



MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, September 25, 2024
1:30 – 3:00 PM
MARC, Westview Room, 2nd floor
600 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri

NOTE: This upcoming Highway Committee meeting will be held **in-person and via webinar**. To join the meeting via webinar, please follow the virtual meeting and call-in instructions below.

ACTION	AGENDA ITEMS	PRESENTERS	TIME
	Welcome and Introductions	Co-chair	1:30
Approve	Highway Committee 7/24/24 meeting summary	Co-chair	1:35
Presentation	Connected KC 2050 – Financial Capacity & project prioritization presentation	Martin Rivarola and Darryl Fields, MARC	1:50
Presentation	Lewis and Clark Construction Traffic Impacts	Ryan Barrett, KDOT	2:10
	USDOT Decarbonization Report	Cy Smith, MARC	2:30
	MARC Federal Performance Measures	Bobby Evans, MARC	2:40
Discussion	Roundtable	Committee	2:50

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NEXT HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting: November 27th , 1:30 – 3:00 PM

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ATTENDANCE

Michael Park, Lee's Summit (MO Co-Chair)
Michael Spickelmier, City of Lansing
Tom Degenhardt, City of Blue Springs
Carl Brooks, City of Harrisonville
Greg Rokos, City of Belton
Joe Johnson, City of De Soto
Tim McEldowney, City of Gardner
Brandon McElhiney, City of Lenexa
Juan Yin, MoDOT
Charles Soules, City of Smithville
Dan Harper, City of Parkville
Krystal Jolly, MoDOT
Krystal Voth, City of Basehor
Matt Nolker, City of Lawson
Melissa Schmitz, MoDOT
Tim Vandall, City of Lansing
Nicolas Bosonetto, Kansas City, MO
Randy Gorton, BHC
Rob Krewson, Benesch

Ryan Sims, Johnson County
Sherri McIntyre, City of Liberty
Catherine Patrick, FHWA
Mark Hoppe, Affinis Corp
Allison Smith, KDOT
Wes Minder, Platte County

MARC Staff:

Martin Rivarola
Patrick Trouba
Karen Clawson
Ron Achelpohl
Darryl Fields
Bobby Evans
Cy Smith
Beth Dawson
Lukas Yanni
Ray Webb
Patrick Trouba

Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductions (Co-Chairs)
- Approve Highway Committee 5/22/2024 meeting summary (Co-Chairs)
- Approve Highway Committee representative to new Transportation Emissions Committee (TEC) (Martin Rivarola, MARC)
- MTP Amendment 8 – I-70 Capacity Expansion Project (Martin Rivarola, MARC)
- EV Readiness Plan Update (Karen Clawson, MARC)
- Connected KC 2050 – Financial Capacity & Project Prioritization (Martin Rivarola and Daryl Fields, MARC)
- Roundtable
- Adjourn

MINUTES

Welcome and Introductions (Co-Chairs)

Welcome and introductions made by Missouri Co-Chair, Michael Park. See attendance for those present.

Highway Committee 3/27/24 meeting summary (Co-Chairs)

Michael Park opened for a motion to approve the 5/22/24 Meeting Summary. Matt Nolker made a motion, and Joe Johnson seconded the motion to approve the 5/22/24 Meeting Summary. The motion passed unanimously.

Highway Committee representative to Transportation Emissions Committee (Martin Rivarola, MARC)

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Martin Rivarola discussed the new Transportation Emissions Committee that will help oversee Carbon Reduction and Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality programs. These are current programs that are a part of the sub-allocated funds that MARC distributes from the federal government. The roles and responsibilities mirror the Active Transportation committee, with a representative from counties, large member cities, state DOTs, transit agencies, and MARC modal planning and policy committees. Martin asked if there were any representatives that would like to be put forward from the Highway Committee as a representative for the group in TEC. Sherri McIntyre expressed interest. Matt Nolker made a motion, and Charles Soules seconded the motion to approve Sherri McIntyre as the Highway Committee representative for the Transportation Emissions Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

MTP Amendment 8 – I-70 Capacity Expansion Project (Martin Rivarola, MARC)

Martin Rivarola discussed the I-70 Capacity Expansion Project (Mo Rt 7 to Mo Rt F), part of the broader Improve I-70 project, and how it was originally included as illustrative in Connected KC 2050. With the addition of Missouri state funds and a request from MoDOT, MARC is changing the eastern limits of the project and the project cost to \$150 million, as well as reclassifying the project as high-priority, constrained project. It has already been awarded construction funds and is moving towards implementation. Action has already been taken by the TTPC, and these funds are considered new and additional non-federal funds. No action is needed by the Highway Committee.

EV Readiness Plan Update (Karen Clawson, MARC)

Karen Clawson presented on the early stages of the planning process for the EV Readiness Plan. The plan identifies locations for new charging infrastructure and prioritizes policies and programs that reduce barriers. This plan is intended for a variety of audiences, including municipalities, utility providers, and citizens. Several levels of stakeholder engagement have occurred, including surveys, committee meetings, and outreach to critical stakeholders. The main objective of this plan is to determine the best locations for future EV charging stations. Kansas City fairs well when compared to peer regions in total EV charging ports, but there is a need for DC charging. Karen presented data regarding the electric grid, utility partners, fuel infrastructure grants, and discussed the priority of helping applicants in the KC region for these grants. Allison Smith from KDOT asked whether the plan is looking at DC charging or level two as far as where they need placed. Karen explained that they are looking at site levels for DC, and level two site suitability analysis. Michael Park asked about the change in Missouri state regulation on EV infrastructure in building codes, and Karen explained that they had not changed much of their plan but that there will be note of that policy. Michael then asked about incentivizing development if it can't be done through building codes, and Karen agreed that it could potentially be used.

Connected KC 2050 Update (Martin Rivarola and Darryl Fields, MARC)

Martin Rivarola discussed the updated schedule for the metropolitan transportation plan Connected KC 2050 update. Currently, MARC has worked on prioritizing projects, engagement work, and data forecasting since the call for projects in December 2023. Moving forward, project prioritization will continue as well as public comment and engagement with the project list to confirming goals and strategies, with the timeline of MARC Board approval by June 2025.

Martin explained that MARC conducted a regional survey asking residents within the KC region what they believed to be household and regional needs. The survey gathered 1770 responses with 95% level of confidence. Martin discussed tier one, two, and three issues that came out of the survey responses for regional planning, transportation strategies, and funding priorities and sources.

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Darryl Fields discussed Financial Analysis and Forecast, which looks at how much money will be coming from federal, state, and local sources to fund projects within the MTP. This includes revenue, expenditure, and transit assumptions. Around 57 billion in revenue for the life of the plan, an overall increase since the original plan. Transit funds are on a downward trend, mostly due to disappearing COVID-19 funds and local changes.

Martin discussed the project prioritization for the plan, which includes determining projects that are significant, or 'constrained'. The call for projects in 2023 led to a total of 539 projects in the update. All projects are available for public review and comment on the website. All projects are sorted by system, and categorized by high, medium, and low priority. Next steps include working with planning modal committees and developing financial capacity lists.

Michael Park opened the floor for any questions. Wes Minder asked if any of the DOTs had any comments on the project list, and Allison Smith from KDOT mentioned that they will be coordinating with MARC staff on what projects are submitted to the state system by local jurisdictions. Michael Park asked if questions on the projects need to be directed to Martin and he confirmed this.

Roundtable Updates

Allison Smith at KDOT mentioned that Mike Moriarty was named Director of Planning and Development. Ron Achelpohl mentioned the upcoming deadline for suballocated funds on Friday, July 26th.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: SEPT. 25, 1:30 – 3:00 PM