

**Missouri STP Priorities Committee  
December 12, 2023  
Meeting Summary**

<b>Voting Members Present:</b>		<b>Voting Members (continued)</b>	
Belton	Greg Rokos	Parkville	
Blue Springs (1 of 2)	Tom Degenhardt	Peculiar	Mickey Ary
Blue Springs (2 of 2)	Adam Hilgedick	Platte City	Marji Gehr (alt.)
Excelsior Springs		Pleasant Hill	
Gladstone	Tim Nebergall	Raymore	Trent Salisbury (alt.)
Grain Valley	Mark Trosen	Raytown	Stephanie Boyce
Grandview	Athena Huynh (alt.)	Richmond	
Greenwood		Smithville	Chuck Soules
Harrisonville	Patty Hilderbrand, Chair	Cass County	
Independence (1 of 2)	Adi Smadi	Clay County	Scott Wagner
Independence (2 of 2)	Stacey Lowe	Jackson County	Matt Davis
Kansas City (1 of 4)	Scott Overbay	Platte County	Bob Heim
Kansas City (2 of 4)	Nicolás Bosonetto	Ray County	Matt Nolker
Kansas City (3 of 4)		FHWA (Ex Officio)	Cecelie Cochran
Kansas City (4 of 4)		KCATA	
Kearney	Shelie Daniel (alt.)	MoDOT	Marisela Ward
Lee's Summit (1 of 2)	Michael Park	Bike/Ped Com Rep.	Noel Bennion
Lee's Summit (2 of 2)	Susan Barry (alt.)	Goods Movement Rep.	Mike Duffy
Liberty	Sherri McIntyre, Vice Chair	Highway Com Rep.	
North Kansas City	Xue Wood (alt.)	RTCC Rep.	
Oak Grove	Corey Alford		
<b>MARC Staff:</b>	<b>Other Attendees:</b>		
Marc Hansen	Grandview: Doug Wesselschmidt	Art Gough	
Ron Achelpohl	Raymore: Mike Krass	Affinis: Jacob Wilson	
Megan Broll	Grain Valley: Dick Tuttle (alt.)	BHC: David Smalling	
Beth Dawson	Harrisonville: Carl Brooks (alt.)	Lamp Rynearson: Dan Miller	
Raymart Dinglas	Independence: Rodney Honeycutt (alt.), Mark Green (alt.)	Taliaferro & Browne: Michael Gardner	
Darryl Fields	Liberty: John Findlay (alt.)	TranSystems: Frank Weatherford	
Martin Rivarola	Raytown: Robinson Camp (alt.)	Veenstra & Kimm: Tim Gramling	
Patrick Trouba	Smithville: Mayra Toothman (alt.)	Office of U.S. Representative Sam Graves: Wyatt Mullendore	
Ray Webb	Platte County: Wes Minder (alt.)		
	MoDOT: Juan Yin (alt.); Krystal Jolly; Melissa Schmitz		
	Garver: Alysen Abel		
	Greenwood: Stephen Larson		
	Kansas City: Jason Waldron		
	Parkville: Dan Harper		
	Clay County: Terri Griffen		

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Committee Chair Patty Hilderbrand welcomed everyone, and introductions were made around the room and online.

**2. Approve the November 14, 2023, Meeting Summary**

Mike Duffy moved to approve the November 14, 2023 Meeting Summary as presented, and Chuck Soules seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**3. MoDOT Updates**

Marisela Ward reminded committee members of the funding opportunity via the 2024 RAISE Grant, with applications due Feb 28, 2024. More information about the grant is available on MoDOT's website at <https://www.modot.org/local-public-agency>.

MoDOT is working on estimates for the new STP, and has begun conducting meetings to prioritize projects. Ms. Ward thanked everyone who completed their STBG projects, and encouraged committee members to continue working on getting their projects obligated as soon as possible to keep balances low. More information about unfunded needs process was shared in Other Business of this meeting.

#### **4. STBG Bridge Scoring Criteria**

Marc Hansen, Principal Planner with MARC, noted the committee routinely reviews programming and scoring criteria. A voluntary work group recently examined the STBG scoring criteria, and determined modifications were needed for bridge scoring criteria. Updates were shared with the committee in the agenda packet, and Mr. Hansen reviewed the work group's goals of improving scores and competitiveness of the category. The work group also wanted to address the unique aspects of bridge projects (projects on and off the Federal Aid System, shorter time limits on projects, and likelihood of projects occurring in more remote locations and their subsequent impact on rural areas). Mr. Hansen invited committee members to provide feedback on proposed changes.

Mr. Hansen reviewed the proposed changes for bridge project scoring, providing details pertaining to multimodal transportation, freight, activity centers, environment, safety, and system performance and system condition. Committee members commented that system condition ratings could go even higher to account for less competitive rural applications. Changes proposed by the work group are still in draft format, and the Kansas STP Committee will not meet again until February of 2024; if Kansas STP and Missouri STP Committees are in agreement, changes can be implemented. The committee thanked Mr. Hansen and the work group for their efforts.

#### **5. Reasonable Progress & Program Balance Report**

Marc Hansen briefed the committee on MoDOT guidance on balances, stating the obligation target for 2024 is 110-120% of allocation of funds. However, staff are awaiting further guidance on which allocation amount is referenced, as there is a significant difference between Obligation Limitation at just over \$22 million, and the allocation from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) at over \$24 million. Marisela Ward of MoDOT commented that she will try to confirm that information as soon as possible. Mr. Hansen presented potential scenarios based on the different allocation amounts, estimated amounts affecting obligation from existing projects closing and projects programmed for 2024, and the corresponding amounts that would still need to be obligated to achieve the target balance. Mr. Hansen noted he would discuss project statuses with sponsors and MoDOT to confirm obligation amounts and coordinate the project development timeline. Vice Chair Sherri McIntyre discussed evaluating original requested project amounts to help spend down balances if no projects from 2025 can move forward. Committee members expressed interest in allocating additional dollars to Lee's Summit as a response to how funds were distributed at the end of last year, and a desire to be informed of project progress in time to prepare and make funding adjustments earlier in the year. Chair Hilderbrand encouraged committee members to prepare to give critical assessments of their projects in January, and to notify Marc Hansen if any 2025 projects could move ahead to 2024.

Ron Achelpohl, MARC Director of Transportation & Environment, noted that 110% is the minimum target balance before funds are reclaimed, and that 120% is the goal. This also applies to other program balances including TA funds, Carbon Reduction funds, etc, and the committee should factor in conversations with other committees that program federal funding. If other programs can't meet those thresholds, it's possible that the MO STP Committee will need to program more funds to make up the difference.

## **6. Connected KC 2050 Update**

Martin Rivarola, Assistant Director of Transportation and Land Use with MARC, briefed the committee on recent work on updating the Connected KC 2050 plan. He reviewed the two year process that began in early 2023, noting that project identification and prioritization is currently underway. Public engagement events were held in every MARC county, and Mr. Rivarola asked committee members to complete the public survey currently available at [www.connectedkc.org/2025-update](http://www.connectedkc.org/2025-update) until January 5, 2024. A statistically valid random survey will also be conducted by consultant ETC Institute. These events and surveys allow MARC staff to seek public input to evaluate current transportation needs, goals and desired outcomes from transportation investments, and priorities for future investments.

Other work on the update has included working on scenario planning to assess land development patterns and transportation network investments, and their potential outcomes. The call for projects to be included in the plan update ended December 8, and approximately 400 applications were submitted (including 256 resubmitted applications for existing projects and 128 new projects; 200 existing projects did not resubmit). In response to a committee member's concerns, Mr. Rivarola noted that staff may review existing projects in the plan that were not resubmitted, and may apply an inflation factor to help update that project list. MARC staff will score projects, prioritize projects, present to the public and committees for further evaluation, and plan to adopt the updated plan by June of 2025.

## **7. Other Business**

Chair Hilderbrand asked committee members to nominate projects for the APWA Project of the Year Awards. Projects need to be substantially complete within the previous three years, and include the honoring agency, consultant, and contractor. Information is on the Kansas City metro chapter's website.

Juan Yin, who had experienced technical difficulties earlier in the meeting, shared information about the unfunded needs list. The preliminary list will be available in January, and Ms. Yin plans to have that available to share with committees in February. The deadline for projects is May 31, 2024.

## **10. Adjournment**

The next MO STP meeting will be held January 9, 2023. With no further business, Chair Hilderbrand adjourned the meeting.