



OGL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 22, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting: MARC – Lewis and Clark Room and online via Microsoft Teams

Members Present	MARC Staff Present	Non-Members Present
Noel Forrester, Olathe, Chair	Barry Viss	Janelle Clayton, Merge Midwest
Ericka Ross, MODOT, Vice-Chair	Ray Webb	Kurt Rotering, Olsson
Thomas Northup, KDOT	Chris Jenkins	Blake Hansen, Olsson
Marcus Hankins, Raytown	Ron Achelpohl	Cecelie Cochran, FHWA
Sol Moinuddin, KCMO	Amanda Rehani	Nina Kohl, Bartlett & West
Mike Spickelmier, Lansing	Cheyenne Ousley	Alex Preston, Transcore
Kris Finger, Wycokck	Scott Cutshall	Soma San, Leavenworth County
Randy Fine, Merriam		Mohammed Shehada, HDR
Mark Green, Independence		Lisa Seymour, TCC
David Northup, KDOT		Alex Wassman, MoDOT
Sherri McIntyre, Liberty		
John Sullivan, Westwood		
John Findlay, Liberty		
Athena Huynh, Grandview		

Welcome

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

1. **Agency updates** – Sol Moinuddin informed the committee that Sam Akula has been promoted to city Traffic Engineer, Sol took his place as Engineering Section Head for Traffic Signals, and Charles Thomas will be Manager of the TMC. He also reported on a number of projects in progress in KCMO: streetcar expansion construction is underway, several signals on Ward Pkwy are being upgraded, a large development is taking place north of the airport, including a new signal to be added on Mexico City Ave., Wornall Rd from 74th to 79th is being upgraded and signals rebuilt, several other intersections are being upgraded and some fiber communication projects are underway. Kris Finger informed the committee of a project around KU Medical Center, including possibly a new driveway access for fire department use only, also they are working on some new bike routes in the city. Noel informed the committee that they are preparing for a large project to improve the 119th St bridge over BNSF railroad. Ray informed the committee that Raytown has joined OGL and has one signal online and two more ready to be added upon some network repairs.

2. **January 22, 2024, committee minutes** – Sol Moinuddin made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was supported and approved unanimously.

3. **Hot topic – MODOT TSMO update** – Alex Wassman, MODOT, updated the committee on MODOT’s TSMO efforts, strategy, and staff organization. Their current goals are to advance work zone safety, adopt statewide standards and specifications for ITS, advance the use and benefits of data and analytics, develop a library of technical resources, prepare for CAV, further education and outreach of TSMO benefits, and develop regional TIM coalitions. More information can be found at, <https://www.modot.org/tsmo>.

- 4. SMART grant work update** – Blake Hansen updated the committee on the progress of the SMART grant project to evaluate crowd sourced signal performance measures systems. Four vendors are under contract for evaluation and their products are in various stages of being set up and configured. Initial trainings are being scheduled and will be recorded. All OGL partners are encouraged to access, use and evaluate these products. Expect further communications and requests from the evaluation team on this effort over the next few months.

Since the STIC funding that OGL was awarded from Missouri and Kansas was for the same scope of work as the SMART grant, which does not require a local match, these STIC funds are being de-obligated.

- 5. MO CMAQ construction project updates** – Cedrick updated the committee. The MO project was rebid a 3rd time with a reduced scope and add/alternates in order to try to get a project that matches up with the funding available. Bids came in lower than previously, such that all the add/alternates can be included, resulting in 16 PTZ cameras and 59 controllers. Notice to proceed was given to Capital Electric on April 3rd and work will begin in June. Invoices for the local match for the project were sent to applicable local agencies on April 18.
- 6. Cybersecurity update** – Barry Viss noted that the OGL cybersecurity memo was distributed with the meeting notice and will be sent to all users again. It identifies some of the efforts currently underway as well as requests for each agency to help keep the system secure. If partner agencies have concerns or questions, they should reach out to OGL staff.
- 7. Quarterly operations report** – Chris Jenkins highlighted a few items from the report which was included in the meeting packet. Notably, the problems we were having with KC Scout providing comm to signals have been resolved, and the OGL office has upgraded their internet connection which we are hoping will improve agencies' experience in accessing TransSuite and Security Center.
- 8. Quarterly budget report** – The quarterly budget report was included in the meeting packet. The local funds balance at the end of March was \$613,297. Nine agencies have yet to pay their invoices. Overall, the budget is in good shape with income and expenses tracking as expected.
- 9. Other business**
 - The MARC regional assembly and leadership awards is June 14, and OGL will sponsor a table. If partner agency staff are interested, they should contact Ray Webb soon.
 - A traffic signal controller workshop is being tentatively planned for May 16 at 10:00 AM. A conference room has been reserved at MODOT, or an electronic option will be provided. This will be open to public agency staff only. If staff are interested, they should contact Ray Webb and provide input on the controller topics of interest for the workshop.

Next meeting dates: July 22, 2024, October 28, 2024, January 27, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.