



Board of Directors MEETING NOTICE

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May 27, 2025

Board Member Meeting: 12:00 p.m.

In-person attendees in MARC's Board 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, May 27, 2025, for instructions to join the teleconference.

AGENDA

1. Brief Self-Introductions
2. SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES
 - a. REPORT: Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers Program and the TIPS Hotline presented by Detective Christina Ludwig and Randy Rhoads
 - b. REPORT: Kansas City regional public health response to measles outbreak presented by Ray Dlugolecki, MPH, assistant health director at Jackson County Public Health.
3. EFFECTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND QUALITY PLACES
 - a. REPORT: Connected KC 2050 long-range transportation plan update - Final Outreach and Engagement efforts
4. BRIEF REPORTS
 - a. VOTE: Approve the 2025 Missouri Unfunded Transportation Needs list.
 - b. VOTE: Authorize contract extension with Stantec for consultant services for the Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor Project.
 - c. REPORT: Status of Mid-America Regional Council federal grants, pass-through funds and other funding.
 - d. REPORT: Report on 2025 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for 5 Missouri Counties.
 - e. VOTE: Authorize SFY 2026 contract amounts for selected Aging and Adult Services partners.
5. Executive Director's Report

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

6. VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda
 - a. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the April 22, 2025, Board Meeting
 - b. VOTE: Authorize a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Program.
 - c. VOTE: Authorize Mid-America Regional Council staff to negotiate a contract with two new Head Start community partners.
 - d. VOTE: Approve contract amendment with Kansas City Public Schools for Head Start services.
 - e. VOTE: Approve actions taken on the May 13, 2025, Head Start Advisory Committee Meeting.
 - f. VOTE: Authorize agreement with the Local Investment Commission for the 2025-2026 Program Support Network.



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- 7. Other Business
- 8. Adjournment

MARC Board of Directors - Members and Alternates

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Anderson, Jalen	Jackson County	County Legislator - Designee for County Executive Frank White Jr.
Bacon, John	Olathe, KS	Mayor
Baird, Bill	Lee's Summit, MO	Mayor
Boley, Damien	Smithville, MO	Mayor
Bolon, Greg	MoDOT	District Engineer
Bunch, Eric	Kansas City, MO	Councilmember
Burroughs, Tom	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
Caiharr, Carolyn	Edwardsville, KS	Mayor
Carpenter, Jon	Clay County	Commissioner
Culbertson, Jeff	Leavenworth County	Commissioner
Dove, Willie	Leavenworth County	Commissioner
Duncan, Johnathan	Kansas City, MO	Councilmember
Fast, Becky	Johnson County	Commissioner - Designee for Commission Chair Mike Kelly
Fears, Jared	Independence, MO	Councilmember
Fricker, Scott	Platte County	Presiding Commissioner
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Hanzlick, Janee	Johnson County	Commissioner
Hardy, Jeff*	MoDOT	Asst. District Engineer
Heley, Logan	Overland Park, KS	Councilmember - Designee for Mayor Curt Skoog
Hill, Dr. Evelyn	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
Hockemeier, Max	Ray County	Commissioner
Hurlbert, Victor	Clay County	Auditor
Huston, Bob	Cass County	Commissioner
Jones, Leonard	Mayor	Grandview, MO
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Kelly, Mike	Johnson County	Commission Chairman
Lopez, Beto	Lee's Summit, MO	Mayor Pro Tem – Designee for Mayor Bill Baird
Lucas, Quinton	Kansas City, MO	Mayor
Marshall, Megan	Jackson County	Legislator
McCandless, Bridget	Independence, MO	Councilmember – Designee for Mayor Rory Rowland
McDonough, Mike	Raytown, MO	Mayor
McGee, DaRon	Jackson County	Legislator
Meyers, Jeff	Johnson County	Commissioner
Mikkelson, Eric	Prairie Village, KS	Mayor
Moriarty, Michael**	KDOT	Chief of Transportation Planning
Nolte, Jerry	Clay County	Presiding Commissioner
Pogue, Randy	Kearney, MO	Mayor
Poppa, Michael	Johnson County municipalities	Mayor
Pretz, George	Miami County	Commission Chairman
Ramirez, Christian	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
Rowland, Rory	Independence, MO	Mayor
Sandifer, Mickey	Shawnee, KS	Mayor
Skoog, Curt	Overland Park, KS	Mayor
Stephens, Tom	Bonner Springs, KS	Mayor
Stieben, Mike	Leavenworth County	Commissioner
Tracy, Sheila	Ray County	Presiding Commissioner
Turnbow, Kristofer	Raymore, MO	Mayor
Vaughan, Tyler	Miami County	Commissioner
Vogt, Marge	Olathe, KS	Council member - Designee for Mayor John Bacon
Wagner, Scott	Clay County	Commissioner
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White Jr., Frank	Jackson County	County Executive
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Wright, Chris	Platte County	Recorder of Deeds
Younis, Inas	Overland Park, KS	Council member

*Public Transit Representatives (Voting) **Public Transit Advisory Representatives (Non-Voting)

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2025
Item No. 1

ISSUE:

Introductions and Board Sharing Time

BACKGROUND:

Time has been reserved on the agenda for introductions and items of interest to Board members. The Board Chair encourages board members to raise matters for discussion at future meetings or other issues of general concern or interest.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2025
Item No. 2a
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

REPORT: Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers Program and the TIPS Hotline presented by Detective Christina Ludwig and Randy Rhoads.

BACKGROUND:

The Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers program was created in 1982 and is housed within the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission and is also a member program of Crime Stoppers USA. The TIPS Hotline has proven to be a vital crime-fighting instrument in the KC community by providing safe and convenient ways to volunteer vital information helpful to law enforcement agencies, enabling them to fight against crime and solve cases. TIPS can be submitted via phone, web or an app, and the program also partners with Kansas City area schools to prevent crime within student environments.

Detective Christina Ludwig, Director of the KC Crime Stoppers Advisory Board and Randy Rhoads, 2nd Vice Chair of the Advisory Board will provide programmatic updates of the program and share how MARC Board members and their jurisdictions can interface with Crime Stoppers and the TIPS Hotline. The direct Hotline number is: 816-474-TIPS.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

[Kansas City Metro Crime Stoppers](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Communications Director

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2025
Item No. 2b
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

REPORT: Kansas City regional public health response to measles outbreak presented by Ray Dlugolecki, MPH, assistant health director at Jackson County Public Health.

BACKGROUND:

Local and state public health departments in Missouri and Kansas monitor disease reports and have been actively evaluating the increased incidence of measles cases in the southwest United States. In 2024, there were 285 reported measles cases in the U.S.; as of May 16, 2025, there have been 1,024 confirmed cases in the U.S., with the largest number in Texas. There have been cases in 31 states. Recently, cases have been reported in both Kansas and Missouri, but not yet in the Kansas City region. There have been three deaths nationally due to the disease. Measles has primarily affected children and teens who were not vaccinated.

Ray Dlugolecki, MPH, assistant health director at Jackson County Public Health, will provide an update on the disease outbreak, risks to the Kansas City region, and actions being taken by local and state public health agencies to monitor cases around and in the area. The local public health departments are working with pediatricians and other health care providers, schools and others to promote vaccination to boost the proportion of the region's young population that is vaccinated will increase the region's herd immunity to outbreaks. Mr. Dlugolecki will suggest actions that local elected officials might take to support public health efforts which will prevent further spread of the disease.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kristin Johnson-Waggoner, Public Affairs Director
Marlene Nagel, Director of the Office of Resource Development

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2025
Item No. 3a
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

REPORT: Connected KC 2050 long-range transportation plan update - Final Outreach and Engagement efforts.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is responsible for developing and maintaining a metropolitan transportation plan (MTP) to guide federal investments and serve as a blueprint for managing the region's transportation system. In the MARC region, this plan is branded as the Connected KC 2050 (CKC2050) plan. A draft of the CKC2050 update is posted online at www.update.connectedkc.org and has been released for public review and comment. Adoption of this update is due by June of 2025.

A final round of public engagement & outreach is underway, including:

- Social media/online engagement
- Internal/external stakeholder outreach
- Two public open-house sessions at MARC's offices (May 20 & 27 - 11am to 6pm).

The results of these engagement efforts will be summarized and shared with the Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) and the MARC Board as these groups consider final plan approval in June of 2025.

TTPC has previously discussed the federal policy landscape that has shifted in 2025 and MARC has received indications that FHWA and FTA may require further review of the Community Impact Analysis section of this draft to align with current Administration policy priorities. Staff described the feedback received and MARC's staff recommendations to address new federal guidance at the May TTPC meeting.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

All planning modal, policy committees, the TTPC and the Board of Directors have been engaged on this plan update since 2023.

STAFF CONTACT:

Martin Rivarola, Assistant Director of Transportation and Land Use
Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2025
Item No. 4a
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve the 2025 Missouri Unfunded Transportation Needs list.

BACKGROUND:

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT) has communicated to the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) that it seeks to update its unfunded transportation needs list. The Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) previously reviewed and approved the Kansas City region unfunded needs list in June 2024.

The goal of the unfunded needs list is to have the ability to react quickly with deliverable projects to any identified or secured funding and to provide a list of projects which represent where additional funding could be used. MODOT District staff have worked with planning partners such as MARC to update and validate the existing project listing previously approved by TTPC.

At the May TTPC meeting, staff will provide an overview of recommended revisions to the unfunded needs list. Final approval of the Missouri Unfunded Needs list is required by May 2025.

The attachment in this packet currently includes a draft list of unfunded needs, scheduled for final review and recommendation by the Missouri STP and the Active Transportation Programming Committee on May 13 and 14, 2025, respectively. Once these recommendations have been finalized, this packet will be revised accordingly, as needed.

EXHIBITS:

[Missouri Unfunded Transportation Needs - May 2025](#)

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

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

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Total Transportation Policy Committee took action on this item on May 20, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Item for discussion only.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

STAFF CONTACT:

Martin Rivarola, Assistant Director of Transportation and Land Use
Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment

Kansas City Region - DRAFT RECOMMENDED SCENARIO Missouri Road/Highway Unfunded Needs List (2025)							
For discussion by MARC Committees May 2025							
Project Name	Updated Cost (2025)	Note	Former Tier (2024)	MTP Score	MTP Priority	Total Tier	% Over/ Under Target
Tier 1							
I-70 (435-470) - Corridor Improvements (partial 1 of 2)	\$100,000,000	Stay in current Tier from 2024	1	101	High		
Tier 1 Target: \$95m						\$100,000,000	5%
Tier 2							
US71 - Safety Improvements Across Bruce R. Watkins (Partial 1 of 2)	\$76,000,000	Split between Tier 2 and Tier 3 pending conclusion of PEL study. Up to \$31m from 30.25m & moved 50% of US71 Tier 3 costs to Tier 2	2	120	High		
I-29 and I-35 Corridor from MO 210 to MO45 Along I-29 and I-435 along I-35)	\$208,000,000	I-29/I-35 Corridor improvements - PEL priority segment 1. Down from \$238m in 2024.	2	104	High		
I-70 (435-470) - Corridor Improvements (partial 2 of 2)	\$90,000,000	Stay in current 2024 tier	2	101	High		
MO 291 (I-435 to NE 104th St) Corridor Improvements	\$40,000,000	Stay in current 2024 tier. Down from \$50.34m in 2024	2	77	High		
Tier 2 Target: \$380m						\$414,000,000	9%
Tier 3							
US-71-Safety Improvements Across Bruce R. Watkins (Partial 2 of 2)	\$45,000,000	Split between Tier 2 and Tier 3 pending conclusion of PEL study. \$90,750,000 in 2024 and adjusted to \$90m. Moved 50% of this project costs to Tier 2	3	120	High		
I-35 corridor improvements from NE of downtown loop (Independence Ave) to MO 210	\$96,600,000	I-29/I-35 Corridor improvements - PEL priority segment 2. Moved from Other Regional Priorities	Other Regional Priorities	104	High		
I-70 and I-470 Interchange Improvement	\$90,000,000	Stay in current 2024 tier. Up from \$80m in 2024	3	100	Rehabilitation		
I-35 (I-435 to US 69) Corridor Improvements	\$61,000,000	Stay in current 2024 tier. Up from \$60.5m in 2024	3	87	High		
MO 92 Hwy Improvements - Phase 2	\$25,000,000	Stay in current 2024 tier	3	20	Low		
I-49 - Pavement Reconstruction from Blue Ridge Blvd to Mo 150	\$56,000,000	Stay in current 2024 tier. Down from \$60m in 2024.	3	N/A	Rehabilitation		
US 50 - Pavement Reconstruction from I-470 to Rte. RA	\$30,000,000	Stay in current 2024 tier. Up from \$29m in 2024	3	N/A	Rehabilitation		
Mo Rt FF - Slope repairs/stabilization from Mo Rt 9 to State maintenance ends	\$16,000,000	Stay in current 2024 tier. Up from \$15m in 2024	3	N/A	Rehabilitation		
Tier 3 Target: \$380m						\$419,600,000	10%
				Total All Tiers		\$933,600,000	9.19%
Other Regional Priorities							
I-435 at Parvin Rd	\$22,143,000	Jackson County		N/A	N/A		
US 169 corridor improvements form I-29 to 68th Street	\$36,000,000	I-29/I-35 Corridor improvements - PEL priority segment 3		104	High		
I-70 / Lefholz Bridge Interchange Project	\$37,500,000	Jackson County	NEW	84	Medium		
I-470 Expansion Project (I-70 to US50)	\$140,000,000	Jackson County		75	Medium		
Mo Rt 150 (Rte 291 to Smart Rd) corridor improvements (TWLT /center lane/ 4 lane, signals, turn lanes, curb & gutter etc)	\$25,000,000	Jackson County	UPDATED	73	Medium		
Route D (Route 150 to Route 58)	\$50,000,000	Cass/Jackson County	NEW	N/A	N/A		
TOTAL LIST for Tiers 1, 2 and 3		\$933,600,000					
Combined Target for Tiers I/II/III		\$855,000,000					
Over/Under for all identified projects on this list		(\$78,600,000)					
Over/under %		9%					

Kansas City Region - DRAFT RECOMMENDED SCENARIO Missouri Multimodal Unfunded Needs List (2025)	
Missouri Unfunded Needs - Multimodal (Transit)	
Project/service route or program	Project / Program Cost
Interjurisdictional Transit Service Operations	\$33,000,000
Interjurisdictional Transit Capital Projects	\$33,000,000
Independence Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (Fast and Frequent Service)	
Burlington/North Oak Enhanced Transit (Fast and Frequent Service)	
31st/Rock Island Corridor (to stadiums) (Fast and Frequent Service)	
Other routes and services	
Improve passenger rail station, replace platform staircases in KC	\$5,000,000
OATS - Local match for 41 vehicles past useful life	\$850,000
Total	\$71,850,000
Note: Assume state funds cover 20% of capital cost for projects. Remainder for "Interjurisdictional transit operations".	

Missouri Unfunded Needs - Multimodal (Bike/Ped)	
Project	Cost
Blue River Parkway - Blue Ridge Connector (Jackson County Parks + Rec)	\$3,000,000
Blue River Parkway Trail: State Line Connector (Jackson County Parks + Rec)	\$4,000,000
Blue River Trail - Swope Park Central Valley Connector (KCMO, Missouri P&R Dept)	\$1,500,000
350 HWY Bike and Pedestrian Trail (City of Raytown)	\$1,500,000
3rd Street at US50 Interchange Improvements (MoDOT)	\$7,000,000
Greenwood Connector (Jackson County)	\$16,000,000
Missouri River North Trail (KC and NKC Sections. Note: Riverside portion already funded)	\$13,000,000
Gillham Rd - Upgrade barrier (KCMO)	\$2,006,400
Trolley Trail Connector trail - MLK Jr Blvd (KCMO)	\$865,200
Colombus Park Neighborhood - sidewalks (KCMO)	\$10,300,000
Route 45 & I-435 - bike/ped accommodations	\$3,000,000
Total	\$62,171,600
Note: Protected bicycle facilities preferred for bicycle network improvements.	

Missouri Unfunded Needs - Multimodal (Freight)*	
Project	Cost
Independence Avenue Rail Bridge Construction (KCMO & Terminal RR)	\$20,000,000
Canadian Pacific RR grade-separated crossing (Birmingham Rd @ Holt Dr) (City of Liberty)	\$9,150,000
Missouri River Terminal/Woodswether port improvements (Port KC)	\$22,000,000
RSA Grading and Erosion Control (Clay County general aviation airport)	\$2,400,000
Runway Lighting Rehabilitation (Exelsior Springs)	\$300,000
Lee's Summit Airport Improvements	\$12,000,000
Construct Air Traffic Control Tower (Lee's Summit airport) (\$12m) (Revised from 7m)	
Construct Parallel Taxiway Harrisonville Airport Improvements (\$4m)	\$4,000,000
Total	\$ 69,850,000

TOTAL Multimodal LIST for Transit/Bike/Ped/Aviation and Freight	\$ 203,871,600
Target	\$ 190,000,000
Over/Under for all identified projects on this list	\$ 13,871,600
Over/under %	7.3%

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2025

Item No. 4b

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize contract extension with Stantec for consultant services for the Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor Project.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is seeking to retain additional consulting services for Phases 2 and 3 of the Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor planning project. The Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor is intended to implement a transformational strategy to enhance multi-modal mobility, promote economic development and environmental stewardship by focusing a wide range of federal and local investments on a key regional corridor that connects four cities in two states and two counties.

The project is located along an east-west corridor in the Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas urbanized area that connects three downtowns and multiple activity centers with employment, education, health care and tourism. The corridor is approximately 24 miles in length and serves approximately 84,980 jobs and 90,810 residents. The corridor is centered along Independence Ave. in Missouri and State Ave. in Kansas, and the project area includes other parallel transit corridors and the walk and bike sheds thereof. The corridor includes portions of Jackson County, Missouri, Wyandotte County, Kansas and the cities of Independence, Kansas City and Sugar Creek in Missouri and Kansas City in Kansas.

Phase 1 of the project is nearing completion and will provide a wide range of conceptual recommendations for infrastructure investments and redevelopment strategies throughout the study area. Phases 2 and 3 will focus on necessary environmental studies and conceptual design of the transit-related recommendations from Phase 1.

In 2024, after a competitive RFP process, MARC entered into contract with Stantec for Phase 1 of the project for a period of one (1) year, with the option to retain some services during Phases 2 and 3 of the project for up to an additional two (2) years (for a 3-year maximum). Due to Stantec's good performance and relevant qualifications to conduct environmental and design work identified for Phases 2 and 3, staff is recommending they be retained to complete environmental studies and conceptual design for the transportation elements proposed in Phase 1. Project partners including FTA have been briefed and have concurred with this approach.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

This planning project is funded through a USDOT Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant awarded in 2022 with matching funds provided by the cities of Independence and Kansas City Missouri, the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas. Funds in the amount of \$1,400,000 were originally budgeted for consultant services associated with Phase 1 of the Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor and estimates for critical tasks for Phases 2 & 3 total \$2,700,000.

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AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

REVENUES	
Amount	\$4,100,000
Source	Federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program and local match funds
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$4,100,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The corridor includes portions of Jackson County, Missouri, Wyandotte County, Kansas and the cities of Independence, Kansas City and Sugar Creek in Missouri and Kansas City in Kansas.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the executive director to enter into contract extension agreement with Stantec for consultant services in a total amount not to exceed \$4,100,000 for professional and technical services for the Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor Project.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2025
Item No. 4c
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

REPORT: Status of Mid-America Regional Council federal grants, pass-through funds and other funding.

BACKGROUND:

Changes in the federal government continue to impact MARC's work. Staff will present another update at this meeting.

General changes we have seen over the past few weeks include:

- "Suspension" and cancellation of active and future grants
- Threats of significant changes in the upcoming budget
- Slow or no response to inquiries

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Staff continue to monitor cash flow, grants at risk, partner contracts and staffing. We have begun a risk analysis and will initiate the 2025 Revised/2026 Budget process early. However, it is difficult to create funding projections because change continues to happen rapidly.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm, Executive Director

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2025
Item No. 4d
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

REPORT: Report on 2025 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for 5 Missouri Counties.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) encourages local governments, school districts, colleges and universities and other public organizations with planning guidance and grants to identify and address risks to lives and properties from natural hazards. Every five years, local jurisdictions are asked to adopt a Hazard Mitigation Plan, and the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has assisted jurisdictions in the five Missouri counties with a new plan to replace the one expiring in July 2025.

MARC began working with the Metropolitan Emergency Managers Committee (MEMC) and a Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee on the new plan, beginning with a kickoff meeting in May 2024. The plan focuses on five natural hazards - tornadoes, floods, severe winter weather, severe heat and drought, and severe thunderstorms. Each jurisdiction has responsibility to participate in the plan's preparation, identify hazards of greatest risk to their community, identify local capabilities and needs, and outline goals and actions. Each jurisdiction must adopt the plan. Those participating in the plan's preparation included representatives from the region's five Missouri counties, 34 cities, 3 fire districts, 14 school districts and 2 colleges/universities.

The planning process enables local officials to better understand the natural hazards that pose the most risk to the community; engage the public to understand their concerns; identify possible goals and actions that could be addressed at the local level; and be eligible for certain FEMA grants. The planning process began in mid-2024 with formation of a Steering Committee, a kickoff meeting and outreach to local jurisdictions. A public survey had almost 1,000 responses, and a consultant assisted with a thorough hazard analysis for each of the five natural hazards. An online portal allowed local jurisdictions to provide updated information on their local capabilities and goals/mitigation actions. The draft materials were posted on the MARC website and local officials and the public were encouraged to review the draft documents and offer feedback.

The complete plan may be found on the MARC website at [Hazard Mitigation Plan | MARC](#). The plan includes a profile of the five county area, an assessment of local capabilities (plans and policies, building and other codes, public awareness programs and warning systems, and participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, an analysis of the potential for disaster events and risks from the five natural hazards, and goals and mitigation actions identified by each jurisdiction.

BUDGET INFORMATION:

The preparation of the plan was supported through a \$98,527 FEMA grant from the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency. Most of the funding supported MARC staff time in convening the steering committee, preparing the analysis, communicating with local jurisdictions and writing the plan. A consultant, ISC, assisted in the preparation of the hazard risk profiles.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

EXHIBITS:

[2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel, Director of the Office of Resource Development

Erin Lynch, Emergency Services and Homeland Security Program Director

2025 Regional Multi-hazard Mitigation Plan



For Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties
and their incorporated cities in Missouri.



FORWARD

To Residents of the Kansas City Region:

Since its beginnings in the early 1800s, the Kansas City metropolitan area has experienced the adverse effects of natural disasters. Historical records indicate that natural hazards, particularly floods and tornadoes, have had a profound effect on the region. Unfortunately, there is no way to prevent disasters from occurring. The impact of disasters, however, can be mitigated. Their effects can be lessened and losses reduced through the development and application of prudent hazard mitigation strategies and actions. In doing so, the Kansas City metropolitan area can be made to be a safer place to live, work and play.

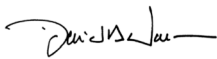
Our climate is changing, and the occurrence and intensity of natural hazard events requires that all local jurisdictions in the Kansas City region focus attention on goals and mitigation strategies.

As of November 1, 2004, all local governments and school districts must have an approved hazard mitigation plan to be eligible to apply for and receive certain FEMA funds. This FEMA program provides funds to communities to mitigate the impact of natural disasters, such as floods and tornadoes. MARC, at the request of SEMA and in partnership with the Missouri Association of Councils of Government (MACOG), has developed this *Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan* to assist the local governments, school districts, businesses, community groups and residents of Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties with information on hazards posing risks to life and property, and identifies actions that could be taken to reduce the impacts from disaster events. This plan addresses priority natural hazards that have in the past and may in the future affect the Kansas City region, including tornadoes; floods and dam and levee failures; severe winter weather, drought, heat and wildland fires; and severe thunderstorms and storm winds and hail.

Hazard mitigation is a dynamic and ongoing process. This plan is a continuation of the mitigation planning work begun in 2003; it provides a framework for hazard mitigation planning, both regionally and locally. This plan will be reviewed and updated at least annually to determine the effectiveness of mitigation actions; reflect changes in laws, regulations and/or policies; re-prioritize mitigation actions, if necessary; and consider other issues affecting hazard mitigation in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

MARC, as the facilitator of this mitigation planning effort, welcomes your comments and suggestions for improving this plan. Please direct your comments and suggestions to the Mid-America Regional Council, 600 Broadway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64105 or info@marc.org.

Sincerely,



David A. Warm
Executive Director

Executive Summary

The purpose of hazard mitigation is to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of natural, man-made and technological disasters. Hazard mitigation plans form the foundation for a community's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses and break the cycle of disaster damage and reconstruction. Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties and participating jurisdictions developed a *Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan* that was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in July 2020. The plan was prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000). In accordance with DMA 2000 requirements, Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties and participating jurisdictions must update the plan every five years.

The *Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan* is a multi-jurisdictional plan that represents a number of local governments, school districts and other jurisdictions within the Kansas City region. The following jurisdictions participated in plan development and are represented by the plan through formal adoption:

Cass County

Belton
Harrisonville
Lake Annette
Lake Winnebago
Peculiar
Pleasant Hill
Raymore
Archie R-V School District
Harrisonville School District
Pleasant Hill R-III School District
Raymore-Peculiar School District
Sherwood-Cass R-8 School District

Clay County

Excelsior Springs
Gladstone
Kearney
Lawson
Liberty
Mosby
North Kansas City
Smithville
Excelsior Springs School District
Lawson School District
North Kansas City School District
Smithville R-II School District

Jackson County

Blue Springs
Grain Valley
Grandview
Greenwood
Independence
Kansas City, Mo.
Lee's Summit
Levasy
Oak Grove
Raytown
Central Jackson Co Fire Protection District
Sni Valley Fire Protection District
Blue Springs School District
Fort Osage R1 School District
Grain Valley School District
Independence School District
Kansas City School District
Lee's Summit R-7 School District
Oak Grove R-VI School District
Metropolitan Community Colleges

Platte County

Farley
Lake Waukomis
Northmoor
Parkville
Platte City
Platte Woods
Riverside
Tracy
Weatherby Lake
Weston
Northland Regional Ambulance District
West Platte Fire Protection District
Park Hill School District
Platte County R-3 School District
West Platte R-II School District
Park University

Ray County

Richmond
Richmond School District

The planning process followed the methodology prescribed in FEMA publications *Local Mitigation Planning Handbook* (March 2013) and *Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Planning* (August 2006), beginning with the formation of a Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Steering Committee (HMSC) comprised of key stakeholders from Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties and participating jurisdictions. The HMSC reviewed each section of the plan, including the planning process, risk assessment, mitigation strategy and plan maintenance. Revisions were made as appropriate to ensure the plan reflects current vulnerability within each jurisdiction.

The goals of the *Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan* are:

Prevention:

- ☐ Develop, implement and improve hazard assessment information to prevent hazards from impacting the community where possible.

Protection of Life and Property:

- ☐ Implement activities that help to protect lives and property by making homes, businesses, public and private buildings, and other structures more resistant to the effects of hazards.

Natural Resources Protection:

- ☐ Preserve, rehabilitate and restore wetlands and other natural areas to serve hazard mitigation purposes. Minimize negative effects of disasters on the environment. Integrate and coordinate hazard mitigation activities with local land use and park and open space planning.

Integration with Emergency Services:

- ☐ Enhance local and regional emergency planning, operations and training through collaboration and coordination among local, state and federal government agencies, business and industry, and community groups. Integrate and coordinate hazard mitigation activities with emergency operations plans and procedures.

Increasing Public Awareness:

- ☐ Develop and conduct public education and outreach programs to increase awareness of the risks associated with hazards in the Kansas City area.
- ☐ Provide local governments, community groups, businesses and residents with information on opportunities for partnerships, funding, tools and related mechanisms to help communities implement mitigation activities.

To meet plan goals, mitigation actions have been identified and are discussed in Section :5 Mitigation Strategy. Social, technical, administrative, political, legal, economic and environmental factors were considered when identifying and prioritizing mitigation actions. Online tools were updated as part of this plan update. Those tools will enable local jurisdictions to review their information each year and make updates to support the next plan process.

The *Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan* will be updated again in five years, by 2030.

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MARC Board of Directors

May 2025

Item No. 4e

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize SFY 2026 contract amounts for selected Aging and Adult Services partners.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is the Kansas City Region's Area Agency on Aging and is required to submit budgetary numbers and approved contracts for the upcoming state fiscal year (SFY). The SFY 2026 budget, which begins July 1, 2025, is projected to be flat, though the validity of that projection is dependent on federal budget determinations. The assumption of flat funding does not, however, result in level contracts from SFY 2025. Multiple dynamics are impacting the funding available for client services such as returning to pre-Covid funding levels, the increasing aging population trend creating greater supply/demand disparity, inflation including the cost of food, and growing administrative burden and costs to meet new OAA flow down requirements.

While this creates significant challenges for the upcoming SFY, the estimated budget has been scrutinized to optimize every dollar. Staff meet regularly with community service provider organizations, proactively communicating regarding the likelihood of decreased contract totals and service freezes, followed by notice of award letters and contract amendments based on the projected SFY 2026 budget. Consumer-directed services for in-home care and structured respite programs will not be funded in SFY 2026 to maintain support for other core OAA services.

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) competitively procures partners to deliver services. For high performing service lines, or when there is little opportunity to improve the existing model, MARC seeks renewal of contracts for up to three years and then initiates a new Request for Proposals (RFP) process. This is the second year for most providers. The following services are encompassed in this request for approvals.

Funding sources, contract amounts, and service rates for SFY 2026 are described in the following list of proposed contract amendments. Contracts funded by Older Americans Act (OAA) funding are included in MARC's Area Plan and submitted for approval to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

- Community Center Services
- Catered Meals
- Transportation
- Information & Assistance Services
- Case Management Services
- Pre-Plated Home Delivered Meals
- Evidence Based Programs
- In-Home Health Services
- Legal Services
- Family Caregiver Support Programs

The providers below are recommended for SFY 2026 contracts for services July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, amended as follows.

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BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

See next page for specific contract information regarding contracts.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARC Commission on Aging recommends authorization to approve SFY 2026 contract amounts and rates for selected partners.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize SFY 2026 contract amounts, and rates for selected Aging and Adult Services partners.

STAFF CONTACT:

Melody Elston, Assistant Director of Aging and Adult Services

Andréa Lauren, Aging Administrative Service Manager

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services

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SFY 2026 PROPOSED CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES

The following summary represents recommended State Fiscal Year 2026 contractors and partners for Aging and Adult Services. Final details, contract limits, and basic performance standards are outlined.

Renewals

Titles III-B, III-C1, III-C2, and III-D

COMMUNITY CENTER SERVICES:

Each center provides an array of services within each contract, but specifics may vary from contract to contract. Total amounts listed are “not to exceed” values.

City of Belton, Belton Senior Center - 609 Minnie Avenue, Belton, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$5.15/one-way trip	10,000
Evidence-based DPHP programs	10,000
Administration of the center.....	22,500
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$42,500

City of Blue Springs - Vesper Hall, 400 NW Vesper, Blue Springs, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$6.50/one-way trip	17,940
Preparation of congregate meals, unit rate \$6.45	124,310
Preparation of home delivered meals, unit rate \$6.56/meal.....	40,000
Delivery of home delivered meals, unit rate \$4.00/meal	25,000
Evidence-based DPHP programs	10,000
Administration of the center.....	33,000
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$250,250

Cass County Council on Aging - Harrisonville Senior Center, 2400 Jefferson Pkwy, Harrisonville, MO

Preparation of congregate meals, unit rate \$5.89	44,820
Preparation of home delivered meals, \$6.37/meal	27,500
Delivery of home delivered meals, \$1.56/meal	7,500
Evidence-based DPHP programs	10,000
Administration of the center	35,500
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$125,320

Don Bosco Community Center - 580 Campbell Street, Kansas City, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$5.60/one-way trip	45,000
Preparation of congregate meals, unit rate \$7.00	169,680
Preparation of home delivered meal, unit rate \$7.05	220,000
Delivery of home delivered meals, unit rate \$3.81	125,000
Frozen home delivered meal delivery, unit rate \$1.86	29,990
Evidence-based DPHP programs	10,000
Administration of the center	60,000
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$659,670

City of Excelsior Springs, Excelsior Springs Senior Center - 500 Tiger Drive, Excelsior Springs, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$6.50/one-way trip	13,000
Evidence-based DPHP programs	10,000
Administration of the center.....	20,000
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$43,000

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Guadalupe Centers - 1015 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Kansas City, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$5.66/one-way trip	25,000
Preparation of congregate meals, \$5.98/meal	66,960
Preparation of home delivered meals, unit rate \$6.10	50,000
Delivery of home delivered meals, unit rate \$4.08	33,450
Frozen home delivered meal delivery, unit rate \$1.86	10,000
Evidence-based DPHP programs	20,000
Administration of the center	55,000
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$260,410

City of Independence - Palmer Center, 218 N Pleasant, Independence, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$6.58/one-way trip	18,370
Frozen home delivered meal delivery, unit rate \$1.86	20,000
Evidence-based DPHP programs	10,000
Administration of the center	33,000
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$81,370

Kearney Enrichment Council - 106 S Jefferson, Kearney, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$6.50/one-way trip	25,000
Evidence-based DPHP programs	10,000
Administration of the center	22,000
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$57,000

City of Liberty - Liberty Silver Center, 1600 Withers Rd, Liberty, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$2.89/one-way trip	15,000
Home delivered meals administration of a volunteer system, \$5.75/meal	35,000
Delivery of home delivered meals, unit rate \$2.00	12,200
Evidence-based DPHP programs	20,000
Administration of the center	33,000
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$115,200

City of Oak Grove, Oak Grove Senior Center - 1901 Broadway, Oak Grove, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$6.50	10,140
Delivery of home delivered meals, unit rate \$3.50	8,000
Evidence-based DPHP programs	10,000
Administration of the center	20,000
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$48,140

Parkville Living Center - 819 Main St, Parkville, MO

Evidence-based DPHP programs	10,000
Administration of the center	15,000
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$25,000

Platte Senior Services, Inc. - 12200 N Ambassador, STE 104, Kansas City, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$4.96/one-way trip	15,000
Administration of the center	15,000
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$30,000

Ray County Fellowship Center - 1015 West Royle, Richmond, MO

Evidence-based DPHP programs	10,000
Administration of the center	20,000
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$30,000

Shepherd's Center of KC-Central - 9200 Ward Parkway, STE 200 Kansas City, MO

Delivery of home delivered meals, unit rate \$4.03	120,000
Frozen home delivered meal delivery, unit rate \$1.86	220,000
Evidence-based DPHP programs	10,000
Administration of the center	33,000
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$383,000

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NEW

Titles III-B, III-C1, III-C2, and III-D

COMMUNITY CENTER SERVICES:

Palestine Senior Activity Center - 3325 Prospect Avenue, Kansas City, MO

Preparation of congregate meals, \$5.25/meal	70,000
Administration of the center.....	20,000
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$90,000

Renewals

CATERED MEALS:

Don Bosco Community Center

At Belton Senior Center, Excelsior Springs Senior Center, Kearney Senior Center, Liberty Silver Center, Oak Grove Senior Center, Palmer Senior Center, Parkville Living Center, Platte County Senior Center, and Ray County Fellowship Center at a unit rate of \$7.23 for a **total congregate meal value of \$562,840** and a **total hot home delivered meal value of \$15,000** for a **total contract value of \$577,840**.

Guadalupe Centers

For Kansas City Shepherd's Center at a unit rate of \$6.75 per hot home-delivered meal prep for a **total value of \$160,000**.

Renewals

Title III-B

NON-URBAN COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION:

This form of transportation service allows predominantly rural providers residing in Ray County to receive a variety of trips, that include medical trips, essential shopping, etc., on a reserved type system. Vehicles included in providing these trips include those with lift-ramps for clients who need assistive devices. Other services within the scope of this Non-Urban Coordinated Transportation system include delivery of frozen home-delivered meals, and transportation to and from the senior center located in Ray County.

Ray County Transportation (AKA Direct Transit)

Transportation Services	140,000
Frozen home delivered meal delivery, unit cost \$1.86	8,000
Total Value of Contract.....	\$148,000

DEMAND TRANSPORTATION:

Demand transportation is for consumer-requested destinations. Clients largely determine the time and type of trip, according to the provider's policies and operating procedures.

Jewish Family Services

Total Value of Contract not to exceed **\$150,000**

City of Liberty

Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed **\$35,000**

INFORMATION & REFERRAL:

United Way 2-1-1 of Greater KC

Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed **\$200,000**

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Renewals Titles III-B and III-E

CASE MANAGEMENT (SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER):

Jewish Family Services
Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$74,500

Northland Healthcare Access
Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$7,300

Metro Lutheran Ministries
Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$15,000

Shepherd's Center of KC-Central
Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$17,950

Renewals Title III-C2

PRE-PLATED HOME DELIVERED MEALS:

Trio Community Meals is a critical partner for frozen meal services across the region, including MARC's entire Medicaid portfolio. Currently, in lieu of a repackaging facility for MARC to deliver frozen home delivered meals, Trio will provide frozen meals to MARC's frozen meals delivery drivers, at a meal cost of \$5.24.

Trio Community Meals

Services to be provided at \$6.26 per meal for Title III produced and delivered meals and \$5.99 per meal for Medicaid produced & delivered meals.

Total Estimated Value of Contract\$1,720,000

Renewals Titles III-D and III-E

INTEGRATED CARE NETWORK PARTNER SERVICES:

These services include the delivery of group-based disease prevention and health promotion courses. The courses are licensed by entities approved by the Administration for Community Living and are known to improve health and other outcomes among participants. Awards include the following compensation rates, specific to evidence-based programs. Evidence-based DPHP program facilitation at \$25-\$200/completer Evidence-based DPHP program training at \$200-600/Leader Training

Clay County Senior Services
Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$20,000

Kansas City Quality Improvement Consortium
Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$20,000

Platte County Seniors Citizens Service Fund
Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$10,000

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University of Missouri Extension

Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$20,000

Welcome Wellness Education Resource Center

Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$20,000

YMCA of Greater Kansas City

Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$10,000

Renewals

Titles III-B and III-E

IN-HOME SERVICES (HOMEMAKER/PERSONAL CARE AND NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER RESPITE):

Advantage In-Home Services

Total Value of Contract not to exceed \$40,000

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All Ways Caring Home Care

Total Value of Contract not to exceed \$95,050

Help at Home

Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$89,090

Integrity

Total Value of Contract not to exceed \$116,900

*Contractual obligation of respondent requires services to be provided at or above the Medicaid rate. MoHealthNet rate adjustments may require MARC rate adjustments.

LEGAL SERVICES (SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND FAMILY CAREGIVER):

Legal Aid of Western Missouri

Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$57,440

GRANDPASS CAMPS (FAMILY CAREGIVER):

Total Value of Contracts..... not to exceed \$36,600

Titles III-B, III-C2 and III-E; CSN; VDC Programs:

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR AGING ASSESSORS:

Existing Aging Assessors will be administratively requalified according to new opportunities and any new qualification or credential requirements. Contract amounts range from \$15,000 - 100,000, depending upon the individual contractor's historical volume of service. Total amounts listed are "not to exceed" values.

Ashley Graffam-Fizer \$100,000

Vicki Hon \$15,000

Chekia Jordan \$15,000

AJ Mason..... \$30,000

Sheryse Navarro..... \$75,000

Amy Priest..... \$65,000

Shannon Venerable..... \$20,000

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PROGRAMS/CONTRACTS NOT RENEWED FOR SFY 2026 DUE TO FUNDING CONSTRAINTS:

Consumer-Directed Services (CDS) In-Home Care (All Services)

Structured Respite (Aging Forward)

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2025
Item No. 6a

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve minutes of the April 22, 2025, Board meeting

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the April 22, 2025, meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the April 22, 2025, meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm, Executive Director

McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant

N/A = Not Appointed MARC does not hold a Board of Directors meeting during the month of July

County	Board Member	State	Jurisdiction	Member/ Alternate	January	February	March	April	May	June	August	September	October	November	December	Total	Percentage	
Cass County	Bob Huston	MO	Cass County	Member												0	0%	
	VACANT	MO	Cass County	Alternate												0	0%	
	Kristofer Turnbow	MO	Raymore	Member	x	x	x	x								4	100%	
	VACANT		Cass County Municipality	Alternate												0	0%	
Clay County	Jerry Nolte	MO	Clay County	Member	x	x	x	x								4	100%	
	VACANT		Clay County	Alternate												0	0%	
	Victor Hurlbert	MO	Clay County	Member	x		x									2	50%	
	VACANT		Clay County	Alternate												0	0%	
	Damien Boley	MO	Smithville	Member	x	x	x	x								4	100%	
	Randy Pogue	MO	Kearney	Alternate												0	0%	
	Jackson County	Frank White Jr.	MO	Jackson County	Member	x											1	25%
		Jalen Anderson	MO	Jackson County	Alternate		x										1	25%
DaRon McGee		MO	Jackson County	Member	x			x								2	50%	
Megan Marshall		MO	Jackson County	Alternate	x											1	25%	
Mike McDonough		MO	Raytown	Member	x											1	25%	
Leonard Jones		MO	Grandview	Alternate	x	x										2	50%	
Rory Rowland		MO	Independence	Member												0	0%	
Bridget McCandless		MO	Independence	Alternate	x	x	x	x								4	100%	
Jared Fears		MO	Independence	Member	x		x	x								3	75%	
VACANT			Independence	Alternate												0	0%	
Quinton Lucas		MO	Kansas City	Member												0	0%	
VACANT			Kansas City	Alternate												0	0%	
Eric Bunch		MO	Kansas City	Member			x	x								2	50%	
VACANT			Kansas City	Alternate												0	0%	
Johnathan Duncan		MO	Kansas City	Member	x		x									2	50%	
VACANT			Kansas City	Alternate												0	0%	
Johnson County	Nathan Willet	MO	Kansas City	Member												0	0%	
	VACANT		Kansas City	Alternate												0	0%	
	Bill Baird	MO	Lee's Summit	Member												0	0%	
	Beto Lopez	MO	Lee's Summit	Alternate		x	x	x								3	75%	
	Mike Kelly	KS	Johnson County	Member	x											1	25%	
	Becky Fast	KS	Johnson County	Alternate	x		x	x								3	75%	
	Janee Hanzlick	KS	Johnson County	Member	x	x	x	x								4	100%	
	Jeff Meyers	KS	Johnson County	Alternate												0	0%	
	Eric Mikkelsen	KS	Prairie Village	Member	x	x	x	x								4	100%	
	Michael Poppa	KS	Roeland Park	Alternate	x	x	x									3	75%	
	Rick Walker	KS	De Soto	Member		x	x	x								3	75%	
	Mickey Sandifer	KS	Shawnee	Alternate	x	x	x	x								4	100%	
	John Bacon	KS	Olathe	Member		x		x								2	50%	
	Marge Vogt	KS	Olathe	Alternate	x		x									2	50%	
	Curt Skoog	KS	Overland Park	Member		x		x								2	50%	
	Logan Heley	KS	Overland Park	Alternate			x	x								2	50%	
Holly Grummert	KS	Overland Park	Member	x	x	x	x								4	100%		
	Inas Younis	KS	Overland Park	Alternate	x			x								2	50%	

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MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY

APRIL 22, 2025

12:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, KS - MARC Board Chair

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, Lee's Summit, MO - MARC Board 1st Vice Chair

Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO - MARC Board 2nd Vice Chair

Council member Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS - Treasurer

Council member Bridget McCandless, Independence, MO - Secretary

Mayor John Bacon, Olathe, KS

Council member Eric Bunch, Kansas City, MO

Commissioner Becky Fast, Johnson County, KS

Council member Jared Fears, Independence, MO

Commissioner Scott Fricker, Platte County, MO

Council member Logan Heley, Overland Park, KS

Legislator DaRon McGee, Jackson County, MO

Mayor Eric Mikkelsen, Prairie Village, KS

Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, KS

Mayor Mickey Sandifer, Shawnee, KS

Mayor Curt Skoog, Overland Park, KS

Commissioner Mike Stieben, Leavenworth County, KS

Mayor Kris Turnbow, Raymore, MO

Commissioner Tyler Vaughn, Miami County, KS

Mayor Rick Walker, De Soto, KS

Council member Inas Younis, Overland Park, KS

STAFF PRESENT

Executive Director David Warm and other MARC staff

OTHERS

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INTRODUCTIONS AND BOARD SHARING TIME

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and welcomed attendees. Due to the meeting being held remotely and in-person, Commissioner Hanzlick 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 as they appear on the agenda. The consent agenda will be voted on at the end of the meeting. Members will have an opportunity to abstain or object to any items necessary during each vote.

REPORT: Status of Community Support Network of community service providers and health entities, Dan Cranshaw, KC Health Collaborative Executive Director

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, co-presented with Dan Cranshaw, the Executive Director of KC Health Collaborative. Ms. Bohling-DaMetz reminded the board that May is Older Americans month and that the board and their communities are invited to

the Age of Celebration on May 30, 2025. Ms. Bohling-DaMetz explained that the Community Support Network which operates as a community integrated health network, offers community support services to health care entities and their participants across the bi-state metropolitan region. The CSN creates a solid and reliable foundation for community based organizations that help the flow of financial resources, create a centralized support system for person centered care, and can share measure of success throughout the network. Ms. Bohling-DaMetz reminded the board that MARC received a Centers of Excellence grant (one of 20 in the country) that actively works with community collaborators like KC Health Collaborative to convene CBOs and health care entities to further the work of the CSN.

She then introduced Mr. Cranshaw to provide an update on the planning process within the network. Mr. Cranshaw provided an overview of the KC Health Collaborative and how it came to be, who its members are, and how it strives to bring better care, healthier people, and smarter spending to the KC region. KC Health Collaborative received grants to address social drivers of health through two unifying goals: creating a closed loop system that linked clinical providers to CBOs and developing sustainable financial support for CBOs. In order to link these systems together, a technology partner (Community CareLink) was needed that existed outside of the hospital system and stemmed from community. Then a community partner needed to be identified that was community to the community and a trusted partner, which leads to the Urban Neighborhood Initiative who focuses on 11 different neighborhoods on the east side of Troost. Each neighborhood has a committed leader that helps take care of the area and the Collaborative seeks to amplify their work and provide access to services needed. The next steps of the process will be to continue with community needs assessments ensuring that community members are the center of the work and then engage with CBOs and clinical partners to create the final element of the whole person care loop. The ultimate goal is to create a regionwide network of whole-person care and create robust payor support for the value provided by CBOs.

Council member Bridget McCandless asked if the payors who would support are willing now or are they more reluctant to support? Mr. Cranshaw said that they are willing but reluctant to jump in without proof of concept. We're also moving at the speed of trust which requires us to move very methodically. Ms. Bohling-DaMetz added that often times when people are referred to a community-based resource from the hospital, no funding follows them which puts a burden on the CBOs. Part of this structure is to help bridge the gap in understanding what it takes to have these services in the community.

REPORT: Overview of efforts to develop a Kansas City Regional Child Care Exchange.

Dr. Toni, Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start, provided an overview of a Kansas City Regional Child Care Exchange that would engage parents, providers and employers to bear the burden of child care in the Kansas City Region. The Community Child Care Exchange would help ensure that working families have access to affordable, high quality child care through cost-sharing coordinated at the local level. By participating in the Exchange, employers would have an easy and hassle-free way to support their current and prospective employees with their child care needs. Right now most families cover the entire cost of child care themselves but there are federal and state opportunities that would treat early education as a public good, allowing a costs sharing model to take place. Dr. Sturdivant mentioned that this model would have an organization like MARC act as the intermediary between the employer and child care center which would help streamline service delivery. She also stressed that this type of model would provide benefits for families, employers, child care providers and the community alike because it would be able to meet the unique needs of businesses, their employees, and local providers, whether they are in a rural, urban, or suburban setting.

Council member Logan Heley commented that the Overland Park Community Development Committee has had several presentations centered around child care and he wanted to invite Dr. Sturdivant to come meet with the committee to see how they are engaging in this work.

David Warm commented that both states are considering different mechanisms to invest in child care availability because it is so closely aligned with employment continuity and this would provide a mechanism to distribute this as a regional tool.

REPORT: Celebrating Head Start at the Family Fun Resource Fair on May 9, 2025

Dr. Sturdivant also invited the MARC Board of Directors and their jurisdictions to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Head Start at an upcoming event happening at the MARC offices on May 9. More information can be found on the MARC website.

REPORT: Current known impacts of federal workforce layoffs to the Kansas City region.

Frank Lenk, Director of the Office of Economic Research, gave a report regarding the current known impacts of federal workforce layoffs to the Kansas City region. He reported that the federal government is the largest employer in the Kansas City area economy with a total of 29,300 workers which equates roughly to three times larger than the region's largest private employer. The region rank 8th out of 50 largest metro areas for the concentration of federal workers which could lead to a larger impact of federal layoffs - the announced federal layoff totals are close to 280,000. It is also currently unclear which field offices will close due to consolidation of federal offices and as return to work strategies are implemented. Mr. Lenk estimates a total job loss of approximately 7,300 workers in the region which will result in declines in the region's economic output, population and labor force. Mr. Lenk also noted that there are enough open positions in the job market to absorb the potentially laid off federal workers but there are specific and detailed occupations that will be harder to fill. He concluded by saying the proposed changes to federal fiscal policy will have a much broader impact, though the net effects over the long-term are unknown.

Commissioner Mike Stieben asked how the levels of federal workforce have been trending in the past 5-10 years. Mr. Lenk said that it has been trending slightly upward the last decade.

Commissioner Fast asked if there would be an analysis on the federal funding that private companies like engineering and architecture firms in the region receive and how that could impact the economy. Mr. Lenk answered that yes that data will hopefully become available to analyze soon and he also mentioned that hospitals typically rely on federal funds as well so they could be heavily impacted.

Council member Logan Heley asked if Mr. Lenk had any commentary based on past recessions where local governments should focus on investing investments. Mr. Lenk clarified that it is not yet certain if there will be a recession and that he noted that the investments will be determined by how quickly the jurisdictions would receive a return on the investment because the long term implications of these impacts is not clear yet.

BRIEF REPORTS

REPORT: Update of Mid-America Regional Council federal grants and pass-through funds

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration, provided another update on the status of several federal funding streams that MARC programs use. Since the last Board meeting MARC staff have seen two active grants terminated, a reversal or pause on some grants, changes to reimbursement submittal processes, and slow or no response to inquiries for certain administrations. Ms. Gonzales also highlighted ways that the federal budget changes were affecting MARC's work in safety and security, Head Start, Older Americans Act programming, and energy and environment efforts. Ms. Gonzales stated that staff will continue to engage the board as things change in the future.

VOTE: Authorize a consulting contract with Cambridge Systematics-WSP-Insight Transportation Team for the Development of an Activity-Based Travel Demand Model for Kansas City region.

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, requested approval of a contract with a combined consultant team to develop an activity-based travel model that will analyze

travel patterns and play a critical role in the development of long-range transportation plans for the Kansas City region. The previous model was based on a demand forecast but significant shifts in travel patterns that have been observed in the post-pandemic era, it is proposed to move to the next generation style of activity-based travel models. The next generation model will be able to evaluate complex transportation patterns that include telecommuting, multi-modal transportation and disaggregate travel patterns for various population groups.

Total contract amount with Cambridge Systematics-WSP-Insight Transportation Team will be \$1,100,000 for a term of 18 months to develop the model. This procurement process was conducted in partnership with both KDOT/MODOT and KCATA.

Commissioner Stieben asked if this modeling software could help local governments obtain grants or funding opportunities with the new data that is produced. Mr. Achelpohl answered yes that could be one use of the program findings.

MOTION: Mayor Eric Mikkelson moved for approval of this item and Council member Eric Bunch seconded. Commissioner Hanzlick asked if any member wanted to abstain or object to any of the agenda items.

The motion passed.

VOTE: Authorize an update to the memoranda of agreement with seven local government partners to administer additional funds for phase two of the Little Blue River Watershed Feasibility Study with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Tom Jacobs, Environment Director, requested approval to receive \$560,000 from local jurisdictions participating in the Little Blue River Watershed Feasibility Study based on new estimates given by the Army Corps of Engineers. The overall project was estimated to cost three million dollars, with fifty percent contributed by local partners. The Corps is requesting an additional \$500,000 in local funds (matched by an equal amount of federal funds) to address emergent issues related to risk, public safety and geotechnical feasibility that were not included in the initial scope of work. Seven Missouri-side jurisdictions will continue to participate in phase two of this effort, including: Blue Springs, Grandview, Independence, Kansas City, Jackson County, Lee's Summit, and Raytown. \$500,000 will be transferred to the Corps and MARC will retain \$60,000 for project coordination and facilitation services.

MOTION: Mayor Kris Turnbow moved for approval of this item and Council member Eric Bunch seconded. Commissioner Hanzlick asked if any member wanted to abstain or object to any of the agenda items.

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

David Warm, MARC's Executive Director, reminded the Board of the upcoming MARC Regional Assembly and Leadership awards on June 13, 2025. Registration is now open and can be found on the MARC website.

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda

- a. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the March 25, 2025, Board Meeting
- b. VOTE: Approve the 2025 2nd Quarter Amendment to the 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program.
- c. VOTE: Approve the 2025 Unified Planning Work Program - Amendment #2.
- d. VOTE: Authorize consultant agreements for four 2025 Planning Sustainable Places studies.

- e. VOTE: Approve receipt of funds from the Institute for Market Transformation for educational resources for building owners.
- f. VOTE: Approve renewal of Mid-America Regional Council's contract for the Learning Genie platform to support Head Start child outcomes.
- g. VOTE: Authorize contract amendment and lease negotiations with a current Head Start partner to occupy the Thomas Roque facility.
- h. VOTE: Approve an agreement with Bluebird Network to provide circuit connections supporting the Public Safety Answering Point at American Medical Response's new location.

MOTION: Council member Holly Grummert moved for approval of the consent agenda and Council member Bridget McCandless seconded. Commissioner Hanzlick asked if any member wanted to abstain or object to any of the agenda items.

Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez abstained from item 7g: *VOTE: Authorize contract amendment and lease negotiations with a current Head Start partner to occupy the Thomas Roque facility.*

The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2025
Item No. 6b
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Program.

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has issued a notice of funding opportunity for their Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) Program. RIA grants assist public entities in developing improved infrastructure priorities and financing strategies for the accelerated development of projects that are eligible for funding under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Credit Program under Chapter 6 of Title 23, United States Code.

As an RIA, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) would assist public entities to identify opportunities to deliver regional infrastructure projects via alternative finance and delivery methods (such as P3s) as a way to both leverage private investment and accelerate project completion. The RIA program would provide partners with project support from ideation and initiation through procurement and implementation with a goal of developing the region's capacity to deliver projects via alternative methods.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The grant would cover technical resources, planning and project development, up to a maximum application amount of \$2,000,000.

REVENUES	
Amount	Up to \$2,000,000
Source	RIA grant funds
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	TBD
Contractual	TBD
Pass-Through	TBD
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	TBD

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The grant would cover the entirety of the MARC Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) region along with other peer agencies in the greater Kansas City region.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an application for up to \$2,000,000 to the US Department of Transportation to receive a Regional Infrastructure Accelerators Program grant.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2025
Item No. 6c
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize Mid-America Regional Council staff to negotiate a contract with two new Head Start community partners.

BACKGROUND:

On March 11, 2025, The YMCA of Greater Kansas City notified the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) that they will no longer continue with Head Start services in Clay, Jackson, and Platte Missouri counties after May 2025. This nearly 20-year partnership will culminate in serving more than 8,000 children and families in the Kansas City region. The YMCA provides services in four locations throughout the region. We initiated a Request for Qualification process to find new partners to serve the children and families for three of the four locations.

The MARC Head Start team created standardized rubric, to assess each interested internal partner. Together, the Head Start director, managers and voluntary members of the Head Start Policy Council and Advisory Committee completed the rubric for each site. Assessment criteria included knowledge, expertise and experience, delivery of strong early learning programming, commitment to professional development of staff, capacity to take on services and additional other factors. Mattie Rhodes and Renders Hope Day School scored the highest upon our review. As a part of the next step in the process, staff are requesting authorization to extend a contract discussion with their leadership.

Mattie Rhodes was founded in 1894 to empower, advocate for, and connect the diverse communities, families and individuals we serve throughout Clay and Jackson counties. Their program is structured into 6 major areas community behavioral health, community economic development, public safety, youth development, cultural arts and public health. Mattie Rhodes currently serves 100 children aged 0-5. Mattie Rhodes anticipates serving 150 children and working to extend capacity to the current location occupied by the YMCA -Northland.

Render's Hope Day School has been in operation for 4 years; they are temporarily paused for relocation and anticipating opening in July of 2025. Since opening they have been committed to fostering the holistic development of children-socially, emotionally, physically, cognitively, and spiritually-through faith-inspired, trauma-informed approach. Render's Hope Day School anticipate they will have the capacity to enroll up to 40 children.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Head Start Policy Council provided approval on May 12, 2025. The Head Start Advisory Committee provided approval on May 13, 2025.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Clay and Jackson counties in Missouri will be impacted by this decision.

EXHIBITS:

None.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director
Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2025
Item No. 6d
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve contract amendment fwith Kansas City Public Schools for Head Start services.

BACKGROUND:

On March 11, 2025, The YMCA of Greater Kansas City notified MARC that they will no longer continue with Head Start services in Clay, Jackson, and Platte counties after May 2025. To continue to serve children and families in their absence, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Head Start program is working to both recruit new Head Start providers, as well as to expand services with current partners through new locations. Kansas City Public Schools will operate at an additional location to serve more children and this change will result in the contract amendment described below.

Budget Considerations

Kansas City Public Schools has agreed to take over the lease for the Columbus Park location and to serve an additional 34 children. The change in their expenses due to expansion are reflected below.

Partner	Current	Increase	Total
Kansas City Public Schools	\$ 6,063,206.00	\$ 157,173.00	\$ 6,220,379.00

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Jackson County, Missouri.

Recommendation

Authorize contract amendments to Kansas City Public Schools effective July 1, 2025.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director

Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2025
Item No. 6e
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve actions taken on the May 13, 2025, Head Start Advisory Committee Meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The Head Start Advisory Committee reviewed and approved the following program information reports at its September meeting:

- Approval of March 2025 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
- Approval of April 2025 Shared Governance Meeting Minutes
- Approval of 2025 Policy updates to 4000a, 4010, and 4030.
- Approval of Head Start Advisory Committee Charter
- Approval of new Head Start partners

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Head Start Advisory Committee considered this information at its May 13th meeting and recommended MARC Board approval.

EXHIBITS:

[May 13 Advisory Committee meeting packet](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the actions taken at the May 13th Head Start Advisory Committee meetings.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director

Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2025
Item No. 6f
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize acceptance of funds from the Local Investment Commission for the 2025-2026 Program Support Network.

BACKGROUND:

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (DESE) Office of Childhood has decided to sunset its Collaborative Network program. For two years, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) served as a vendor for three contracts under the network: Home-Based, Infant-Toddler, and Preschool contracts for the Northwest region of Missouri. These three contracts per region will be replaced by one contract in each region for all types and age groups of early learning programs.

DESE has decided to contract with Community Partnership organizations throughout the state to carry-out the work, including by subcontracting. The Local Investment Commission (LINC), a former MARC subcontractor under Collaborative Networks, is a Community Partnership organization and would like to subcontract with MARC for services under the new Program Support Network.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The Program Support Network will provide targeted trainings, technical assistance visits, and supplies to improve quality for early learning programs throughout the state.

REVENUES	
Amount	208,570.58
Source	LINC
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	161,778.11
Travel	4,750.00
Other (classroom materials)	23,081.51
Indirect	18,960.96

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The Northwest region includes Andrew, Atchinson, Bates, Buchanan, Cass, Clay, Clinton, DeKalb, Gentry, Holt, Jackson, Nodaway, Platte, Vernon and Worth counties in Missouri.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an agreement and acceptance of funds from LINC to carry out services under the Program Support Network for the 2025-2026 program year.

STAFF CONTACT:

Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start