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## OPEN MEETING NOTICE

### KANSAS STP PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

February 13, 2025

9:30 AM

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

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### AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve the October 31, 2024, Meeting Summary\*
3. Status of the Current Program/KDOT Updates\*
4. 2027-2028 Call for Projects\*  
*Review/debrief of 2027-2028 programming round*
5. Federal Program  
*Review/Discuss impacts of recent presidential actions*
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

\* Action Items

Next Scheduled Meeting: May 8, 2025

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**Kansas STP Priorities Committee  
February 13, 2025  
Meeting Summary**

<b>Voting Members Present:</b>		<b>Voting Members (cont.):</b>	
Basehor		Shawnee	
Bonner Springs	Mark Lee	Spring Hill	Alysen Abel
De Soto	Joe Johnson	Tonganoxie	
Gardner	Tim McElDowney	Johnson County	Ryan Sims (alt.)
Kansas City	Gunnar Hand (alt.)	Leavenworth County	Bill Noll
Lansing	Mike Spickelmier	Miami County	
Leavenworth		Wyandotte County	
Leawood	David Ley	FHWA (Ex Officio)	
Lenexa	Tim Green	KCATA	
Merriam	Celia Kumke, Vice Chair	KDOT	Allison Smith
Mission	Stephanie Boyce	Bike/Ped Com Rep.	
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		
<b>MARC Staff:</b>		<b>Other Attendees (cont.):</b>	
Marc Hansen		KDOT: Kimberly Marotta	
Ron Achelpohl		Affinis: Mark Hoppe	
Megan Broll		BHC: Randy Gorton	
Martin Rivarola		Art Gough	
Cy Splichal			
Patrick Trouba			
Ray Webb			

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Nate Baldwin called the meeting to order, and introductions followed.

### **2. Approval of October 31, 2024 Meeting Summary**

Michael Spickelmier moved to approve the October 31, 2024 Meeting Summary as presented, and Mark Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **3. Status of the Current Program/KDOT Updates**

2025 STBG Program status:

Olathe/Johnson County	Blackbob, 159th to 167th (deferred from 2024)	\$3,875,000	Obligated
Basehor	158th St & Parallel Road Improvements	\$5,122,555	Obligated
Roeland Park	Nall Ave Complete Street	\$660,627	Obligated
MARC	Planning Sustainable Places	\$720,000	Obligated
MARC	Operation Greenlight	\$250,000	Obligated
Shawnee	Midland Drive Improvements	\$4,000,000	Unobligated

The ending balance of the 2025 STBG program is \$4,585,875. No 2026 projects have expressed interest in advancing to the 2025 schedule. KCATA would be willing to advance their Regional Replacement Clean Vehicles project up from the 2027 schedule (the project requested \$4m and was awarded \$2,300,000 for the 2027-2028 program). It is unclear if the Shawnee Midland Drive Improvements project will obligate on schedule.

The 2026 STBG program:

DeSoto	83rd St Bridge Replacement (deferred from 2023)	\$1,500,000
Unified Government	Urban Trail & Complete Street (request to defer to 2026)	\$3,000,000
Edwardsville	98th St Corridor (Kansas Ave to K-32)	\$4,095,000
Mission	Johnson Drive (Metcalf to Lamar)	\$6,000,000
Olathe	Quivira Road (143rd to 151st)	\$3,575,909
Overland Park	Switzer Road (167th to 179th)	\$3,575,909
MARC	Operation Greenlight	\$250,000

The ending balance of the 2026 STBG program is -\$3,131,376; the program is over programmed by about 10%, and the Unified Government Urban Trail & Complete Street project is able to move to the 2027 program if needed. The ability of the De Soto 83<sup>rd</sup> St Bridge Replacement project to obligate in 2026 remains in question.

#### **4. 2027-2028 Call for Projects**

Funding recommendations were approved by the Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) and MARC Board of Directors, and submitted as an amendment to the TIP. Approval of the TIP amendment is pending approval by KDOT and federal agencies; while the timeline of federal approval is unknown, FHWA-KS approval is expected later this week with FTA to review separately. The only project affected by FTA approval is the KCATA Regional Replacement Clean Vehicles project on the 2027 schedule. Once approved, MARC will follow up with project sponsors with TIP numbers, funding amounts, and project fee invoices.

The committee debriefed the programming process, discussing questions on the time/effort involved, committee structure, and technical aspects of the process. Information about other MPOs' committee structures was shared, showing MARC had a comparatively high number of committees involved in the process. Committee members expressed interest in keeping the committee structure the same even though it may be time intensive, and generally did not want to set attendance requirements like the Missouri STP Priorities Committee.

Committee members were in favor of the combined application format, but noted it makes programming more difficult. Several members commented that the two-phase application structure works well, but it can allow for projects to be penalized for non/low alignment status, and may be seen as a bit redundant. The two-phase process has also led to more competitive applications and higher scores from smaller communities.

The committee discussed potentially reviewing scoring criteria, and one committee member was concerned that non-infrastructure projects were receiving a large proportion of funds. Committee members suggested setting a funding cap and making any adjustments to scoring criteria before accepting applications. If project categories seem to be out of alignment with the application, the committee was in favor of MARC staff providing feedback to correct project categories. Embedding links to the alignment status scoring rubric and GIS maps and resources on the committee webpage and/or project application were suggested to improve the application process.

#### **5. Federal Program**

Projects that have obligated are expected to receive reimbursements as usual, but changes in the federal administration's priorities and its impact on the status of unobligated projects is currently unknown. The National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program is on pause for the foreseeable future. KDOT is monitoring changes daily, and FHWA-KS is also awaiting guidance from Washington. Olathe noted that they received a Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) grant, but the kickoff has been postponed.

#### **4. Other Business**

MARC's annual assembly and Regional Leadership Awards will be held on Friday, June 13. Nominations for awards are currently open, and more information can be found on the MARC website.

#### **5. Adjournment**

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, May 8, 2025. The meeting was adjourned.