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Transportation Emissions Committee

Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: Monday, February 10, 2025

Time: 1:30 – 3:00 PM

Location: MARC Lewis & Clark Meeting Room and Online via Zoom

Attendees:

Susan Barry, Lee's Summit, MO
Noel Bennion, Riverside, MO
Tom Degenhardt, Clay County, MO
Ryan Dickey, Independence, MO
Leslie Herring, Westwood, KS
Athena Huynh, Grandview, MO
Dean Katerndahl, Parkville, MO
Jerry Kaylor, Blue Springs
Sherri McIntyre, Liberty, MO

Wes Minder, Platte County, MO
Bill Noll, Leavenworth County, KS
Eric Rogers, BikeWalkKC
Andy Savastino, Kansas City, MO
Melissa Schmitz, MoDOT
Allison Smith, KDOT
Bailey Waters, Kansas City, MO
Tanya Willim, Richmond, MO

MARC Staff:

Martin Rivarola
Marc Hansen
Cy Splichal
Patrick Trouba
Ryan Umberger

Agenda:

1. Welcome

2. **VOTE: Approve the October 28, 2024, meeting summary**

Mayor Katerndahl asked for questions or corrections on the minutes from the October 28, 2024, meeting. Hearing none, a motion was made to approve the summary, which was seconded and approved by a voice vote.

3. **DISCUSSION: Suballocated Programming Process Debrief**

Mayor Katerndahl noted that the previous grant recommendations were approved at the January board meeting. He then turned the discussion over to Ryan Umberger to lead a feedback session on the process used to award the grants in the previous year. Issues regarding committee members time commitments, overlapping membership, the application process, and environment-related questions were discussed. Committee members noted that virtual attendance at committee meetings was helpful. Alternative committee arrangements, including consolidating committees, was discussed with mixed interest. There was general agreement behind a sentiment that sponsor presentations could be combined for TEC and ATPC due to project overlap. Committee members were also interested in having access to recorded sponsor presentations to review at their leisure.

The possibility of appointing alternates for this committee was raised. It was clarified that alternates were suggested during the appointment process, and members could recruit alternates by informing MARC staff. The applicability of attendance rules (similar to Missouri STP) to this committee was discussed. There was no consensus.

Difficulty in understanding the funding requests from multiple sources and the overall financial picture during scoring was highlighted. A desire for more facilitated collaboration between agencies, particularly on projects with overlapping interests or when developing funding scenarios, was expressed. This was noted as a potential weakness in the current process. The discussion touched on the importance of regional distribution of funds while adhering to federal guidelines. The need for agencies to communicate their priorities more clearly upfront was also discussed.

The unified application was seen as a significant improvement compared to submitting multiple applications for the same project across different funding sources. Applicants generally found it valuable, streamlining the process and reducing redundant data entry. A majority of committee members agreed that the separate committee structure was beneficial due to the different focus and priorities of the funding sources, emphasizing the importance of considering the specific goals of each funding source rather than metrics like traffic count for emissions reduction funds.

4. **CMAQ & CRP Balance Review and Project Updates**

5. **Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 2:56 PM.