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SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

KANSAS STP PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

October 17, 2024

9:30 AM

This meeting will be held in a hybrid in-person/virtual format from the Lewis & Clark Room in the MARC offices at 600 Broadway, Suite 200 in Kansas City, Missouri, 64105 and online via Zoom.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve the October 3, 2024, Meeting Summary*
3. Status of the Current Program*
2025-2026 Program Review
Review program modification for the Unified Government (attached)
4. 2027-2028 Call for Projects*
Finalize project scoring
Review programming targets
Review funding history
Coordination with other committees
Discuss illustrative scenarios
5. Conflict of Interest & Whistleblower Policies
<https://www.marc.org/sites/default/files/2024-09/Conflict-of-interest-Policy.pdf>
<https://www.marc.org/sites/default/files/2024-01/Whistleblower-Policy.pdf>
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

* Action Items

Next Scheduled Meeting: October 31, 2024

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September 6, 2024

Kansas STP Committee
ATTN.: Mr. Marc Hansen, AICP
Principal Planner
Mid-America Regional Council
600 Broadway Blvd., Ste. 200
Kansas City, MO 64105

Re: Unified Government Urban Trail and Complete Street
TIP #259214
Project No.: N-0801-01 (State) STP-N080(101)

Dear Mr. Hansen:

The Unified Government respectfully requests the Kansas STP Committee's consideration to change the \$3.0 million STBG funding year of obligation for the above-referenced project from 2025 to 2026. Due to the Unified Government's 2025 revenue-neutral budget that was recently approved by the Board of Commissioners, the local matching funds for construction of this project will not be available until 2026.

The 2025 revenue-neutral budget will not impact plan development or right of way acquisition as funding for these costs has already been secured. Design was initiated in the first quarter of this year will continue to progress into 2025. Preliminary plans were submitted to KDOT on June 20, 2024 for their environmental review process. Progress is on target for final plan preparation.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Troy Shaw, P.E.
County Engineer and Interim Director of Public Works

Kansas STP Priorities Committee
October 17, 2024
Meeting Summary

Voting Members Present:		Voting Members (continued)	
Basehor	Vernon Fields	Shawnee	Jason DeWald
Bonner Springs		Spring Hill	Alysen Abel
De Soto	Joe Johnson	Tonganoxie	
Gardner	Tim McEldowney	Johnson County	
Kansas City		Leavenworth County	Bill Noll
Lansing	Mike Spickelmier	Miami County	Eric Sandberg
Leavenworth	Brian Faust	Wyandotte County	
Leawood	Brian Scovill (alt.)	FHWA (Ex Officio)	Will Sharp
Lenexa	Tim Green	KCATA	AJ Farris
Merriam	Celia Kumke, Vice Chair	KDOT	Allison Smith
Mission	Stephanie Boyce	Bike/Ped Com Rep.	Nick Ward-Bopp
Olathe	Nate Baldwin, Chair	Destination Safe Rep.	
Overland Park	Lorraine Basalo	Goods Movement Rep.	
Paola		Highway Com Rep.	
Prairie Village	Keith Bredehoeft	RTCC Rep.	
Roeland Park	Donnie Scharff		
MARC Staff:	Other Attendees:	Other Attendees (continued):	
Marc Hansen	Lenexa: Steve Schooley (alt.)	Art Gough	
Megan Broll	Shawnee: Kevin Manning (alt.)	KCATA: Jessica Blanchard	
Beth Dawson	Basehor: Maddie Bouton, Leslee Rivarola	KDOT: Dawn Hueske, Kimberly Marotta	
Martin Rivarola	Edgerton: Dan Merkh	Affinis: Wayne Gudenkauf	
Cy Smith	Unified Government of Wyandotte County	Benesch: Matt Henderson	
Patrick Trouba	and Kansas City, KS: Gunnar Hand	BHC: Randy Gorton	
Madeline Wetta	Westwood: John Sullivan	HG Consult: Angela Nelson	
Lukas Yanni		Lamp Rynearson: Dan Miller	

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Nate Baldwin called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Meeting Summary

Joe Johnson moved to approve the October 3rd, 2024 Meeting Summary as presented, and Celia Kumke seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. Status of the Current Program

Principal Planner Marc Hansen reviewed the program for 2024, 2025, and 2026, noting the Olathe/Johnson County Blackbob (159th to 167th) project moved from 2024 to 2025, and the Unified Government Urban Trail & Complete Street project requested to move from 2025 to 2026. These changes led to an unexpected balance of over \$4m in 2024 and 2025, and a negative balance of \$3.4m in 2026. KDOT expressed concern about holding large balances and its impact on August redistribution and the eligibility to attain more federal funding, but would request additional feedback from their program and project management to bring back to the committee. Mr. Hansen asked if any projects from the 2026 program could advance to 2025, or if any new projects not already programmed would be ready to obligate in 2025.

The City of Shawnee clarified that they would need to delay the start of their Midland Drive project due to detoured traffic resulting from a nearby KDOT bridge replacement. Shawnee confirmed they would be able to obligate in 2025, so they remained on the 2025 program despite expecting construction to take place primarily in 2026. Mr. Hansen also reminded the committee that the DeSoto 83rd St Bridge Replacement project was deferred from 2023.

4. 2027-2028 Call for Projects

Project scores for the current programming round were distributed to committee members in advance of the meeting. Applicants were given the opportunity to review and question scores and revisions. Mr. Hansen noted a modification to the Overland Park project 175th Street Improvements (179th St to Antioch Rd) score based on a scoring error; its score was increased by two points and all scores were reviewed to determine if any other scores needed to be adjusted. No other projects were found to be impacted by that scoring error. The average project score is 65 and the median score is 62. Committee members clarified how alignment status is determined, noting that capacity projects or those that don't reference inclusion of green infrastructure elements could have a lower alignment status but still achieve a high overall score.

Kevin Manning moved to approve the finalized scores as provided, and Joe Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Programming targets are estimates based on expected obligation limitations for 2027-2028, minus funding for OGL Operations (as approved by the Total Transportation Policy Committee and MARC Board in February of 2024). Estimated funding available for programming totals \$29,915,231. This estimate is based on 2026 numbers, and is beyond the window of the current federal transportation bill. KDOT noted the committee has overprogrammed by up to 10% in previous years, and that overprogramming by about 5% is preferable.

Mr. Hansen reviewed other programming committees, noting the Active Transportation Programming Committee (ATPC) programs TA funds, and the newly formed Transportation Emissions Committee (TEC) will program CMAQ and CRP. Both committees will meet the final week of October. Some projects requesting STBG funding have applied for other funding sources, and those projects are identified in resources shared with the committee.

Mr. Hansen presented three illustrative scenarios, meant to serve as a starting point for discussion amongst the committee:

- Scenario 1 based funding on score and full request amount
 - Funds nine projects in seven jurisdictions
 - Five projects in Johnson County, two in Leavenworth County, and two regional
 - Does not take into consideration multiple projects per jurisdiction, and includes a lower priority project in Overland Park
- Scenario 2 based funding on alignment status, score, and full request,
 - Funds eight projects in six jurisdictions
 - Four projects in Johnson County, two in Leavenworth County, and two regional
- Scenario 3 based on the approach used for 2022 funding allocation
 - Based on percent funded by applicant (if over 40%, full request granted; if under 40%, 90% of request is funded). Only funds highest priority projects for jurisdictions.
 - Funds eight projects in eight jurisdictions
 - Five projects in Johnson County, one in Leavenworth County, and two regional

No applications were received from Miami County, and the only project from Wyandotte County (98th Street Part 3 in Edwardsville) was not eligible for funding through any of the above scenarios. Historical funding and corresponding population estimates for jurisdictions was shared with the committee, noting that CRRSSA funding and CMAQ traffic flow funding were included for the years where the committee oversaw those funding recommendations. Funding shown is how it was originally programmed and does not include adjustments to projects. This resource was shared to demonstrate where investments have been made around the region (and is not intended to be used to program by population). A project for the City of Lansing was not included in the historical funding provided ahead of the meeting, so that correction was noted and the updated version will be resent to the committee.

The committee discussed “off the top” funding approved by the MARC Board, and considered requesting adding the Planning Sustainable Places (PSP) Program to those set-aside funds as it consistently scores highly and is a funding program available to all MARC jurisdictions. Currently, the committee has flexibility in determining the funding allocation to the PSP program along with other projects submitted. Mr. Hansen encouraged the committee to discuss the funding process and any desired modifications during the debrief after the current funding round.

Mr. Hansen reviewed the ongoing timeline for programming, with development of funding recommendations expected to be complete by mid-December. Once the TIP amendment process is complete, funds are typically available to obligate around mid-February.

Committee members are invited to submit funding proposals for consideration, and Chair Baldwin asked proposals to be submitted to Marc Hansen by 10/29 so that members can review them ahead of the next meeting. Project sponsors were encouraged to review the scalability of their projects and minimum funding amounts required to move forward with their projects.

5. Conflict of Interest & Whistleblower Policies

Committee members are asked to review the Conflict of Interest & Whistleblower Policies available on the MARC website at <https://marc.org/about-marc/policies>. Members are welcome to contact MARC staff if they have any questions about the policy.

6. Other Business

MARC staff shared a potential opportunity to participate in a low-carbon transportation materials program established through the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. Federal funding is available to reimburse higher costs or incentivize using low-carbon materials. Information about this program will be distributed to committee members following the meeting.

7. Adjournment

The next KS STP Priorities Committee meeting will be a special meeting scheduled on October 31, 2024. The meeting was adjourned.