



Board of Directors BUDGET & PERSONNEL

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March 25, 2025

11:15 a.m.

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

Members of the public who wish to participate in this meeting: please email marcinfo@marc.org by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, for instructions to join the teleconference.

AGENDA

1. Approve Contracts, Grants, and Other Major Expenditures

EXEMPLARY CORE CAPACITIES

- a. VOTE: Approve changes to employee fringe benefit package effective July 1, 2025.

THRIVING OLDER ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES

- b. VOTE: Authorize a grant application to the Darr Family Foundation for \$300,000 dollars to support the Double Up Food Bucks Program.
- c. VOTE: Approve submission of Amendment #1 of the SFY 2025 Area Plan and Budget to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.
- d. VOTE: Authorize an application to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the KC Regional Community Health Worker Collaborative.

SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES

- e. VOTE: Approve the acquisition of additional Motorola VESTA 911 workstations to support emergency communications operations.
- f. VOTE: Approve an agreement with Segra (formerly United Private Networks - UPN) to provide circuit connections supporting the PSAP at American Medical Response's new location.
- g. VOTE: Authorize an agreement with CommCARE to provide Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training for first responders, mental health professionals, school counselors and hospital staff in Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri.

EFFECTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND QUALITY PLACES

- h. VOTE: Authorize consultant agreement with Toole Design Group for the Greater Kansas City Regional Bikeway Plan update.
- i. VOTE: Authorize consultant agreements for four 2025 Planning Sustainable Places studies.

HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

- j. VOTE: Authorize an application for the Municipal Investment Fund opportunity through International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives - Local Governments for Sustainability.

2. VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda (Administrative Matters and Minor Expenditures)

- a. Approve the Minutes of February 25, 2025, Meeting

3. Other Business

4. Adjournment

AGENDA REPORT

Budget and Personnel Committee

March 2025
Item No. 1a
Exemplary Core Capacities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve changes to employee fringe benefit package effective July 1, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

MARC’s cafeteria, health, dental and vision insurance plans operate on a July 1 – June 30 plan year. MARC currently offers four health insurance plans, one dental plan and one vision plan to employees, all obtained through Midwest Public Risk (MPR). Annually, our benefits consultant, Hallier Benefit Advisors, compares our plan structures and premiums to the market to ensure they are competitive. Periodically, we do a full marketing of our health benefits. Premium increases have been relatively small the past four years. For the upcoming plan year, the MPR Board of Directors approved an array of plans with some slight plan changes and a 3% premium increase for all health plans and no increases for dental or vision coverage. With this pricing, the plans remain very competitive with the market both in structure and price.

Health Plans

Staff is recommending continuing the same health plans. As a basis for cost sharing, MARC’s practice has been to designate the plan with the largest number of employees as a basic “core insurance plan”. A percentage of employer paid premium is applied to that plan for family, tier 2 and single coverages, and that static amount is carried through to all plans. Current employer premium cost sharing percentages are 72% for family, 78.3% for Tier 2 and 82.3% for individual coverage. Because the increase is relatively small this year, staff is recommending that the core plan employee premiums remain flat, and MARC absorb the 3% increase, increasing those percentages to 72.8% for family, 79% for Tier 2 and 82.8% for individual coverage. The chart below shows the differences in 12 month employer contributions.

2024-2025 Employer Contribution	2025-2026 Contribution with same percentages	Increase from 2024-2025 with same percentages	2025-2026 Contribution keeping employee share constant	Increase from 2024-2025 with employee share constant	Difference between same percentages vs keeping employee share constant
\$1,367,532	\$1,409,016	\$41,484	\$1,421,232	\$ 53,700	\$ 12,216

Other Benefits

Dental and Vision insurance rates are not changing for the 2025-2026 plan year. MARC does not contribute toward these plans. Staff recommends continuing to offer both benefits.

All employees (whether on MARC’s health insurance or not) currently receive a monthly cafeteria allowance which helps offset insurance costs and/or to purchase optional benefits of dental, vision, life and disability insurance and/or to contribute to a flexible spending account or health savings account. The current amount is \$220/month. Staff recommends no increase to that allowance at this time.

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For many years, MARC has offered a Health Savings Account pre-fund option for the QHDHP plans. This approach provided the employee with some funds available in the HSA to help with any medical expenses that occur early in the plan year. Because high deductible plans are so common now, staff recommends not offering that program for the 2025-2026 plan year.

Summary of Recommendations

Recommendations for the 2025-2026 Plan Year monthly premiums are as follows:

- Health Insurance

Plan	Total Premium	Employer		Employee	
Copay Plan 1500					
Family	\$2,070	\$1,221	59.0%	\$849	41.0%
Tier 2	1,763	1,118	63.4%	645	36.6%
Single	768	505	65.7%	263	34.3%
Copay Plan 2500					
Family	\$1,996	\$1,221	61.2%	\$775	38.8%
Tier 2	1,700	1,118	65.8%	582	34.2%
Single	737	505	68.5%	232	31.5%
High Deductible 1650*					
Family	\$1,677	\$1,221	72.8%	\$456	27.2%
Tier 2	1,415	1,118	79.0%	297	21.0%
Single	610	505	82.8%	105	17.2%
High Deductible 2500					
Family	\$1,508	\$1,221	81.0%	\$287	19.0%
Tier 2	1,279	1,118	87.4%	161	12.6%
Single	534	505	94.7%	29	5.3%

*Core Plan

- Vision and Dental Insurance. Employees who elect Vision and/or Dental plans may use their Cafeteria Plan Allowance for premiums. There is no other cost sharing from MARC.

	Employee Total Monthly Premium		
	Family	Tier 2	Individual
Vision	\$ 22.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 8.00
Dental	88.00		36.00

- Cafeteria Plan Allowance at \$220/month.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

All employer share of benefit costs are budgeted in the Indirect and Clearing Fund and funded through our Fringe Benefits allocation rate. Budgeted numbers are calendar year, and include 6 months of one plan year, and 6 months of the next plan year.

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Employer Costs	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	
Health Insurance	\$1,555,450	\$1,366,191	\$1,501,921	Based on proposed cost sharing
Cafeteria Allowance	476,300	458,810	473,220	

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize changes to the employee fringe benefit package effective July 1, 2025, including offering the Copay Plan 1500, Copay Plan 2500, QHDHP 1650 and QHDHP 2500 with the cost sharing shown above; continuing to offer employee funded Vision and Dental insurance; continuing the Cafeteria Plan Allowance at \$220/month; and discontinuing the health savings account prefunding program.

STAFF CONTACT

Jeremy Medlin, Human Resource Manager
Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration

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March 2025

Item No. 1b

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a grant application to the Darr Family Foundation for \$300,000 dollars to support the Double Up Food Bucks Program.

BACKGROUND:

The Double Up Food Bucks (DUFEB) program is currently supported by two grants from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and both grants are ending in 2025. One grant will end June 30, 2025 and the other will end August 31, 2025. To continue the program, the Double Up Heartland Collaborative, led by the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), would like to pursue another USDA GusNIP grant. The request for applications (RFA) for 2025 was released by the USDA in January but was paused for review. If the RFA is re-released, it will require a 50% match.

In anticipation of this requirement, MARC is having conversations with current funders and prospective new funders. The Darr Family Foundation requires a written application to be completed for their Board to consider a funding request. The Darr Family Foundation funds activities in southwest Missouri, including the Springfield area. There are 18 participating locations (farmers markets, grocery stores) in their catchment area that offer Double Up Food Bucks to their customers. In 2025, those locations redeemed over \$100,000 of Double Up Food Bucks for fresh fruits and vegetables. The Collaborative would like to request \$300,000 for matching funds to a three-year grant from the Darr Family Foundation.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$300,000
Source	The Darr Family Foundation
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Media	
Incentives	\$300,000
Postage/Printing	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

COMMITTEE ACTION:

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

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts the Missouri counties of Christian, Greene, Lawrence, Polk, Taney and Webster with existing Double Up Food Bucks participating locations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an application for \$300,000 to the Darr Family Foundation to support Double Up Food Bucks after 2025. This funding will be included as part of the match for an upcoming application to the USDA for a healthy food incentive grant.

STAFF CONTACT:

Donna Martin, Public Health Program Manager

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services

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March 2025
Item No. 1c

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

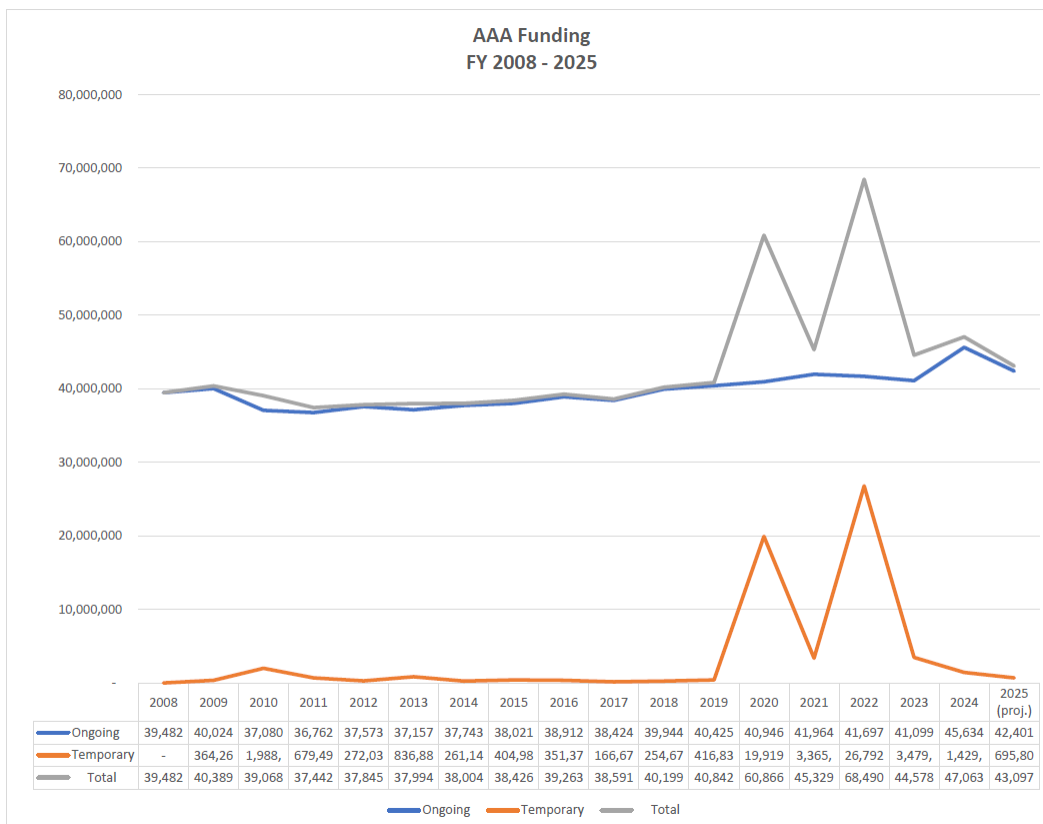
VOTE: Approve submission of Amendment #1 of the SFY 2025 Area Plan and Budget to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

BACKGROUND:

Much has changed since the initial state fiscal year (SFY) 2025 Area Plan budget was submitted. To incorporate changes in personnel, programs and to accommodate updated funding, we must submit this updated information to the State Unit on Aging (SUA) at the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHHSS), from which we receive all Older Americans Act (OAA) funding.

All Area Agencies on Aging submit budget amendments as programmatic activity becomes more clear, compared to early allotment table projections. The number of allotment table updates varies each state fiscal year. We received a second allotment table prior to this budget amendment. Key changes from the originally submitted SFY 2025 Area Plan budget allocate carryover and Senior Services Growth and Development (SSGDP) funds to supplement OAA federal funding.

We are unwinding from temporary funding peaks and bringing services back down to pre-Covid levels. With the exception of temporary funding such as ARPA, the following graph depicts relatively flat allotment tables since 2008 despite the aging trend and inflation.



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BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The Aging Services budget is divided among major categories of services that include Supportive Services, Congregate Meals Nutrition, Home Delivered Meals Nutrition, Disease Prevention/Health Promotion, National Family Caregiver Support, Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, and Administration Services. The attached page to this provides snapshot of the costs of these programs, and funding sources utilized.

EXHIBITS:

[Amendment #1](#)

COMMITTEE ACTION:

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

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Missouri counties of Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray.

RECOMMENDATION

Support the submission of an amendment updating the SFY 2025 Area Plan budget.

STAFF CONTACT

Andréa Lauren, Fiscal Administrator

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services

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Item No. 1d

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an application to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the KC Regional Community Health Worker Collaborative.

BACKGROUND

MARC has received funding over the past nine years to support the collaborative’s work from foundations and state agencies. The work over the past year has focused on advocacy to encourage agencies to consider adding CHWs to their workforce; supervisory, CEU and other training and enrollment in a state credential for CHWs in both Missouri and Kansas to increase professionalism of those in the workforce; and preparation of toolkits and other resources to help agencies understand how to use billing codes for reimbursement of CHW services.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services has encouraged MARC to submit a funding proposal to support additional supervisory training for CHW supervisors, update of the CHW core competency training in Spanish, and resource materials and webinars on the integration of CHWs into healthcare teams and ways to use billing codes to secure reimbursement through Medicare for CHW services.

Budget

Expenses	
MARC Personnel (salary, fringe, indirect, rent)	\$11,000
Supervisory Trainings for CHW Supervisors - CGA Consulting	\$12,000
Translation of CHW Core Competency Training into Spanish (Trainers - Alma Vargas and Guadalupe Tredway)	\$18,000
Toolkit Content and Webinars on Reimbursement for CHW Services to Patients through Medicare (ES Saleski - Contractor)	\$24,000
Total	\$65,000

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the submission of a proposal, and if funded, accept funds from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services of \$65,000 to support curriculum development in Spanish, supervisory training and information and webinars on use of Medicare for CHW service reimbursement. Authorize agreements with CGA Consulting, ES Advisors and trainers Alma Vargas and Guadalupe Tredway, as outlined above.

STAFF CONTACT

Marlene Nagel/Hannayd Ruiz

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March 2025
Item No. 1e
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve the acquisition of additional Motorola VESTA 911 workstations to support emergency communications operations.

BACKGROUND:

The Blue Springs Police Department and Riverside Police Department have each identified a need for additional Motorola VESTA 911 workstations to enhance their emergency communications capabilities. As part of the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) regional 911 system, both departments require these additional workstations to manage increasing call volumes and improve operational redundancy.

Blue Springs Police Department is requesting two additional workstations to accommodate growing service demands and ensure uninterrupted 911 call processing. Riverside Police Department is requesting one additional workstation to maintain reliability and redundancy within its PSAP operations.

These workstations will be fully integrated into the existing VESTA 911 system, ensuring seamless interoperability with regional public safety agencies. The purchase includes both hardware and software, as well as an extension of the five-year support agreement. This acquisition supports ongoing efforts to maintain a reliable and efficient emergency response infrastructure across jurisdictions.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The Motorola firm proposals include \$72,012.66 for the two workstations for Blue Springs and \$37,229.87 for the one workstation for Riverside, for a total cost of \$109,242.53. Funding for these purchases is included in the 911 Allocation Budget (Cost Share).

REVENUES	
Amount	\$109,242.53
Source	911 Allocation Budget (Cost Share)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$109,242.53
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The 911 Technical Sub-Committee conducted a review of the request, including an analysis of statistical call data, to develop a recommendation for the Public Safety Communications Users Committee and the Public Safety Communications Board. The Users Committee approved the request on April 17, 2024; the Public Safety Communications Board granted final approval on April 24, 2024.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This request directly supports the Blue Springs Police Department and Riverside Police Department, contributing to the overall resiliency of the regional 911 network.

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EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the cost-shared purchase of two additional VESTA 911 workstations for the Blue Springs Police Department and one additional workstation for the Riverside Police Department at a total cost of \$109,242.53.

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Program Director

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March 2025
Item No. 1f
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve an agreement with Segra (formerly United Private Networks - UPN) to provide circuit connections supporting the PSAP at American Medical Response's new location.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) 911 provides emergency call delivery services to 43 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) across an 11-county region. To ensure reliable and redundant connectivity, MARC 911 maintains two distinct pathways into each PSAP, ensuring uninterrupted call delivery in case of a network failure.

This agreement with Segra will establish one of the two required circuit connections to support the relocation of American Medical Response's (AMR) PSAP. A second redundant connection is still under evaluation, and a provider has not yet been identified. These new connections will enhance system reliability at the new location, ensuring continued redundancy for emergency communications.

Once the move is completed, the connections and associated costs for the old PSAP will be terminated, facilitating an efficient transition and cost management. The agreement with Segra is structured for a five-year (60-month) term at a cost of \$1,200 per month, resulting in a total cost of \$72,000 over the contract period.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Funding for these circuit connections is included in the 2025 911 Allocation Budget (Network) for the current and future fiscal years.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$72,000
Source	911 Allocation Budget (Network)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$72,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

COMMITTEE ACTION:

This expenditure is a standard cost planned within the 911 system Capital Projects budget, which received approval from the Public Safety Communications Board on November 20, 2024.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This request supports American Medical Response's (AMR) PSAP relocation and the city of Independence, Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the agreement with Segra to provide circuit connections for the AMR PSAP relocation at a total cost of \$72,000 over five years.

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Communications Director

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March 2025
Item No. 1g
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an agreement with CommCARE to provide Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training for first responders, mental health professionals, school counselors and hospital staff in Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) partnered with six certified community behavioral health organizations (CCBHOs) in Missouri and CommCARE (988 hotline operator) to develop a strategic plan to prepare for implementation of the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline. The strategic plan was completed in July 2022 concurrent with the launch of 988. Five of the project partners worked together to submit a successful Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant application through MARC for funds to implement the strategic plan through a shared approach to enhancing mobile crisis response. In December 2024 we brought to the Board a request to carryover unobligated year two grant funds to be reallocated for year three activities. The budget included \$67,500 to cover the cost to train 270 individuals in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST). ASIST is an evidence-based training and providing suicide intervention training to first responders, mental health professionals and hospital staff is a required grant activity.

CommCARE (the 988 call center) has staff trained to deliver the ASIST training. MARC will reimburse CommCARE at a rate of \$250 per person for each individual that attends the training. \$100/person covers the cost of required materials and \$150/person covers the cost of CommCARE staff time and additional materials.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$67,500
Source	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Award #1H79SM0872360-01)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
ASIST Training @ \$250/person with a maximum of 270 individuals trained	\$67,500

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

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

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a Professional Services agreement with CommCARE in an amount not to exceed \$67,500 to provide ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) for first responders, mental health professionals, school counselors and hospital staff.

STAFF CONTACT:

Julie Phillips, Shared Services Director
Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration

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March 2025
Item No. 1h
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize consultant agreement with Toole Design Group for the Greater Kansas City Regional Bikeway Plan update.

BACKGROUND:

The Greater Kansas City Regional Bikeway Plan was conducted in 2014 and approved by the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Board in early 2015. The plan envisioned a network of over 2,000 miles of on-street bikeways across the then-8-county MPO region. It also expanded the proposed Metro Green network into Miami County, KS.

The primary goal of this update is to better facilitate implementation of safe and low-stress bicycle facilities in the MARC region, prioritizing interjurisdictional connections. Other outcomes of the plan will include, but not be limited to, engagement with local government stakeholders, a revised proposed regional bikeway network, and an updated regional bicycle/pedestrian data and counts plan.

After a request for proposals was issued in January, Toole Design Group and its team (including Vireo, Kimley-Horn, and BikeWalkKC) was selected for the project.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

This work is listed as an activity in MARC's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and is budgeted for \$200,000 in Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a contract with Toole Design Group for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the Greater Kansas City Regional Bikeway Plan Update.

STAFF CONTACT:

Patrick Trouba, Transportation Planner II

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March 2025

Item No. 1i

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize consultant agreements for four 2025 Planning Sustainable Places studies.

BACKGROUND:

For studies funded through Planning Sustainable Places (PSP), the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) will hold the contracts on individual projects, although the project leads and local match will be provided by the local sponsors. Details for the projects are provided below. A qualifications-based competitive selection process was used in the selection of all consulting teams.

Leavenworth, KS - Leavenworth Seventh Street Corridor Study.

This study will review previous planning, assess existing conditions, engage the public and stakeholders, and develop recommendations for a multimodal transportation corridor connecting downtown Leavenworth to Fort Leavenworth. The final report will include a list of strategies and recommendations including potential funding mechanisms and strategies for implementation. Proposals from six prospective consulting teams were received. A shortlisting process was conducted with three teams interviewed. Key components of the plan will include:

- Develop a vibrant community with a welcoming image and attractive physical appearance that celebrates community heritage through quality new development, appropriate redevelopment, and preservation of historic and cultural resources.
- Better connect people within our City and the region with a complete transportation system offering a variety of different transportation modes.
- Invest in Leavenworth to promote growth, revitalization and high quality of life for all.

The consulting team of GBA, Shockey Consulting, Atlas Surveying, and CFS Engineering was selected for this study.

Osawatomie, KS - Osawatomie Mile Zero Trailhead Master Plan.

This study will review previous planning, assess existing conditions, engage the public and stakeholders, and develop recommendations for a trailhead connecting Osawatomie to the Flint Hills Trail. The final report will include a list of strategies and recommendations including potential funding mechanisms. Proposals from three prospective consulting teams were received. Given the smaller budget of the study, the three teams were asked to submit answers to a set of questions in lieu of interviews. Key components of the plan will include:

- Completed Pedestrian Network for Osawatomie Trails and Multi-Use Pathways
- Comprehensive Site Plan for Final Development of Flint Hills Trail State Park Trailhead (Mile Zero)
- Considers Sustainability Practices for Active Tourism Site

The consulting team of Landworks Studio LLC, Shockey Consulting, and CFS Engineers was selected for this study.

Kansas City, MO - Kansas City's Forgotten Homes and Independence Plaza Study.

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This study will review previous planning, assess existing conditions, engage the public and stakeholders, and develop recommendations for a multimodal transportation system connecting the two neighborhoods and adjacent areas. The final report will include a list of strategies and recommendations including potential funding mechanisms and budget. Proposals from five prospective consulting teams were received. A shortlisting process was conducted with three teams interviewed. Key components of the plan will include:

- Improve multimodal connectivity and safety
- Address housing stock conditions and new housing development
- Placemaking, Open Space, and Climate Resilience

The consulting team of Hoxie Collective, Mend Collaborative, and WSP was selected for this study.

Parkville, MO - Parkville Sidewalk Gap Inventory and Rating Plan.

This study will provide the missing links throughout Parkville to pedestrians to access destinations and neighborhoods. The final deliverable will be a scoring tool for prioritization of sidewalk gaps. A proposal from a single consulting team was received. Given the small budget size and the specific nature of the study, the decision was to proceed with the responding team. This decision was made after confirming with Parkville that the proposed scope of work satisfactorily met the city's objectives. Key components of the plan will include:

- Analyze the City's existing sidewalk network inventory data.
- Prioritize gaps and connections for Parkville's Public Works Department to implement in future years through a rating system. The rating system will be constructed with input from elected officials, citizens and staff.

The team of McClure and Shockey Consulting was selected for this study.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The projects will use Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding with a required local match as follows:

Leavenworth, KS: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$58,500) with the required local match of \$65,000 provided by the City of Leavenworth.

Osawatomie, KS: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$36,000) with the required local match of \$9,000 provided by the City of Osawatomie.

Kansas City, MO: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$150,000) with the required local match of \$37,500 provided by the City of Kansas City.

Parkville, MO: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$19,000) with the required local match of \$5,000 provided by the City of Parkville.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARC Board authorized the award of the PSP funds for the project and the receipt of its local match on September 24, 2024.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

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The consultant contracts involve the jurisdictions of: Leavenworth, KS; Osawatomie, KS; Kansas City, MO; and Parkville, MO.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into the agreements as listed above.

STAFF CONTACT:

Beth Dawson, Principal Planner

Martin Rivarola, Assistant Director of Transportation and Land Use

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment

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March 2025
Item No. 1j
Healthy Environment

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an application for the Municipal Investment Fund opportunity through International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives - Local Governments for Sustainability.

BACKGROUND:

The International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives - Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI USA), in partnership with Coalition for Green Capital, is offering funding and technical support to help local governments access capital for public and private clean energy projects within their jurisdiction. Selected communities in this Phase I award will be qualified to pursue additional predevelopment and project capital through Coalition for Green Capital's Municipal Investment Fund. This application proposes that the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) support Johnson County, Kansas in a feasibility study exploring investment in multifamily buildings, strengthening severe weather infrastructure for public buildings, and integrating solar with agricultural land use. If awarded, MARC would support Johnson County in setting community goals, establishing public-private partnerships, and identifying potential projects. Johnson County will serve as a pilot for clean energy investment with other jurisdictions having expressed interest in scaling investment regionally once established. The feasibility study activities will take place April-July 2025 with Phase II awards available August 2025.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

If awarded and contracted, MARC would receive \$250,000 to develop the Phase I feasibility study. \$71,000 of the total award will support local partners and community participants.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Johnson County, Kansas is impacted by this item.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an application to the Municipal Investment Fund in partnership with Johnson County for \$250,000 for work to be performed over the course of April-July 2025.

STAFF CONTACT:

Tom Jacobs, Chief Resilience Officer and Environmental Programs Director
Ashley Sadowski, Executive Director of Building and Energy Exchange



BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Meeting
Summary
February 25, 2025
11:15 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Council Member Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS - Chair of the MARC Budget and Personnel Committee
Mayor John Bacon, Olathe, KS
Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO
Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, KS
Victor Hurlbert, Auditor, Clay County, MO
Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, MO
Council member Bridget McCandless, Independence, MO
Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, MO
Mayor Curt Skoog, Overland Park, KS
Commissioner Mike Stieben, Leavenworth County, KS
Commissioner Sheila Tracy, Ray County, MO

STAFF PRESENT

David Warm, Executive Director
Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration
Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment
Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services
Marlene Nagel, Director of the Office of Resource Development
Andrew Malloy, Finance Director
Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Communications Program Director
Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director
Tom Jacobs, Chief Resilience Officer and Environmental Programs Director
Anna Van Brunt, Housing Coordinator
McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant

OTHERS

CALL TO ORDER

Council member Holly Grummert, Chair of the MARC Budget and Personnel Committee, called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m. Due to the meeting being conducted remotely and in-person, Council member Grummert provided instructions for participation. She 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: Authorize application to Missouri Department of Transportation for the Missouri Elderly & Handicapped Assistance Program for transportation for essential services.

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, requested authorization of an application to MODOT's Missouri Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Assistance Program (MEHTAP) for \$350,000 during the SFY 2026 area plan transportation budget. Ms. Bohling-DaMetz explained that these funds cannot be used to solely support transportation programs but must be used to assist MARC with meeting the required Title IIIB match of 15%. The Commission on Aging recommends this item for board approval.

VOTE: Ratify authorization for grant application to the Administration for Community Living to support older adult behavioral health.

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, presented the grant application that was submitted to the Administration for Community Living for board ratification as the application deadline was before the board meeting date. The two primary goals of the new grant are to develop capacity to increase the number of older adults and adults with disabilities participating in CDSME programs through a statewide initiative and to develop and disseminate resources specific to learnings that enhance knowledge and aid in the sustainability of programs. Total grant application is \$1,250,000 that would be divided over 3 years and was recommended for Board approval by the Commission on Aging. Ms. Bohling-DaMetz did say that the federal funding for this program is currently paused with the changes being implemented by the federal government but the application was still submitted in hopes of the funding resuming in the future.

VOTE: Approve Community Support Network subcontract with Jewish Family Services to support ongoing services.

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, requested approval of a subcontract with Jewish Family Services that support the CSN through services including care management and evidence based programs and workshops supporting chronic disease self-management and safety. These services are based on per unit rates rather than total contract amount and the unit rates for services were listed in the committee memo. The Commission on Aging recommends this item for Board approval.

VOTE: Authorize contract for the Mid-America Regional Council Aging and Adult Services Senior Services Growth and Development Program with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for State Fiscal Year 2026.

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, requested the acceptance of Senior Services Growth and Development Program fund from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services in the amount of \$983,757 during the contact period of June 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027. Fifty percent of these funds are designated for the development and expansion of senior multipurpose center programs and facilities, while the remaining fifty percent will support activities and programs enhancing services for older adults in MARC's planning and service area.

VOTE: Authorize acceptance of funds from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the regional Community Health Worker Collaborative certificate program.

Marlene Nagel, Director of the office of Resource Development, to receive funding from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in the form of any amendment totaling \$175,000. KDHE has supported the program for the past 3 years and this new amendment will bring the contract total to \$789,248.

VOTE: Authorize application to the Health Forward Foundation to continue funding for the Regional Housing Partnership.

Anna Van Brunt, Housing Coordinator, requested of approval to submit an application to the Health Forward Foundation to continue funding for the Regional Housing Partnership in an amount of \$350,000. The Health Forward Foundation has previously supported the work of the RHP and Ms. Van Brunt showed a budget detailing the other organizations that contribute to the funding. She did note that there is an

earmark from HUD that will flow through LISC that is not reflected in the budget that was shared because MARC has not received confirmation that we will be receiving the award.

Council member Bridget McCandless asked what will happen if the HUD funding is not awarded. Ms. Van Brunt said that the majority of the funding is philanthropic and Mr. Warm said that this award was awarded 3 years ago and the team is just waiting for access to the system.

VOTE: Approve Mid-America Regional Council Head Start carryover funds request for renovations and facility upgrades.

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director, requested approval to submit a carryover funds request totaling \$345,000 from the Administration for Children and Families cost of living adjustment. These funds will be used for to complete much needed renovations and upgrades to MARC Head Start facilities in the network. The Head Start Policy Council and Advisory Committee approved this request and recommends Board approval.

VOTE: Authorize the purchase of Layer 3 routing hardware from SHI for regional 911 sites to sustain system reliability.

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Communications Director, requested authorization to purchase 40 router units accompanying power supplies and five years of support from SHI. Funding for planned hardware refresh work is included in the 2025 911 Allocation Budget/Capital Projects and was recommended for board approval by the Public Safety Communications Board. The total cost for this equipment and services will be \$206,733.20.

Commissioner Jerry Nolte asked if the 25% price difference was normal between vendors or if the cost of services was really that much lower. Mr. Winebrenner answered that MARC has been partnering with the vendor for so long that the relationship has built a positive price “discount” of sorts. There is no negative impact to quality.

VOTE: Approve 2025 air quality ozone season public outreach campaign media purchases.

Tom Jacobs, Chief Resilience Officer and Environmental Programs Director, requested approval for various public outreach campaign media purchases for the 2025 air quality ozone season. These media campaigns help educate the public about actions they may take to protect their health and to reduce emissions that lead to air pollution. Total purchases will be \$260,000.

Council member Holly Grummert asked what type of messaging occurs during these media campaigns. Mr. Jacobs indicated that they mostly center around things the best time of day to refuel vehicles and mow lawns.

VOTE: Approve a contract with ETC Institute not to exceed \$75,000 to conduct annual Air Quality Public Awareness Surveys in 2025, 2026 and 2027.

Tom Jacobs, Chief Resilience Officer and Environmental Programs Director, requested a contact approval with ETC Institute to perform annual air quality public awareness surveys that will help determine overall air quality awareness of the public, where people are obtaining information about air quality, which air quality messages have resonated, and which specific demographics and stakeholders have lower levels of awareness. The total contract amount is \$75,000 for the three-year contract.

VOTE: Authorize a grant application to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to develop and administer APWA 5600 Stormwater Standards training for stormwater professionals.

Tom Jacobs, Chief Resilience Officer and Environmental Programs Director, requested approval to apply for a grant to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment that will help develop and administer APWA 5600 stormwater standards training for stormwater professionals in fiscal year 2025-26.

VOTE: Authorize consultant agreements for a 2025 Planning Sustainable Places study in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, requested authorization for a consultant agreement to complete a study regarding the Lee's Summit, MO - Rock Island Trail Connectivity and Wayfinding Plan as part of the planning sustainable places program. This study will review previous planning, assess existing conditions, engage the public and stakeholders, and develop recommendations for a multimodal transportation system connecting multiple destinations to Downtown Lee's Summit and the Rock Island Trail. Total contract amount for services are \$55,000.

VOTE: Authorize receipt of FFY 2027-2028 Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality program and/or Surface Transportation Block Grant program funds for Mid-America Regional Council transportation programming.

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, requested authorization to receive funding from various sources for the MARC transportation programming for the FY 2027-2028. These funding streams include Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and local agencies as needed to receive federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) funds and matching funds that will support active transportation planning, air quality public education campaigns, WAY TO GO, Operation Greenlight Operations, and Planning Sustainable Places. The totals for the funding stream were detailed in the board memo as they are broken down by program.

VOTE: Approve the Minutes of the January 28, 2025 Meeting.

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

The motion passed.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Council member Grummert adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.