



OGL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 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 |
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| Noel Forrester, Olathe, Chair | Barry Viss | Janelle Clayton, Merge Midwest |
| Ericka Ross, MODOT, Vice-Chair | Ray Webb | Jason Sanders, HNTB |
| Thomas Northup, KDOT | Chris Jenkins | Jeremy Stretz, Olsson |
| John Sullivan, Westwood | Ron Achelpohl | Mohammad Shehada, HDR |
| Marcus Hankins, Raytown | Cedrick Owens | Steve Rockers, KDOT |
| Mike Spickelmier, Lansing | Cheyenne Ousley | Alex Preston, Transcore |
| Mathias Luamelez, Raytown | Scott Cutshall | Michael Hare, Merge Midwest |
| Stephanie Boyce, Mission | | Doug Ripley, TCC |
| Robert Orr, Belton | | Soma San, Leavenworth |
| Kris Finger, UGOVT | | Christos Achillides, Iteris |
| Adam Hilgedick, Blue Springs | | Soma San, Leavenworth |
| Bill Stogsdill, Fairway | | |
| Mark Green, Independence | | |
| Doug Wesselschmidt, Grandview | | |
| Melissa Schmitz, MDOT | | |
| David LaRoche, FHWA | | |
| Randy Fine, Merriam | | |
| David Northup, KDOT | | |
| Sherri McIntyre, Liberty | | |
| Brandon Sambol, UGOVT | | |
| John Findlay, Liberty | | |
| Katie Jardieu, MoDOT | | |
| Shawn Gotfredson, OP | | |
| Steve Schooley, Lenexa | | |
| Athena Huynh, Grandview | | |

Welcome

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

1. **Agency updates** – KCK will be getting a Buc-ee’s gas and convenience store and plans are currently being reviewed. Brian Shields has retired from the City of Overland Park and Shawn Gotfredson is acting City Traffic Engineer.
2. **April 22, 2024, committee minutes** – Bob Orr made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was supported and approved unanimously.
3. **Discussion of local match increase** – Ray Webb led a discussion with the committee about the current local match for operations. In the past, the desire of the OGL Steering Committee was for OGL to be funded with 50% federal funds and 50% local matching funds. That has been shifting more toward the federal funds and is projected to be 68%/32% for the 2027/2028 budget. Since some expenses are not eligible for federal reimbursement, we need more than the required match of 20%. OGL should stay above 30% or a Federal to local split of 70%/30%. Steve Schooley said that he thought 60%/40% was a good target. Kris Finger said his agency would need to discuss more before being able to provide input.

4. **Hot topic – US-69 Expressway** – Steve Rockers and Jason Sanders presented on the construction status and end-goal of the project. The design-build project is adding an express toll lane and reconstructing all the existing lanes and bridges between 103rd St and 151st S. The dynamic tolling will be collected by KTA. The new lane should be open by the end of 2025. Overland Park’s traffic staff has done a great job keeping traffic moving on the surface streets as the project progresses.
5. **Regional ATMS software project demo and local match** – Alex Preston showed a number of recent enhancements made to TransSuite, including the new turning movement count report, graphical split adjustment tool, and the multi-intersection timing widget, among others.

Ray mentioned that this work is being funded through a CMAQ/STBG project that requires a separate local match. In the meeting packet the match responsibility for each agency is listed. Representatives of each agency need to contact Ray and let him know if MARC can invoice for the local match or if an agreement is needed.

6. **USDOT SMART Grant project report** – Barry Viss and Jeremy Stretz updated the committee on the status of the SMART Grant project. OGL applied for and was awarded a stage 1 grant, which we are now using to evaluate four vendors of crowd-sourced traffic signal performance measures systems. All four systems are up and running, except for the ATSPM portion of two of the systems, which portion is dependent on data from controllers. A stage 1 draft evaluation report is due August 1, with the final report due March 25, 2025. Applications for stage 2, which is intended to fund implementation of the solutions that have been evaluated in stage 1, are due August 14. Any partner agencies are encouraged to join in the evaluation process currently underway.
7. **MO CMAQ construction project updates** – Cedrick updated the committee on the MO project which includes 59 controllers and 16 cameras, for the agencies of Belton, Independence, Gladstone, Kansas City, MO, North Kansas City, Lees Summit, Raymore, and MODOT. Thirty-seven Cobalt controllers have been received and are currently being programmed and installed. The remaining controllers and cameras have not yet arrived. Construction is anticipated to start in August.
8. **Quarterly operations report** – Chris Jenkins highlighted a few items from the report which was included in the meeting packet. Notably, new signal timing plans were installed on portions of State Line Rd, Johnson Dr, Antioch Rd, Lamar Ave, and K-7. Cybersecurity concerns at partner agencies have resulted in several agencies disconnecting their networks and systems from each other and from OGL, which has limited our operational abilities. MARC staff have taken the opportunity to work on hardening the OGL network against similar threats. As of this meeting, the Kansas side network is operating except for the Overland Park connection. Much of the Missouri side network is connected. Genetec connections with KC Scout have yet to be reestablished.
9. **Quarterly budget report** – The quarterly budget report was included in the meeting packet. The budget is in good shape with spending below projections. The local funds balance is \$563,131. Federal funds will be exhausted by the end of July, then we will spend these local funds down until the new federal funds are available in November or December of this year.

10. Other business

We are seeking a Vice-Chair in October from one of the Kansas agencies. Contact Noel or Ray if you are willing to serve the committee in this way.

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

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.