



OPEN MEETING NOTICE

AVIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Larry Peet, Kansas Co-Chair
Mike Waller, Missouri Co-Chair

There will be a meeting of MARC's Aviation Committee on **Thursday, May 8th, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.**
MARC's Westview Room and MARCZoom09

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A G E N D A

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (Co-chairs)**
- 2. Approval of March Meeting Summary***
- 3. Connected Freight KC 2050 – A Plan in Action (CDM Smith)**
 - MARC is wrapping up its regional freight plan, Connected Freight KC 2050, in partnership with the Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission.
- 4. Connected KC 2050 (Martin Rivarola)**
 - The final public comment period is open for Connected KC 2050, the Kansas City region's long-range transportation plan. This plan is federally required and must be updated every 5 years.
- 5. 2015 Aviation System Plan Review (Cy Splichal)**
- 6. 2025 Workplan (Cy Splichal)**
- 7. Airport Roundtable (Co-chairs)**
- 8. Adjournment (Co-chairs)**

**Committee action required*

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MARC Aviation Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

March 13th, 2025

Present

Mike Anderson – Kansas City/Lee’s Summit Regional
Patty Hilderbrand, City of Harrisonville
Mike Newman, Lawrence Smith Memorial Airport
Mike Waller, Kansas City Aviation (*MO Co-chair*)
Juan Yin, MoDOT

MARC Staff

Ron Achelpohl
Cy Splichal

Agenda item I: Welcome and Introductions

Cy Splichal welcomed attendees to the meeting and asked that participants sign in using the Zoom chat box.

Agenda Item II: MO Unfunded Needs

Cy Splichal presented on the Missouri Unfunded Needs List. MoDOT is currently coordinating with MARC to update the unfunded transportation needs list for the Kansas City region. Cy briefly covered the tiers of unfunded needs, including multimodal projects recommended by the Regional Transit Coordination Council, the Active Transportation Programming Committee and the Goods Movement Committee. Next steps include review & committee discussions (March & April) and recommend approval by TTPC and the MARC Board of Directors (May).

Ron Achelpohl asked Cy if the Excelsior Springs Runway Lighting Project was updated, and Cy stated that when the PowerPoint was created, that MARC had not heard of any updates to the project.

Agenda Item III: World Cup Transportation Update

Cy Splichal opened a roundtable discussion for the committee to provide updates on regional planning for the 2026 World Cup. Mike Anderson states that Lee’s Summit is working with Homeland Security to set up check points. Mike mentioned that parking will be a problem, and they are thinking of closing some locations to use their parking spaces. Cy noted that airport parking space was a topic that has been repeatedly brought up and might be a useful topic for future discussions by the committee. Patty Hilderbrand asked if anyone would be providing a list of available airports and their parking spaces as a central hub; Ron Achelpohl responded that he was not aware of something like that, but that it would be a good idea. Mike Waller stated that MCI has been working to get prepared since the city was chosen as a host.

Agenda Item IV: Brief Freight Study Update

Cy Splichal presented freight study update information. Specifically, he focused on the stakeholder engagement that has taken place during the study. Stakeholder Engagement. This included some guided questions about air cargo in the Kansas City region. Cy opened the floor to the committee to ask questions and hold discussion on the regional freight study. Mike Anderson spoke about day-to-day air cargo, and discussing with smaller air cargo companies about coming to Lee's Summit. Mike Newman discussed how little air cargo Harrisonville sees, and that they would be willing to accommodate more air cargo in the future if needed. Cy asked committee members how resilient they believed air cargo movement was in the region. Mike A. said that he believed that air cargo movement in the region was resilient. Cy also asked the group about what they envision MARC's Aviation Advisory Committee's role being in the face of air cargo. Mike A. said that having a lot of planning will be needed to create a multimodal hub in the region. Ron Achelpohl told the committee that a lot of MARC's work is focused on land-based transportation factors and their relation to aviation planning.

Agenda Item V: 2025 Workplan and Membership - Committee Structure

Cy Splichal told the committee that MARC is currently looking to restructure committees based on comparison to other regions and feedback from MARC committee members. Patty Hildebrand and Mike Anderson both agreed that regional airports should be allowed to have one member. Cy then moved on to discuss the 2025 Workplan and what the committee would like to work on in 2025. Mike A. said that it would be good to figure out a way to be flexible without being totally reliant on MoDOT. Ron Achelpohl also asked the committee how MARC could be helpful for the committee members. Mike Anderson said that Lee's Summit airport is new to Missouri politics and getting funding from the state and MARC could be a helpful force in that regard.

Agenda Item VI: Airport Roundtable

Mike Anderson mentioned that their airport recently changed their name to the Kansas City-Lee's Summit Regional airport. They also have active construction on the east side of their airport for a \$17 million project to increase infrastructure. Mike Newman discussed Harrisonville's runway re-pavement, clearing out trees for approaches, changing frequencies because of overlap with Lawrence, and reconstructing taxi lanes. Mike Waller discussed reconstruction of their high-speed taxi lanes, two more taxi ways, replacing airfield perimeter fences over the next two fiscal years and at the downtown airport they are replacing lanes and working with a developer to develop new hangars.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.

Next Meeting

Thursday, May 8th, 2025

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM