation, and cohort training for up to 40 infant toddler teachers.	\$117,300	\$ 143,965	\$ 26,665
Preschool Child Care Collaborative Network: Provide intensive on-site consultation and cohort training for up to 60 preschool teachers.	\$270,000	\$ 308,908	\$ 38,908



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October 2023

Item No. 1e

Safe and Secure Communities

**ISSUE:**

**VOTE:** Approve an agreement with Motorola Solutions to purchase VESTA 911 Backroom servers to upgrade host sites located at Kansas City Police Department and Johnson County Emergency Communications Center.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) 911 system is comprised of four VESTA 9-1-1® call processing hosts with each host supporting several regional Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). Due to the critical nature of the system, the VESTA 9-1-1 hosts are refreshed on a four-year cycle. The hosts located at Kansas City Police Department and Johnson County Emergency Communications Center are fast approaching their scheduled replacement.

The VESTA 9-1-1 hosts provide call handling for end-user telecommunicator workstations to answer both emergency and non-emergency calls. This upgrade includes two redundant call processing servers, an analytics/log collection server and ancillary equipment.

MARC’s contract with Motorola recognizes MARC as a direct customer, which allows purchasing direct from the manufacturer for cost savings. This distinction was the result of the Public Safety Communications Board’s approval to move to MARC maintenance instead of contracted maintenance.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Motorola quote for the Johnson County host estimates a cost of \$158,372.74 which includes the enterprise sized analytics server. The quote for the Kansas City host, which does not require the larger capacity server for analytics, is \$124,860.52

Funding for replacing the two planned VESTA host upgrades is in the 2023 911 Allocation Budget/Capital Projects.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$283,233.26
Source	911 Allocation Budget (Capital Projects)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$283,233.26
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

This work is a typical expense anticipated in the 911 system maintenance budget, which was approved by the Public Safety Communication Board on October 26, 2022.

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#### **RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

This request supports the 11-county MARC regional 911 network and will specifically serve PSAPs connected to the Johnson County and Kansas City hosts, as follows:

Johnson County Host:

- Fort Leavenworth Provost Marshal
- Johnson County Emergency Communications Center
- Johnson County Sheriff's Office
- Kansas City Missouri Fire Department
- Leavenworth County Sheriff's Office
- Leawood Police Department
- Miami County Sheriff's Office
- Platte County Sheriff's Office
- Prairie Village Police Department
- Raymore Police Department
- Shawnee Police Department

Kansas City Host:

- American Medical Response
- Atchison County Emergency Communications Center
- Belton Police Department
- Clay County Sheriff's Office
- Harrisonville Police Department
- Jackson County Sheriff's Office
- Kansas City Missouri Police Department
- Leavenworth Police Department
- Lee's Summit Fire Department
- Linn County Sheriff's Office
- Overland Park Police Department
- Pleasant Valley Police Department
- Ray County 9-1-1
- Sugar Creek Police Department

#### **EXHIBITS:**

None

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the agreement with Motorola Solutions to purchase VESTA 9-1-1 Backroom server equipment to support both Johnson County and Kansas City hosts in the amount of \$282,889.76 to replace existing equipment.

#### **STAFF CONTACT:**

Eric Winebrenner

## AGENDA REPORT

### Budget and Personnel Committee

October 2023

Item No. 1f

Safe and Secure Communities

**ISSUE:**

VOTE: Authorize application and acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2023 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant and issuance of associated subaward agreements.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program originated following the attacks of September 11, 2001. The UASI program provides funding to enhance regional preparedness and capabilities in designated high-threat, high-density areas to build, sustain, and deliver the capabilities necessary to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism. Eligibility is determined yearly through an analysis of the relative risk of terrorism faced by the 100 most populous Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the United States, in accordance with the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended.

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) was notified via a Notification of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on February 28, 2023 that it was eligible to apply for \$1,645,333 in Urban Area Strategic Initiative (UASI) funding. MARC is one of forty areas across the nation eligible for this funding. The Kansas City Urban Area applied for and received notification of funding for \$1,645,333 in FY 2023. The following are projects approved by the RHSCC:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
Fusion Center - Intel and Info Sharing	\$69,323
Fusion Center - Combatting Domestic Violence Extremism	\$51,250
Fusion Center - Soft Targets	\$68,951
Preserving Regional Exercise Capacity	\$103,339
Preserving Regional Training Capacity	\$225,664
Regional Operation Planning & Accountability	\$72,666
Information Sharing (Web EOC Sustainment)	\$45,000
Sustain Regional Hazmat Response Capabilities	\$50,200
Sustain Regional Technical Rescue Teams	\$59,861
Sustain Regional Law Enforcement Capability-EOD	\$422,000
Regional Community Preparedness and Resiliency	\$49,360
Regional Cybersecurity	\$32,000
Sustain Mass Fatality Response Capabilities	\$4,500
Management & Administration - MARC	\$78,153
Regional Planning & Collaboration	\$181,440
Election Security	\$49,360
<b>Total Funds Applied for by MARC (the State retains 5% for M&amp;A)</b>	<b>\$1,563,067</b>

Subaward agreements are issued to each entity receiving funds/goods/services through the UASI FY23 grant. The subaward agreement identifies the funding amount and types of items being provided as well as requirements to be met as a condition to receiving the funds. It also serves as a mechanism to transfer ownership to the end user agency from MARC.

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The following subawards are greater than \$50,000 and require board approval:

Board of Police Commissioners Kansas City Police Department - \$120,573. This project supports software licenses, subscriptions, professional memberships, training, and data services for the Regional Fusion Center.

Independence Police Department (\$211,000), Leavenworth Police Department (\$105,500), and Kansas City KS Police Department (\$105,500) - \$220,000 total for ICOR robot. Of the 7 regionally funded Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) teams, 4 are on the Kansas side of the Metro. All EOD teams are required to possess certain pieces of equipment to maintain their certification as a team from the FBI. Among the required equipment are bomb suits, x-ray systems, robots, and hand tools. The job of an EOD technician requires the use of all these tools and much more to bring explosive-related calls for service to a safe conclusion. As with most equipment, there is a lifespan. The x-ray systems and robots currently used by the area EOD squads were purchased in the mid-2000s and are well past their life span. Many of these systems are no longer supported and parts are no longer available. Additionally, as world events progress, the types of threats related to EOD calls have changed and have required changes to the approach by EOD technicians and the way explosive devices are rendered safe. Due to these changes, additional tools are required to carry out these new techniques. This project is to replace the most critical needs as identified by the Regional EOD teams and approved by the Regional LE subcommittee for the ICOR robots. The funding is only partial funding for the three agencies.

#### **BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

This action item includes the anticipated award and subawards that exceed \$50,000 and require approval from the MARC Board of Directors.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$1,563,067
Source	FY 2023 UASI Grant
PROJECTED EXPENSES - SUBAWARDS >\$50,000	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	
Pass-Through	\$542,573
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION:**

On April 14, 2022, the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee (RHSCC) held a special meeting to determine investments for the UASI funding and authorize staff to finalize and submit the UASI application and execute the respective subaward agreements.

#### **RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

Four agencies are designated as subrecipients, but equipment will be available for regional use through regional emergency management mutual aid agreements.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the application and acceptance of the FY 2023 Urban Area Strategic Initiative grant and authorize the executive director to execute subaward agreements as noted above.

#### **CONTACT**

Erin Lynch  
John Davis

## AGENDA REPORT

### Budget and Personnel Committee

October 2023  
Item No. 1g  
Safe and Secure Communities

#### ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize grant application to the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency to support the Mid-America Missouri Local Emergency Planning District.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Emergency Services supports the Missouri Local Emergency Planning District (MoLEPD) with their hazardous materials preparedness activities. The MoLEPD includes Clay, Platte, Jackson, Ray, and Cass Counties in Missouri. The MO Region A LEPD entered into a contract with MARC to provide administrative, planning, training, and exercise support. 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; provides technical assistance to counties in developing their local operational plans; and works on state and federal public policy issues related to hazardous materials and emergency response.

State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) notified MARC on September 1, 2023, of the release of a new Local Emergency Planning Commission/Local Emergency Planning District Grant program - the application deadline was September 22, 2023. The area hazmat teams, hospital leadership, and LEPD leadership met to discuss the opportunity and prioritize needs. The application seeks funding to increase gas detection & analysis and increase decontamination capabilities for area hospitals as "first receivers".

The agencies receiving the equipment would be:

- Kansas City, Missouri Fire Department:
  - **XplorIR from FTIR gas detector (\$84,710)** - can detect and identify over 5,500 gases in seconds. Two units are being requested for a total cost of \$84,710. One of the units would be housed at the Kansas City MO Fire Department Hazmat Station. The location of the second device will be determined later.
  - **MX908 portable mass spectrometer (\$71,463)** - utilized by trained responders for real-time threats and detections of chemical, explosive, priority drug, and HazMat substances. One unit at a cost of \$71,463 to be housed at the KCFD Hazmat Station. The Kansas City Fire Department's hazardous materials response team serves Kansas City with its city limits reaching areas across four counties falling within the MoLEPD jurisdiction.
- University Health, North Kansas City Hospital, and Belton Regional Hospital:
  - Two and three-line **mass casualty decon shower systems (\$74, 876.81)** - are being requested for a total cost of \$74,876.81. Hospital leadership met to determine the location of the units. If funded, these units will cover the northern, central, and southern portions of our area.

The total amount applied for in the grant is \$231,049.81.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION:

On September 20, 2023, the MoLEPD approved submitting an application as described above.

## **AGENDA REPORT**

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### **Budget and Personnel Committee**

#### **RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

Five agencies will receive the equipment as described above, and 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 equipment is deployable in the entire MARC region.

#### **EXHIBITS:**

None

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends retroactive approval of the application and, if awarded, authorization to accept and expend up to \$231,049.81 of Local Emergency Planning Commission/Local Emergency Planning District grant funds for hazmat equipment and mobile decon showers.

#### **STAFF CONTACT:**

Erin Lynch  
John Davis

# AGENDA REPORT

## Budget and Personnel Committee

October 2023

Item No. 1h

Safe & Secure Communities

### ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a Kansas State Homeland Security Grant Program subaward agreement with the City of Overland Park, KS for next generation firewall equipment for the traffic signalization network.

### BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) administers State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) funding for both states to support the region's efforts to sustain protection, response and recovery capabilities. A portion of funding for the Kansas program is designated for cybersecurity priorities. The City of Overland Park, KS requested funds to upgrade firewall equipment for its traffic signalization network. Traffic signalization networks are becoming more reliant on technology to support critical public safety and emergency services operations. The project is recommended to address deficiencies identified in the city's 2020 National Cybersecurity Review (NCSR) annual self-assessment. The cybersecurity subcommittee of the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee (RHSCC) promotes the NCSR to cities and counties to measure cybersecurity capabilities and address gaps.

### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

This project is part of a \$437,011 Kansas SHSGP award for Fiscal Year 2022. Of that amount, \$83,172 was designated for continued implementation of the Regional Strategic Framework for Local Government Cybersecurity, including this project for the City of Overland Park.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$70,000
Source	FY2022 KS SHSGP
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$70,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

### COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARC Board of Directors approved the grant application to the Kansas Highway Patrol for SHSGP funds on October 26, 2021, based on the recommendation of the RHSCC.

### RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This project funds equipment for the City of Overland Park, KS traffic signalization network, which is a regional network asset comprised of 280+ signal assets.

### EXHIBITS:

None.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a Kansas FY2022 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) subaward agreement with the City of Overland Park, KS in the amount of \$70,000 for next generation firewall equipment for the traffic signalization network.

### STAFF CONTACT:

Julie Phillips

Lauren Palmer

# AGENDA REPORT

## Budget and Personnel Committee

October 2023

Item No. 1i

Transportation and Environment Department

### ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve the FY2024 Memorandum of Understanding with the MARC Solid Waste Management District.

### BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has provided administration, planning and financial services to the MARC Solid Waste Management District since its inception. The district is required by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to competitively procure these planning services every five years. In compliance with state requirements, the district conducted a formal competitive bid for administrative and planning services. The district executive board formally selected MARC as its administrative contractor on September 20, 2023 for the period from 2024 - 2028.

Each year, MARC then renews its Memorandum of Understanding with the District to implement the agreed upon work plan for the coming year. The District Board approved the Work Plan and Budget and authorized the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding for 2024 at its October 11, 2023 meeting.

### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The MARC Solid Waste Management District will oversee a total of \$1,136,444 for its district grant activities in 2024, including carry-over funds, new grant dollars, and interest income. In addition, the district will coordinate and manage the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Program with projected revenues of \$398,412 for 2024. The Memorandum of Understanding provides \$677,160 in compensation to MARC for services provided to the district, using new grant funds, carryover funds and interest income from the District. The budget will support approximately 3.5 FTE MARC staff.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$677,160
Source	MDNR Solid Waste Funds
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$480,072
Contractual	\$142,000
Pass-Through	\$459,284
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$55,088

### District Operations and Planning

MARC serves as the fiscal agent for the district's grant, interest income funds, and HHW program funds. MARC will manage special projects as approved by the district's executive board, such as regional education and solid waste planning, to utilize these funds. MARC also administers the district grant program and the HHW program.

### RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Clay, Platte, Jackson, and Ray Counties in Missouri.

### COMMITTEE ACTION:

The district's executive board approved the FY24 MARC SWMD Work Plan & Budget and Memorandum of Understanding at its meeting on October 11, 2023.



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### Budget and Personnel Committee

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the executive director to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the MARC Solid Waste Management District, accept and administer funds, and disperse payments as described above.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Tom Jacobs  
Ron Achelpohl

# AGENDA REPORT

## Budget and Personnel Committee

October 2023

Item No. 1j

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

### ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorization of contract with Olsson for arterial performance measures for the Operation Green Light Program.

### BACKGROUND:

Operation Green Light (OGL) is a regional traffic signal coordination and operations program involving local governments and the State Departments of Transportation in Kansas and Missouri. This initiative improves regional traffic flow, air quality and fuel consumption. As a key part of this work, OGL develops and implements traffic signal timing plans in cooperation with participating state and local governments and monitors real-time operations on roadway intersections in the program. This work will support the USDOT SMART Grant by assisting vendor solicitation and evaluations. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) sent an advertisement on September 8, 2023, to 193 vendors and was posted on the MARC website. The solicitation closed October 2, 2023, with one vendor responding, Olsson.

### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Funds for this project are from the USDOT SMART Grant program contracted in August.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$267,950
Source	USDOT SMART Grant Program. No local match is required.
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$267,950

### COMMITTEE ACTION

The Operation Green Light Steering Committee will meet on October 23, 2023, to vote to recommend the selection of Olsson for a two-year contract not to exceed \$267,950 per contract.

### RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Missouri Department of Transportation, the Cities of Belton, Blue Springs, Gladstone, Grandview, Independence, Kansas City, Lee's Summit, Liberty, MoDOT, North Kansas City, Raymore in Missouri and the jurisdiction of the Kansas Department of Transportation, the Cities of Bonner Springs, Fairway, Lansing, Leavenworth, Leawood, Lenexa, Merriam, Mission, Mission Woods, Olathe, Overland Park, Prairie Village, Roeland Park, Shawnee, Westwood and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City in Kansas.

### RECOMMENDATION

Authorize a contract with Olsson for support for the USDOT Smart grant arterial performance measures for MARC's Operation Green Light Program.

### STAFF CONTACT

Ron Achelpohl

Ray M. Webb

# AGENDA REPORT

## Budget and Personnel Committee

October 2023

Item No. 1k

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

### ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a three-year contract with TransCore ITS Inc. for the Operation Green Light Regional Traffic Signal System Software Development and Support.

### BACKGROUND:

Operation Green Light (OGL) is an initiative to coordinate regional traffic signal operations in partnership with area local governments and state departments of transportation. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) staff currently assists in the management and operation of traffic signal timing for over 750 intersections in 27 jurisdictions in both Kansas and Missouri. The goal of this program is to improve traffic flow and reduce delays, fuel consumption and tailpipe emissions through coordinated traffic signal timing and operations. As part of this work, OGL develops and implements traffic signal timing plans on all signalized intersections in the system with the traffic signal software system and maintains and operates a communications network.

TransCore provides the TransSuite Advanced Traffic Management System software used to remotely manage and monitor these traffic signals. This work will include software enhancements requested by the OGL partner agencies, ongoing technical support for the software and servers on which it runs, fixes and other additional features and functionality through regular software updates. The region shares the system software as opposed to each agency owning their own system and thus reducing the cost of traffic signal software support. These enhancements will provide support for new features introduced by controller manufacturers, new UI features to streamline operational management of the signal system, additional data visualization dashboards, traffic engineering analysis tools, application and network security enhancements, and other system improvements.

### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

This contract will be funded through the Federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) improvement program administered by the Kansas and Missouri Departments of Transportation. Partner agencies will provide the matching funds.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$1,075,965
Source	Federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$1,075,965

### RECOMMENDATION

Authorize a contract with TransCore ITS Inc. for Advanced Traffic Signal System Software Support Services for the Operation Green Light Program through October 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$1,075,965 for this work.

### STAFF CONTACT

Ron Achelpohl  
Ray M. Webb

# AGENDA REPORT

## Budget and Personnel Committee

October 2023

Item No. 11

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

### ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize contract with Kansas Department of Transportation for Destination Safe Media Campaign FY2024 - FY2026

### BACKGROUND:

The Destination Safe Public Information and Education Task Team provides a forum to coordinate and support education and outreach efforts to reduce traffic crash fatalities and serious injuries in the 13-county region. The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) provides funding to promote messaging and information based on leading causes or demographics affected by traffic crash fatalities and serious injuries.

The specific purpose of this funding is to allow the Public Information and Education Task Team to increase awareness of traffic crash safety interventions through social media and targeted radio ads. The Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Public Affairs department facilitates these efforts.

### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

If the contract is executed, MARC will receive \$60,000 in state funds for FY 2024 - FY 2026, allotting \$20,000 per fiscal year.

REVENUES	2024	2025	2026
Amount	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Source	KDOT	KDOT	KDOT
PROJECTED EXPENSES			
Radio	\$15,000	\$13,000	\$15,000
Social Media	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
Safety Summit		\$3,000	

### RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Jurisdictions within MARC's Destination Safe Coalition, including Leavenworth, Platte, Wyandotte, Johnson, and Miami counties in Kansas, and Jackson, Clay, Ray, Cass, Lafayette, Johnson, Saline, and Pettis counties in Missouri.

### EXHIBITS:

None.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Authorization to execute an agreement for the Destination Safe Outreach Campaign to receive \$60,000 from the Kansas Department of Transportation.

### STAFF CONTACT:

Selina Zapata Bur  
Ron Achelpohl

# AGENDA REPORT

## Budget and Personnel Committee

October 2023

Item No. 1m

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

### ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize contract with Cambridge Systematics to provide consultant support services for the Regional Travel Demand Forecast Model Expansion.

### BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) develops and maintains a regional Travel Demand Forecast Model (TDFM) for the bi-state, eight-county planning area, which includes Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, and Wyandotte Counties in Kansas and Cass, Clay, Jackson, and Platte Counties in Missouri. MARC has utilized the model to identify future improvements to the regional system of roads, streets, and highways, and to analyze the impacts of specific transportation policies and investments that might be undertaken in support of regional goals and objectives adopted by the MARC Board, as stated in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

In 2022, Ray County submitted a request to join MARC's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) area. Ray County's inclusion would mark the final addition of a county to the MPO area. The Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission (PTRPC) plays an instrumental role in the governance of several Missouri counties, including Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, and Saline. PTRPC administers the Transportation Advisory Council (TAC), develops the regional transportation plan, and assists the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) in developing and maintaining the transportation systems for their four-county region in Missouri.

MARC is undergoing a substantial upgrade to its Travel Demand Forecast Model (TDFM), which involves expanding the coverage area from the existing eight counties to encompass thirteen counties. This expansion necessitates a comprehensive adaptation of the current TDFM framework to incorporate the Missouri counties of Ray, Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, and Saline. Such an undertaking requires the recalibration and validation of the model to align with the base year conditions.

Through a qualifications-based competitive selection process, MARC advertised the project on DemandStar and MARC's website from August 25th through September 22nd, 2023. We received one proposal from the Cambridge Systematics Inc. The selection committee comprised of KDOT, MoDOT, and MARC reviewed the proposal and determined that it meets all the requirements outlined in the RFP. The maximum compensation paid by MARC for services is not to exceed \$350,000.00, with a one-year contractual period to complete the project.

### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$350,000
Source	Consolidated Planning Grant funds (CPG)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$350,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

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#### **RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

Travel model expansion will extend coverage of the travel model to the counties of Ray, Johnson, Lafayette, Petties and Saline in Missouri. Currently, the model covers eight counties: Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Johnson and Miami in Kansas and Cass, Jackson, Clay, and Platte in Missouri.

#### **EXHIBITS:**

None.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement for an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 with Cambridge Systematics to complete the Regional Travel Demand Forecast Model Expansion project.

#### **STAFF CONTACT:**

Martin Rivarola  
Eileen Yang

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## Budget and Personnel Committee

October 2023

Item No. 1n

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

**ISSUE:**

VOTE: Authorize contract for consulting services agreement for freight planning study.

**BACKGROUND:**

Freight transportation and logistics is a key industry for the Kansas City regional economy and is a required element of the Mid-America Regional Council’s (MARC) metropolitan transportation planning responsibilities. MARC has a strong history of effective public and private sector strategic planning for freight transportation dating back to the 1995 Intermodal Freight Strategies Study, 1999 Mid-Continent TradeWay Study, 2009 Regional Freight Outlook and 2020 Heartland Freight Technology Plan. Given the rapid changes in freight technology and service delivery since the COVID-19 pandemic, MARC is updating this foundational planning work in partnership with the Lawrence/Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (LDCMPO) and Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission (PTRPC).

MARC initiated a qualifications-based procurement process for this work in August of 2023 by issuing a request for proposals on the MARC website and through the DemandStar procurement platform. We received five proposals and a workgroup of representatives from KDOT, MoDOT, MARC, LDCMPO and PTRPC met and interviewed three of these teams on September 28, 2023. After reviewing these team’s proposals and qualifications the workgroup recommended that MARC select the team led by CDM Smith to conduct this work.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

REVENUES	
Amount	\$900,000
Source	Consolidated Planning Grant Funds
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$900,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

**RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

This work will impact all cities and counties within the MARC area as well as Douglas County, Kansas and Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis and Saline counties in Missouri.

**EXHIBITS:**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the executive director to contract with CDM Smith, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 to conduct a regional freight planning study.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Darryl Fields  
Ron Achelpohl

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### Budget and Personnel Committee

October 2023  
Item No. 1o  
Exemplary Core Capacities

#### **ISSUE:**

**VOTE:** Authorize an agreement with a consultant to develop a Software Assessment and Acquisition Plan at a cost not to exceed \$90,000.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has recognized the need for increased efficiencies and automation of a variety of administrative and organizational tasks, such as human resources, finance, contract management, records management, project management, and agenda management. This project will develop a strategic approach for acquisition of new software platforms to ensure compatibility across new and existing systems.

Phase 1 of this work involves the consultant leading MARC staff in the evaluation of current processes and needs. From this, they will provide a 3-to-5-year plan that includes recommendations for single or multi-functional platforms. Once the planning is complete, it is our hope to continue with the same consultant for Phase 2 of the project, to lead platform acquisition processes and support implementation. The intent is that this would be a multi-year relationship and the scope of the work will include several selection processes and implementations.

MARC published a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking firms to perform these services. The RFP requested them to propose a cost on Phase 1, which included the assessment and plan development, and to estimate costs for future acquisition work.

Five proposals were received and evaluated by a team of MARC staff. Each proposal was reviewed and evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Knowledge, expertise and experience of key staff in the planning, project management and execution of the services required.
- Experience and demonstrated competence of similar projects, especially for public and non-profit clients.
- Demonstrated understanding of the project scope and MARCs primary objectives
- Approach and methodology as it related specifically to achieving MARC's primary objectives.
- Efficiency of proposed timeline, including opportunities for benchmarks and check-ins.
- Completeness and quality of proposal.
- Scope of services for the cost.

The selection team interviewed three firms and is still doing further due diligence. Staff will have a final recommendation by the time of the Budget and Personnel meeting on Tuesday.

#### **BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

Phase 1 of this project will last into January 2024, so costs will be split across budget years. The cost shown below is for Phase 1 of the project. Because these are services that support the entire organization, it is an allowable expense for some grants. We are exploring several other opportunities for funding to help support the cost.



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REVENUES	
Amount (not to exceed)	\$90,000
Source	Indirect funds and other grant support
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$90,000

#### RECOMMENDATION

Authorize entering into an agreement for a Software Assessment and Acquisition Planning project at a cost not to exceed \$ 90,000. [Vendor and final recommendation will be presented verbally at the meeting].

#### STAFF CONTACT

Carol Gonzales  
Sasan Baharaeen

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### Budget and Personnel Committee

October 2023  
Item No. 1p  
Exemplary Core Capacities

#### **ISSUE:**

**VOTE:** Authorize an agreement with Surdex for aerial imagery services in an amount not to exceed \$114,820 for the 2024 Aerial Imagery Project.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Since approximately 2008, many of the region's local governments have collaborated to fly the region every other year to produce orthorectified (i.e., top-down imagery that is map quality) aerial imagery that meets ASPRS Class 1 standards and provides imagery with a resolution of 6-inch pixels. These standards ensure that measurements taken off the aerial imagery are accurate enough to be used to estimate the size and dimensions of buildings, an essential component of estimating their value for property tax assessment.

By agreeing to a common flight specification and creating a joint project, local governments have been able to save thousands of dollars on each flight through economies of scale. Costs are apportioned based on each local government's portion of the project area and local governments own the imagery. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) manages this project and acts as fiscal agent on behalf of local governments. For this work, MARC receives a 2.5% administrative fee, as well as access to the imagery for its planning and other purposes.

MARC's Aerials Working Group, and sub-committee of KC MetroGIS which provides policy guidance to the board on matters pertaining to geographic data, oversees the aerial imagery project. They agree to the specifications, select the vendor, provide the necessary data and input the vendor needs to properly orthorectify the imagery, provide input on white balance and color to maximize the readability of the imagery, and perform quality control checks to ensure there are no portions of the imagery that don't meet specifications.

To complete the project in 2024, a vendor needs to be selected and under contract by the end of 2023 to ensure they have time to do the necessary flight planning to obtain imagery that meets specifications. This imagery is to be taken under conditions where the sun isn't too low in the sky (to minimize shadows) and there is no snow on the ground, no clouds in the sky and no leaves on the trees - typically a February 15 to March 30 window.

On behalf of the Working Group, MARC issued an RFP for the 2024 imagery project in August 2023. The RFP maintained the requirement for imagery that meets the ASPRS Class 1 standards to ensure historical consistency with prior imagery.

Historically, the number of counties and other jurisdictions participating in this joint project has varied, depending on their needs for imagery at the time of each flight. Additionally, on the Missouri side there is currently a state-wide 6-inch leaf off aerial project underway in 2023-2024 that will provide imagery at no cost to local governments. This is an effort from the Missouri 911 Service Board with funds contributed from both the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Missouri GIS Advisory Council (MGISAC) is a supporting partner, and the project was underwritten by Missouri American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 2021.

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Still, many the local governments want to maintain the standard imagery that has historically been delivered and local ownership of it. The anticipated project area for the 2024 flight is about 1,810 square miles, compared to 2,500 in some prior flights.

For the 2024 flight four vendors responded to the RFP - Surdex, Kucera, NV5 (formerly MJ Harden) and Nearmap. After the proposals were reviewed, the vendors were scored by each member of the aerials workgroup and the average of all scores were presented and discussed. Surdex emerged with the highest score, though Kucera was a close second. Additionally though, Surdex was ranked first by a majority of the working group and significantly more than any other vendor, making it the clear choice of the Aerials Working Group.

	Proposal Score	Number of 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Votes	Base level Project Cost (with DEM updates)	Cost/Sq. Mile	Cost/Sq. Mile with additional flight lines
Surdex	73.4	4 + one tie	\$101,360	\$56.00	\$62.00
Kucera	69.4	one tie	\$133,940	\$74.00	N/A
NV5	63.8	0	\$170,140	\$94.00	N/A
Nearmap*	41.1	0	\$117,650**	\$65.00	N/A

\*Note : Nearmap costs are on an annual basis, the other vendor costs are per flight, currently every other year. \*\*Note : no DEM updates.

The costs in the table above were prepared based on meeting the specifications in the RFP. In the last few aerial projects, the Working Group has chosen to add additional flight lines to the project beyond what was specified. This allows the processing of raw imagery into orthoimagery to only use the center portions of each image where building lean is at its minimum. The Working Group had a majority vote to again incur this additional cost, which raises the price of Surdex's bid to \$62 per square mile (project wide \$112,220). Kansas City, Missouri, and Kansas City, Kansas, also contract for even finer flight lines in their downtown areas to further minimize building lean issues. This affects 16 square miles at \$162.50 per square mile, adding \$2,600 to the project cost. Total project cost is estimated at \$114,820.

#### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$114,820 + 2.5% = \$117,690.50
Source	Local governments
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$2,870.50
Contractual	\$114,820
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

The Aerials Working Group, a sub-committee of KC MetroGIS, recommended the selection of Surdex as the 2024 aerial vendor.

#### EXHIBITS:

[Aerial Project Map](#)

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### **Budget and Personnel Committee**

#### **RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

Atchison County

City of Basehor

City of Blue Springs

City of Grain Valley

City of Grandview

Kansas City Water Services

City of Kansas City MO

City of Kearney

Leavenworth County

City of Lee's Summit

City of North Kansas City

Platte Special Roads District

Platte Water Supply District #4

City of Raytown

City of Riverside

Unified Government of Wyandotte County / Kansas City, KS

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The MARC Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Surdex for aerial imagery services in an amount not to exceed \$114,820 and to enter into the necessary agreements with local government participants to apportion the costs.

#### **STAFF CONTACT**

Frank Lenk

Jay Heermann

Jakob Goldman



## BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Meeting  
Summary  
September 26, 2022  
11:15 a.m.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO - Budget and Personnel Chair  
Commissioner Becky Fast, Johnson, County, KS  
Commissioner Scott Fricker, Platte County, MO  
Commissioner Billy Gaines, Ray County, MO  
Councilmember Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS  
Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, KS  
Mayor Pro Tem Dan Hobart, Independence, MO  
Auditor Victor Hurlbert, Clay County, MO  
Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, MO  
Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, MO  
Commissioner Rob Roberts, Miami County, KS  
Commissioner Doug Smith, Leavenworth County, KS

### STAFF PRESENT

David Warm, Executive Director  
McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant  
Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration  
Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services  
Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment  
Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development  
Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services  
Frank Lenk, Director of Research Services  
Andrew Molloy, Finance Director  
Katie Killen, Housing Program Manager  
Donna Martin, Public Health Senior Planner  
Kyle Matchell, Early Learning Program Manager  
Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Program Director  
Lukas Parrish, Intern

### OTHERS

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Damien Boley called the meeting to order at 11:24 a.m.

Due to the meeting being conducted remotely and in-person, Mayor Boley 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 with one vote at the end of the meeting. Members would have an opportunity to abstain or object to any items necessary during the final vote.

*Approve Contracts, Grants, and Other Major Expenditures*

VOTE: Accept a grant award from the Marion and Henry Bloch Family Foundation in the amount of \$750,000 to support a public sector workforce development initiative.

Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services, requested approval to accept the grant award from the Marion and Henry Bloch Family Foundation for \$750,000. This will support a new public sector workforce initiative seeking to do two things. First, build a network among workforce development agencies that host training programs serving high need government jobs and build a coalition among our local government hiring managers to build connections between those training programs. The second task is to set up processes and procedures within government to fast-track persons who become qualified after the training programs and get them into government jobs. We are excited to launch that work. This grant would also provide funding to sustain and strengthen our existing Government to University Initiative, the program that builds relationships between higher education and government partners to assist that talent pipeline.

Commissioner Rob Roberts asked if the grant was for Kansas and Missouri. Ms. Palmer answered that the grant will cover 6 counties on both sides of the state line.

VOTE: Authorize application for Department of Housing and Urban Development Pathways to Removing Obstacles Housing Grant.

Katie Killen, Housing Program Manager, asked for authorization to apply for the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) grant. The goals of this funding opportunity are in line with regional housing partnership work that MARC has underway. We are asking for approval to apply for the maximum amount of \$10 million but want to be transparent that the budget numbers are not finalized, and an exact total cannot be given today. The final application will be published and there is a 15-day comment period, plus an opportunity to have a public meeting. The public will be able to see the application in its entirety in mid-October.

Commissioner Rob Roberts asked how board members could access the public application in order to make comments in support of this work. Ms. Killen indicated that once the application is published, there will be emails sent out to the MARC lists and postings on the website.

Commissioner Jerry Nolte asked if Ms. Killen could expound on what harmonizing building codes mean and what would doing so involve from the region? Ms. Killen explained that the grant itself will be phased over 6 years and is broad in scope. It aims to bring people from across the region to discuss the current building code structure, what amendments are being accepted, and what implementation would look like regionally or in specific communities.

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick if the developer survey led by the Regional Housing Partnership Strategy Committee included anything about the developer's concerns regarding the diversity in building codes as a barrier to affordable housing? Ms. Killen reported that the results from that survey have not been released yet but she expects to have that in the next few weeks. She did indicate that the early findings of the report have discussion on land use and zoning.

VOTE: Authorize renewal of the subcontract agreement with the Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging for the Give 5 program.

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, brought forth a recommendation from the Commission on Aging to accept renewal funding for the Give 5 Program. This is a volunteer matching program, and the State has doubled the funding for Area Agencies on Aging in Missouri. This will expand the program from one to three cohorts of volunteers for the 2024 year.

VOTE: Authorize the acceptance of proposals from Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity and PreservingUS to provide home modification and repair services to Mid-America Regional Council clients.

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, brought forth a recommendation by the Commissioner on Aging to accept proposals from Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity and PreservingUS. These would be two additional home modification organizations that increase access to home modification and repair services for aging adults. Adding these providers will bring the program to a total of six agencies and provide access to a larger portion of the community.

VOTE: Approve amendment increase of \$110,000 with Harps Food Stores, Inc for locations participating in the Double Up Food Bucks program.

Donna Martin, Public Health Senior Planner, requested an amendment increase with three Harps Food store locations in order to continue their budget for shopper incentives. Each store was granted \$100,000 at the beginning of the grant and the program has been so successful, they have now reached their limit and require more funding to continue the program.

VOTE: Authorize an application to the Health Forward Foundation for \$370,000 to support the KC Regional Community Health Worker Collaborative

Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development, requested authorization for an application to the Health Forward Foundation to continue training and advocacy work to build community health worker workforces and policy creation that aides community organizations to hire and utilize CHWs. This is a one-year grant that continues from a previous award from the foundation.

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick asked what the detailed budget of these dollars would be spent on as a continuation. Ms. Nagel replied that the majority of the funding will be spent on training for community organizations on how to utilize the CHW Collaborative Program.

VOTE: Authorize a grant application to the Durwood Foundation up to \$75,000 to develop a new early learning strategic plan for the region.

Kyle Matchell, Early Learning Manager, requested authorization of an application to the Durwood Foundation for \$75,000 that will help support general operating of the Early Learning department and support the work to develop a new early learning strategic plan for the region. This is a continuation of a grant that has been awarded for the last three years.

VOTE: Authorize a contract with The Family Conservancy's Start Young Program for quality assessments.

Kyle Matchell, Early Learning Manager, requested authorization for a contract with the Family Conservancy's Start Young Program in Wyandotte County. This is a continuation of a contract MARC has had for about 5 years that goes to support MARC assessors that perform classroom quality assessments.

VOTE: Authorize an application for Jackson County, Missouri American Rescue Plan Act funding for Eastern Jackson County Mental Health Outreach for People Experiencing Homelessness

Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services, requested approval for an application for the open call for Jackson County ARPA dollars. If awarded, these funds will be used to hire outreach workers who will provide coordinated, evidence-based treatment and services for individuals with substance abuse disorders and cooccurring mental health disorders who are experiencing homelessness. This work will be integrated with the existing mental health co-responders program that MARC supports with law enforcement to help improve the coordination of treatment between agencies. This is also a CSC action item.

Mr. Victor Hurlbert asked if the funds need to be spent by 2024. Ms. Palmer indicated that the funds need to be committed by 2024.

Commissioner Becky Fast clarified that the teams entire focus would be on homelessness and would form a homeless outreach team. Ms. Palmer confirmed that these funds would allow the mental health agencies to hire new mental health outreach workers that would coordinate with existing mental health co-responders. These roles have a different focus than law enforcement agencies which means the main idea is for those groups to work together as a team to help provide services and administrative help. MARC would pass through the funds for the mental health agencies to hire the staff and then hold back a small portion for administrative costs.

VOTE: Authorize the purchase of Layer 3 routing switch hardware from SHI for regional 911 sites.

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Program Director, asked for board approval to purchase routing switch hardware from SHI in certain locations (approximately 20%) around the network. MARC aims to replace the switches every five years and the total cost is roughly \$155,000.

VOTE: Approve the service order with LightEdge for renewal of datacenter space for 911 router and other network equipment.

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Program Director, requested to renew an agreement with LightEdge for data center space for our 911 router network equipment. MARC has rented space from LightEdge since 2020 and are very pleased with the space. It's a highly secure area where the equipment is secured with video monitor surveillance, armed security, biometric hand readers, card access, and the MARC team can effectively run the router in this location. This is a 3-year agreement to renew the space and the cost will decrease from the previous agreement because we use less electricity than originally anticipated.

VOTE: Approve grant application to the Missouri 911 Service Board for 2023 American Rescue Plan Act Next Generation 911 Funding Cycle

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Program Director, requested board approval for a grant application to the Missouri 911 Service Board for the 2023 American Rescue Plan Act Next Generation 911 funding cycle. The Missouri State Board received \$21 million in appropriations from the states to fund NG911 projects across the state. MARC recently agreed to purchase version two routers from Motorola and are now requesting to utilize this funding, if awarded, to purchase those version two routers.

VOTE: Authorization to solicit funding totaling \$110,960 from the States of Kansas and Missouri to support the regional air quality program.

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, requested authorization to solicit and receive funds from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Missouri Department of Natural Resources to support our annual air quality program. The request would be for a total of \$110,960. It should be noted that KDHE increased the budget for our program this year and these funds will be used for MARC's air quality public education work and a study to identify other ways to notifying the public about air quality alerts and other environmental concerns.

VOTE: UrbanSim upgrade and customization for the Kansas City region

Frank Lenk, Director of Research Services, presented information on a custom modeling tool that helps forecast regional growth. MARC has partnered with UrbanSim to customize a tool to help with the horizon year (2050) for the long-range transportation plan. MARC uses a variety of mathematical models for these forecasts and the UrbanSim model has been used in regions like ours across the country. Because of the uniqueness of our metropolitan area, the base model requires significant customization to capture the essence of the region and UrbanSim is the sole source for this type of work.

VOTE: Approve the Minutes of the September 26, 2023 Meeting

Commissioner Rob Roberts moved for approval of all agenda items and Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Mayor Damien Boley adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.