



# Board of Directors MEETING NOTICE

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**June 24, 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](mailto:marcinfo@marc.org) by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, for instructions to join the teleconference.**

## **AGENDA**

1. Brief Self-Introductions
2. EXEMPLARY CORE CAPACITIES
  - a. VOTE: Accept the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and the MARC Solid Waste Management District 2024 Financial Report.
3. SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES
  - a. REPORT: External presentation on the regional impact of 988 and Mobile Crisis Response by Shannon Moss from ReDiscover and Colene Medrano from Wyandot Behavioral Health Network.
4. EFFECTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND QUALITY PLACES
  - a. VOTE: Approve Connected KC 2050 regional long-range transportation plan update.
5. BRIEF REPORTS
  - a. REPORT: Report on 2025 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for five Missouri Counties.
  - b. REPORT: Regional Climate Action Plan update.
  - c. REPORT: Status of Mid-America Regional Council federal grants, pass-through funds and other funding.
  - d. VOTE: Authorize submission of Head Start Preschool grant to the Administration for Children and Families for the continued support of the Head Start program for the 2025-2026 program year.
6. Executive Director's Report

## **CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)**

7. VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda
  - a. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the May 27, 2025, Board Meeting
  - b. VOTE: Approve renewal of Property, Liability, Vehicle, Cyber and Work Comp Coverages with Midwest Public Risk effective July 1, 2025.
  - c. VOTE: Authorize a consulting contract for Phase 2 of the SmartMoves Transit Plan update.
  - d. VOTE: Approve 2025 Special Amendment #1 to the 2024-28 Transportation Improvement Program.



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- e. VOTE: Authorize consultant agreements for three 2025 Planning Sustainable Places studies.
- f. VOTE: Authorize grant application to US Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant.
- g. VOTE: Approve application to the USDA's Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program's 2025 Request for Application and accept funds, if awarded.
- h. VOTE: Authorize a contract amendment with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the Diabetes Self-Management Program Network.
- i. VOTE: Authorize amendments to Engineering Agreements for Energy Audits for Nonprofit Buildings.
- j. VOTE: Approve submittal of a collaborative application to the Kauffman Foundation for the Economic Mobility Landscape research grant and accept funds, if awarded.
- k. VOTE: Approve the Mid-America Regional Council's Head Start proposal to make changes to Head Start Preschool enrollment for 2025-2026 to accommodate closure of the YMCA of Greater Kansas City and Ability KC.
- l. VOTE: Approve contract amendments for Emmanuel Child and Family Development Center and Independence School District for Head Start program services effective August 1, 2025.
- m. VOTE: Approve Head Start services contract for Mattie Rhodes and Render's Hope Day School to enroll children effective August 1, 2025 until the end of the grant year.
- n. VOTE: Approve key agency contracts to provide Early Head Start services through the State of Missouri Early Head Start grant for the 2025-2026 budget period.
- o. VOTE: Approve contracts for Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start support services.
- p. VOTE: Approve actions taken on the June 10, 2025, Head Start Advisory Committee Meeting.
- q. VOTE: Approve the three-year renewal agreement with GeoComm for the GeoComm GIS Data Hub.
- r. VOTE: Authorize a contract with Carl Abraham for regional emergency services assessment and outreach work in an amount not to exceed \$81,250.
- s. VOTE: Authorize application and acceptance of an Assistant Secretary Preparedness and Response grant for fiscal year 2025-2026 and authorize execution of related subcontract.
- t. VOTE: Authorize issuance of subaward agreement to Overland Park Police Department for the Fiscal Year 2023 Urban Area Security Initiative Grants

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment

**MARC Board of Directors - Members and Alternates**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Title</b>
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
Garner, Tyrone	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Mayor/CEO
Grummert, Holly	Overland Park, KS	Councilmember
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
Kane, Mike	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner - Designee for Mayor/CEO Tyrone Garner
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
Walker, Rick	De Soto, KS	Mayor
White III, Frank**	KCATA	President/CEO
White Jr., Frank	Jackson County	County Executive
Willet, Nathan	Kansas City, MO	Council member
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**

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MARC Board of Directors

June 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

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### MARC Board of Directors

June 2025  
Item No. 2a  
Exemplary Core Capacities

#### **ISSUE:**

VOTE: Review and accept the MARC 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and the MARC Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) 2024 Financial Report.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Kaleb Lilly, partner with RubinBrown LLP, discussed an update on the audit, the draft Auditor Communications Letter, and the draft Management Representation Letter at the May 2025 Budget and Personnel Committee meeting. Kaleb noted that the audits have gone well and no issues were encountered during audit testing.

The draft 2024 MARC ACFR, MARC SWMD Financial Report, and letters are available for review on the MARC website at:

<https://www.marc.org/about-marc/financial-information>

The 2024 MARC ACFR will be submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for compliance with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting upon report finalization and issuance.

The MARC 2024 Uniform Guidance Single Audit Report is currently nearing completion and will be brought to the August 2025 board meetings for review and acceptance.

If there are any questions about the draft reports and letters, please contact Carol Gonzales, Andrew Molloy, Darlene Pickett or David Warm at MARC, or Kaleb Lilly at (913) 499-4417.

#### **BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Board approved the agreement with Rubin Brown for continuation of Audit Services at the January 2025 board meeting. The estimated cost for the 2024 audits is \$86,355. Funds for the audit are budgeted in the Indirect Costs Fund in the 2025 Budget.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Accept the 2024 MARC ACFR and MARC SWMD Financial Report.

#### **STAFF CONTACT:**

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration  
Andrew Molloy, Finance Director  
Darlene Pickett, Accountant III  
Lisa Santa-Maria, Accountant III

## AGENDA REPORT

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### MARC Board of Directors

June 2025

Item No. 3a

Safe and Secure Communities

#### **ISSUE:**

**REPORT:** External presentation on the regional impact of 988 and Mobile Crisis Response by Shannon Moss from ReDiscover and Colene Medrano from Wyandot Behavioral Health Network.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In 2022, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) partnered with six certified community behavioral health organizations in Missouri (CCBHOs) and CommCARE (hotline operator) to develop a strategic plan to prepare for implementation of the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline. Five of the project partners worked together to submit a successful Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Agency (SAMHSA) grant application through MARC for funds to implement the strategic plan through a shared approach to enhancing mobile crisis response.

The purpose of this work is to provide an opportunity for Qualified Mental Health Professionals to respond to adults, children, and youth experiencing mental health crises when law enforcement is not needed.

MARC is responsible for convening a steering committee and workgroups with representatives from the five CCBHOs, CommCARE, law enforcement, Fire/EMS, and community-based organizations. Through this grant we are working towards the following deliverables:

- Standardized data reporting and sharing across the five CCBHOs and CommCARE
- Shared protocols for mobile crisis response delivery and post-crisis follow-up across the five CCBHOs
- Increased utilization of 988 and mobile crisis response across the 4-county region

In addition, MARC has worked to increase collaboration between 988 call centers and CCBHOs in MARC's 9-county region. In March 2024, we began convening the crisis directors and call center directors overseeing 988 and mobile crisis response across MARC's 9-county region. This group meets three times a year to share best practices and collaborate around training and shared protocols.

This report will highlight not only the progress made by the four counties in this grant-funded project over the past year but also the success and impact of 988 and mobile crisis response across the MARC region.

Shannon Moss, Clinical Director of Crisis Services at ReDiscover and Colene Medrano, Executive Director of Crisis at Wyandot Behavioral Health Network, will present on the following:

- Data and impact of 988 and mobile crisis response across the 9-county MARC region
- Mobile Crisis Response success stories
- The impact of federal funding changes on mental health crisis services

#### **BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

None.

#### **RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

The grant-funded project area includes Jackson, Clay, Platte, and Ray Counties in Missouri. The Board presentation includes information on these programs from across the MARC 9-county region.

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### **EXHIBITS:**

None.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

None. Information only.

### **STAFF CONTACT**

Julie Phillips, Shared Services Program Director

## AGENDA REPORT

### MARC Board of Directors

June 2025

Item No. 4a

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

#### ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve Connected KC 2050 regional long-range transportation plan update.

#### 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. Adoption of a plan update is due by June of 2025.

The draft update was released for public review and comment and can be found here:

[www.update.connectedkc.org](http://www.update.connectedkc.org).

Major elements of this plan update have included:

- Regional vision statement & policy framework update
- Travel demand modeling
- Land use and financial revenue forecast updates, project prioritization
- Development/update of various performance measures/system targets
- Draft plan release for public review and comment (April 16<sup>th</sup> - May 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Public Engagement Efforts April-May 2025

The final round of public engagement & outreach included social media/online engagement, internal/external stakeholder outreach and two public open-house sessions at MARC's offices. No comments were received which indicated the plan is missing important elements or failed to address important needs for the region. The following major themes emerged:

- Goals and projects surrounding increasing public transit have high support for implementation. Respondents advocated for increased services, including new funding mechanisms to support and expand the existing public transit system.
- High levels of support were expressed for retrofitting local roads with complete street designs to accommodate all users.
- Several commenters expressed support for future streetcar extensions, other fast and frequent transit services such as connections to KCI and east-west routes, projects related to bike and pedestrian improvements including complete street upgrades and regional trails. Additionally, a few highway/roadway projects were mentioned. The project addressing improvements to Missouri Rt 9 from 3rd to Admiral received several supporting comments.
- Additionally, MARC received feedback that it was prudent to remove references in former "Community Impact Analysis" to certain demographic-based analysis to better align with the current administration's federal policy priorities.

MARC will continue to work with regional stakeholders to help implement the goals and strategies in the plan in accordance with this public feedback and priorities.

Since the public comment period, a few final minor adjustments have been completed, as follows:

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- *“Modeling the future-See the Forecast”* - the story map was adjusted to include updated travel demand and MOVES model results of anticipated outcomes and advancement of financially constrained projects.
- Added a note in “Next Steps” section to indicate that MARC will continue to advance transportation/housing work to further integrate housing and transportation plans.
- The Community Impact Analysis story map has been removed. A brief summary statement about this work has been added in the “How we developed the plan?” page.
- Added necessary links to various plan pages in “Federal Requirements” plan section.
- Conducted non-substantive general additional proofing and word usage/verbiage corrections throughout various plan pages.
- Updated project information/mapped geographies for a variety of projects, based on public/sponsor agency feedback, as follows:
  - Altered geography of MoDOT project along Interstates 35 and 29 and other various projects in Platte County.
  - Removed one project due to mis-labeling/mistitling / inaccurate description.
  - Updated project on Independence Avenue (Formerly U.S. 24) to reflect change of Right of Way.

Staff will provide an overview of the final plan and will request committee approval at the meeting.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION:**

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

#### **RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve update to the Connected KC 2050 plan as the MARC Region’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

#### **STAFF CONTACT:**

Ron Achelpohl, Director Transportation and Environment  
Martin Rivarola, Transportation Planning Director

## AGENDA REPORT

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### MARC Board of Directors

June 2025  
Item No. 5a  
Safe and Secure Communities

#### **ISSUE:**

REPORT: Report on 2025 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for five 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, Clay, Cass, Jackson, Platte, and Ray 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**

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### **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

## AGENDA REPORT

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MARC Board of Directors

June 2025  
Item No. 5b  
Healthy Environment

**ISSUE:**

REPORT: Regional Climate Action Plan update.

**BACKGROUND:**

In April 2023, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Board of Directors authorized receipt of a \$1 million formula grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Grant (CPRPG) program to update the current Regional Climate Action Plan. An early requirement of the EPA planning grant included the development of a Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) which was completed and submitted to EPA in 2024. The final planning deliverable for the grant is the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP), due December 2025.

This effort to develop a CCAP is considered the full update of the Regional Kansas City Climate Action Plan and will entail a complete inventory of greenhouse gas emissions, a scenario planning analysis and a workforce planning analysis. The plan will continue to serve as a voluntary framework to guide and align local action in ways that make a difference for the entire Kansas City region.

In addition to leadership from the Climate and Environment Council (CEC), MARC staff will engage MARC committees and interested local governments as well as community stakeholders and the general public through focus groups, interviews, and one-on-one engagements. These gatherings will facilitate the review and further development of existing greenhouse gas reduction strategies and building community-based partnerships focused on near-term implementation. Community engagement will build on prior engagement of the Priority Climate Action Plan and local engagement processes. MARC staff will provide a brief update on this process and next steps.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

None.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

None.

**RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None. Information only.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Karen Clawson, Air and Climate Program Manager  
Tom Jacobs, Environment Director

## **AGENDA REPORT**

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MARC Board of Directors

June 2025  
Item No. 5c  
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.

### **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

June 2025  
Item No. 5d  
Quality Early Learning

#### ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize submission of Head Start Preschool grant to the Administration for Children and Families for the continued support of the Head Start program for the 2025-2026 program year.

#### BACKGROUND:

On June 4, 2025, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announced \$32,918,852 for the third year of the non-competitive five-year grant award continuation of the Head Start Preschool Program. By August 1, 2025, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Head Start is required to submit the grant application for the upcoming budget period of November 1, 2025, to October 31, 2026.

MARC Head Start proposes to continue supporting the enrollment of 1,793 Head Start Preschool (HSP) and 557 Early Head Start (EHS) in programs managed by 17 direct service providers (DSPs) in Clay, Jackson and Platte counties in Missouri and pass through the funding to the DSPs as indicated in the chart attached.

Individual contracts with the DSPs are reimbursed at an annual per-child rate based on their level of service (Tier 1, 2, and 3) and program options (HSP and/or EHS, as well as center-based or home-based). The total amount of annual funding available is \$32,918,852. Included in the total are funds to support program operations, training, and technical assistance. MARC non-personnel costs are budgeted to support contracts for specialized services for staff and families covering mental health and disabilities, education, health and nutrition, professional development, and family engagement services.

#### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The attached chart describes the allocation of funding for each agency and Mid-America Regional Council:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$32,918,852.00
Source	Administration for Children & Families
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, indirect, rent)	\$4,858,240.00
Pass-Through	\$26,204,754.00
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$1,855,858.00

#### COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Policy Council approved this agenda item on 6/9/25 and the Advisory Committee approved of this agenda item on 6/10/25.

#### RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Clay, Jackson and Platte counties in Missouri

#### EXHIBITS:

2025-26 Funding Summary

## **AGENDA REPORT**

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### **MARC Board of Directors**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Mid-America Regional Council on behalf of Mid-America Head Start to apply, accept, and expend Head Start Preschool funding for Head Start/Early Head Start programming.

#### **STAFF CONTACT:**

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director

Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning

**MARC Head Start & Early Head Start Funding - Core Operations**  
**(November 1, 2025 to October 31, 2026)**

	Head Start	Head Start Training	Early Head Start	Early Head Start Training	Grand Total Head Start & Early Head Start
<b>Tier 1 Direct Service Providers</b>					
Blue Springs School District	171,240	4,033	297,920	6,891	480,084
Excelsior Springs School District	342,440	6,718	-	-	349,158
Front Porch Alliance	-	-	241,740	2,933	244,673
Grandview School District	546,560	8,599	127,832	2,528	685,519
Learn-A-Lot Academy	414,493	7,793	819,504	14,556	1,256,346
Lee's Summit School District	426,972	7,386	125,580	1,719	561,657
Render's Hope	128,100	838	463,391	936	593,265
Tier 1 Direct Service Providers Subtotal	2,029,805	35,367	2,075,967	29,563	4,170,702
<b>Tier 2 Direct Service Providers</b>					
Center School District	847,530	14,296	-	-	861,826
EarlystART	640,356	11,194	223,440	3,757	878,747
Emmanuel Family & Child Dev Center	687,441	9,441	1,124,352	7,937	1,829,171
Guadalupe Centers ECE	960,534	16,302	402,864	1,404	1,381,104
Mattie Rhodes	1,563,222	21,014	-	18,256	1,602,492
Raytown School District	781,611	12,446	-	-	794,057
The Family Conservancy	255,150	3,364	765,450	7,585	1,031,549
Tier 2 Direct Service Providers Subtotal	5,735,844	88,057	2,516,106	38,939	8,378,946
<b>Tier 3 Direct Service Providers</b>					
Independence School District	2,918,608	47,349	740,740	14,019	3,720,716
KCPS School District	6,130,046	38,883	356,976	6,797	6,532,702
Operation Breakthrough, Inc.	2,264,400	22,387	1,133,988	20,470	3,441,245
Tier 3 Direct Service Providers Subtotal	11,313,054	108,619	2,231,704	41,286	13,694,663
<b>Total All Direct Service Provider Partners</b>	19,078,703	232,043	6,823,777	109,788	26,244,311
<b>MARC</b>					
MARC - Personnel Costs	3,660,358	-	1,197,882	-	4,858,240
MARC - Non-Personnel Costs	1,400,301	46,597	364,731	4,672	1,816,301
MARC Subtotal	5,060,659	46,597	1,562,613	4,672	6,674,541
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>24,139,362</b>	<b>278,640</b>	<b>8,386,390</b>	<b>114,460</b>	<b>32,918,852</b>



## **AGENDA REPORT**

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MARC Board of Directors

June 2025  
Item No. 7a

**ISSUE:**

VOTE: Approve minutes of the May 27, 2025, Board meeting

**BACKGROUND:**

The minutes of the May 27, 2025, meeting are enclosed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the minutes of the May 27, 2025, meeting.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

David Warm, Executive Director

McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant



MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY

MAY 27, 2025

12:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, KS - MARC Board Chair  
Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO - MARC Board 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
Council member Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS - Treasurer  
Council member Bridget McCandless, Independence, MO - Secretary  
Commissioner Tom Burroughs, Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS  
Commissioner Jeff Culbertson, Leavenworth County, KS  
Commissioner Willie Dove, Leavenworth County, KS  
Council member Johnathan Duncan, Kansas City, MO  
Commissioner Becky Fast, Johnson County, KS  
Council member Jared Fears, Independence, MO  
Mayor and CEO Tyrone Garner, Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS  
Council member Logan Heley, Overland Park, KS  
Victor Hurlbert, Auditor, Clay County, MO  
Mayor Leonard Jones, Grandview, MO  
Mayor Mike McDonough, Raytown, MO  
Mayor Eric Mikkelsen, Prairie Village, KS  
Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, KS  
Commissioner Christian Ramirez, Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS  
Mayor Mickey Sandifer, Shawnee, KS  
Mayor Curt Skoog, Overland Park, KS  
Mayor Tom Stephens, Bonner Springs, KS  
Commissioner Sheila Tracy, Ray County, MO  
Mayor Kris Turnbow, Raymore, MO  
Commissioner Tyler Vaughn, Miami County, KS  
Mayor Pro Tem Marge Vogt, Olathe, KS  
Mayor Rick Walker, De Soto, KS  
Council member Nathan Willet, Kansas City, MO  
Chris Wright, Recorder of Deeds, Platte County, MO  
Council member Inas Younis, Overland Park, KS

STAFF PRESENT

Executive Director David Warm and other MARC staff

OTHERS

Dana Webb, Oak Grove  
LaVert Murray, Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS

INTRODUCTIONS AND BOARD SHARING TIME

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick called the meeting to order at 12:05 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: Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers Program and the TIPS Hotline presented by Detective Christina Ludwig and Randy Rhoads.

Detective Christina Ludwig and Randy Rhoads co-presented information regarding the regional efforts to increase the Crime Stoppers Program and the TIPS hotline. These programs operate within the nine county MARC region and are run by the KC Metropolitan Crime Commission which is a 501c3. Detective Ludwig stressed the importance of communicating to the public that Crime Stoppers and the TIPS Hotline are not the police and is 100% anonymous. This program seeks to help the general public give tips regarding crimes in a safe and reliable manner that can lead to increased solved crimes. Detective Ludwig brought marketing materials for board members to bring back to their jurisdictions and encouraged them to increase awareness in their communities about the program.

Mayor Kris Turnbow asked if the police that respond to the crime scene have the QR code for Crime Stoppers somewhere on their business card or elsewhere so they can help spread the information about the TIPS line. Detective Ludwig said that some do but it can cause more confusion with the members of the public because they are not the police.

Victor Hurlbert asked is the TIP payment amount has increased over time or has it remained steady? Detective Ludwig said that the Board votes on the amount for each TIP and the payout amount that has many attributing factors to it - not all TIPS are paid the same amount.

Mayor Eric Mikkelsen mentioned that the logo could spark confusion among the public because it looks like a police badge and that changing the logo may change the public's perception.

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

Kristin Johnson-Waggoner, Public Affairs Director, introduced Ray Dlugolecki with Jackson County Public Health to give an update on how the region is preparing for a potential measles outbreak. To date, there have not been any cases reported in the MARC region thus far but in 2024, there was a significant rise in the U.S. cases compared to previous years. Measles has been affecting under vaccinated communities, children under age 5, pregnant persons, and immunocompromised individuals the most. At the time of the presentation, there were 51 cases reported in Kansas and 3 cases reported in Missouri. Mr. Dlugolecki reported the percent of kindergarten vaccination rates per county in the MARC region and stated that herd immunity requires a 95% vaccination rate which only 2 MARC counties (out of the 9 reported) achieved for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Dlugolecki explained what local public health departments are doing to reach communities during their monitoring and response efforts and how regional public health collaboration continues to create unified messaging and mutual support during contact tracing. He encouraged the MARC board to help educate their constituents by myth busting, highlighting vaccination as a safe way to protect, and direct communities to reliable vaccine info put forth by local departments or the CDC.

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick asked what the adult recommendation was to get re-vaccinated. Mr. Dlugolecki said that the guidance is based on when you received your first dose and all the local public health departments have that information listed on their websites.

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

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, provided an update on the outreach progress for Connected KC 2050 the Kansas City Region's long range transportation plan. He reminded the board that the MTP is updated every 5 years and guides how the regional transportation system will be developed for the next 25 years. He highlighted changes in the land use forecast which indicates that the population growth rate is slowing and the population is becoming older and significantly more diverse. Throughout the planning process, updated policy frameworks were created to add housing as a goal to reduce the transportation cost burden for residents and increase attainability of housing. A new strategy was also added around digital connectivity and language was altered in the plan to better align with shifting federal priorities.

The plan compiles 526 projects totaling \$25.1 billion that were submitted by 59 different agencies. 240 of these projects are financially constrained that are across the Kansas and Missouri systems. The final round of public engagement before plan adoption will occur in May 2025. The outcomes will be summarized and reported on at the June 2025 TTPC and MARC Board meetings for final adoption.

**BRIEF REPORTS**

VOTE: Approve the 2025 Missouri Unfunded Transportation Needs list.

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, requested approval of the 2025 Missouri Unfunded transportation needs list which helps provide a list of projects which represent where additional funding could be used. This allows regional partners to react quickly with deliverable projects to any identified or secured funding. This list is divided into three road/bridge tiers and then multimodal projects. There were no adjustments to Tier 1 projects, tier 2 projects were adjusted for cost, and several changes were made in tier 3 for cost and other project fell off the this completely because they were funded and work will be completed for the projects. Mr. Achelpohl reminded the board that MARC keeps a list of other priority projects that are not on the final Unfunded Needs list but that are on deck for the next version. The multimodal list of unfunded needs are broken out in to bike and pedestrian projects, transit projects, and freight and aviation projects. Each are reviewed by a specific committee and then TTPC and the MARC Board. A list of projects can be found on the MARC website.

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

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, requested approval of a contract extension with Stantec for consultant services for phase 2 and 3 of the Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor project. These phases include environmental studies and conceptual design for the transportation elements proposed in Phase 1 that was also completed by Stantec. This project is mainly funded through the USDOT's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant awarded in 2022 with matching funds provided by local jurisdictions. Total amount of contract for phase 2 and 3 is estimated to be \$4,100,000.

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

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration, reviewed items of concern regarding the budget that moved through the House. MARC staff are actively tracking how programmatic areas could be affected and direct implications on programs like Medicaid and SNAP, OAA, Head Start, and FEMA and Homeland Security funding. She also reported that we are still experiencing organizational contact inconsistency and "Defend the Spend" requirements have also been inconsistent. MARC has received our 2025 ICAP rate and is continuing to have scenario planning sessions with programs for future movement. MARC staff will continue to keep the board informed as we receive new and updated information.

Mayor Mickey Sandifer asked how the federal police funding for the World Cup games would be funded and distributed throughout the region. Ms. Gonzales answered that MARC will likely have a very active role but it is not yet clear how much funding, for whom, and where it will be.

Commissioner Becky Fast asked if MARC staff have heard anything about federal funding for transportation being tied to enforcement of immigration policies. Staff answered that we have not heard any news regarding the topic yet.

REPORT: Report on 2025 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for 5 Missouri Counties.  
Due to time constraints, this report was moved to the June Board of directors meeting.

VOTE: Authorize SFY 2026 contract amounts for selected Aging and Adult Services partners.  
Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, requested approval of the SFY 2026 contract amounts for partner organizations to deliver aging services through the plan year. Ms. Bohling-DaMetz noted that the 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 programs. A detailed list of providers and costs were attached in the board packet for committee review. These contracts will be effective from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and include the following work / programs: 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, and Family Caregiver Support Programs.

Although the current projection of funds indicates flat funding for programs, the reality is that a return to pre-pandemic funding levels and an increasing aging population makes the cost of services increase more than funding can keep up with. Ms. Bohling-DaMetz noted that although MARC talks a lot about physical infrastructure, human infrastructure is incredibly important in our communities as well. The region is at a pivotal point where infrastructure is strong and has the ability to scale quickly meaning that if funding doubled tomorrow, we could get twice as many meals out to the community members who need it most. As funding declines, that infrastructure weakens, and so does the ability to refer for housing, transportation, or mobility management for older adults in your communities.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

David Warm, MARC's Executive Director, reminded the MARC Board about the upcoming Regional Assembly and Leadership Awards happening on June 13, 2025 at the Sheraton Hotel.

#### CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

##### 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.

MOTION: Mayor Eric Mikkelsen moved for approval of the consent agenda and Mayor Mike McDonough seconded. Commissioner Hanzlick asked if any member wanted to abstain or

object to any of the agenda items.

Mayor Kris Turnbow voted no on item 4a: *VOTE: Approve the 2025 Missouri Unfunded Transportation Needs list.*

The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

**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	x							5	125%
	VACANT		Cass County Municipality	Alternate												0	0%
Clay County	Jerry Nolte	MO	Clay County	Member	x	x	x	x	x							5	125%
	VACANT		Clay County	Alternate												0	0%
	Victor Hurlbert	MO	Clay County	Member	x		x		x							3	75%
	VACANT		Clay County	Alternate												0	0%
	Damien Boley	MO	Smithville	Member	x	x	x	x	x							5	125%
Jackson County	Randy Pogue	MO	Kearney	Alternate												0	0%
	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 Smith	MO	Jackson County	Alternate	x											1	25%
	Mike McDonough	MO	Raytown	Member	x				x							2	50%
	Leonard Jones	MO	Grandview	Alternate	x	x			x							3	75%
	Rory Rowland	MO	Independence	Member												0	0%
	Bridget McCandless	MO	Independence	Alternate	x	x	x	x	x							5	125%
	Jared Fears	MO	Independence	Member	x		x	x	x							4	100%
	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		x							3	75%
	VACANT		Kansas City	Alternate												0	0%
Johnson County	Nathan Willet	MO	Kansas City	Member					x							1	25%
	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	x							4	100%
	Janee Hanzlick	KS	Johnson County	Member	x	x	x	x	x							5	125%
	Jeff Meyers	KS	Johnson County	Alternate												0	0%
	Eric Mikkelsen	KS	Prairie Village	Member	x	x	x	x	x							5	125%
	Michael Poppa	KS	Roeland Park	Alternate	x	x	x									3	75%
	Rick Walker	KS	De Soto	Member		x	x	x	x							4	100%
	Mickey Sandifer	KS	Shawnee	Alternate	x	x	x	x	x							5	125%
	John Bacon	KS	Olathe	Member		x		x								2	50%
	Marge Vogt	KS	Olathe	Alternate	x		x		x							3	75%
Johnson County	Curt Skoog	KS	Overland Park	Member		x		x	x							3	75%
	Logan Heley	KS	Overland Park	Alternate			x	x	x							3	75%
	Holly Grummert	KS	Overland Park	Member	x	x	x	x	x							5	125%
	Inas Younis	KS	Overland Park	Alternate	x			x	x							3	75%

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## AGENDA REPORT

### MARC Board of Directors

June 2025

Item No. 7b

Exemplary Core Capacities

#### ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve renewal of Property, Liability, Vehicle, Cyber and Work Comp Coverages with Midwest Public Risk effective July 1, 2025.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is a member of Midwest Public Risk (MPR) insurance pool and uses the pool for liability, property, motor vehicle and worker's compensation coverages. MARC also purchased cyber liability insurance, through MPR's broker, Gallagher. The plan year for those policies is July 1 - June 30. Limits and deductibles vary within the different coverages, generally organizational limits are \$3,000,000, however aggregate limits for all members of the pool are much higher.

#### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Costs for insurance premiums are primarily budgeted and charged to Indirect except in cases where specific property or vehicles operate directly in support of a program, then the premium is allocated to the supporting grant or program budget. For instance, property insurance premiums for 911 capital, the Thomas Roque early learning center, and the Aging food repacking facility are allocated directly to the relevant grants and programs.

Costs for the 2024-2025 year were \$345,328.85. This year is a 28.3% decrease, primarily due to a moderated insurance market and good experience of MPR.

Coverage	Premium Amount
Property	\$ 75,966.00
Liability	\$ 125,999.00
Workers Compensation	\$ 27,413.29
Cyber-Liability	\$ 39,769.32
Total	\$269,147.61

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize renewal of property, liability and worker's compensation coverages through Midwest Public Risk and renewal of cyber-liability coverage through Gallagher.

#### STAFF CONTACT:

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration

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### MARC Board of Directors

June 2025

Item No. 7c

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

#### ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a consulting contract for Phase 2 of the Smart Moves Transit Plan Update.

#### BACKGROUND:

Enhanced transit services have long been desired in the Kansas City metropolitan area to meet multiple goals for quality development and access to opportunity for area residents and businesses. In 2017, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and partners updated the region's [Smart Moves](#) public transportation vision plan. This plan included an integrated set of strategies and project proposals to improve transit services throughout the region.

While this plan has provided a framework for most of the region's recent high profile transit investments, the pace of implementation has been slow due to a variety of factors, particularly the lack of locally supported implementation plans and funding. Now there is a sense of urgency about public transportation in the context of rising needs and declining services in many parts of the region.

MARC launched an initial 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of work to update the Smart Moves plan with a particular focus on developing investible implementation strategies rooted in local priorities, served by a range of service types that are regionally connected. This update is guided by an ad hoc working group drawn from the MARC Board of Directors and Total Transportation Policy Committee in partnership with many other local officials, civic leaders and transportation professionals. At the conclusion of this effort, major Smart Moves service recommendations will be reprioritized, costs will be updated and potential local funding mechanisms will be described. We anticipate this work being completed over the summer of 2025.

A 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of this work, to be conducted over the second half of 2025 will expand on this effort to include a benefit cost analysis, informational materials, etc. On May 12, 2025, MARC published a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeking responses from qualified firms to support this work. MARC received two proposals in response to the RFQ. A selection committee made up by MARC, KCATA, UG Transit, Johnson County Transit, and the City of Kansas City, MO staff reviewed and evaluated the proposals submitted by two consultant teams. In-person interviews are currently scheduled to be held by the week of June 23, 2025. The selection committee is anticipated to make a recommendation of a team to the MARC Board of Directors to lead this project.

At the MARC Board B&P meeting, MARC staff will provide an overview of this upcoming scope of work and timeline.

#### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

This project will use 2025 budgeted CPG funds not to exceed \$500,000

REVENUES	
Amount	\$500,000
Source	Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$500,000

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#### **COMMITTEE ACTION:**

Transit Technical Team have been engaged in this discussion.

#### **RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

This item impacts Jackson, Cass, Clay and Platte Counties in Missouri and Leavenworth, Wyandotte and Johnson Counties in Kansas.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize MARC Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement with the winning team (to be determined by the week of June 23, 2025) to conduct the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Smart Moves Transit Plan Update with a contract amount not to exceed \$500,000.

#### **STAFF CONTACT:**

Ron Achelpohl, Director Transportation and Environment  
Martin Rivarola, Transportation Planning Director

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## AGENDA REPORT

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June 2025

Item No. 7d

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

**ISSUE:**

VOTE: Approve 2025 Special Amendment #1 to the 2024-28 Transportation Improvement Program.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the region's short-range program, identifying projects to receive federal funds and projects of regional significance to be implemented over the next three to five year period. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) amends the TIP on a quarterly cycle or as needed to accommodate changes to projects in the TIP.

The proposed 2025 Special Amendment #1 to the 2024-2028 TIP includes the following:

- #996107 - Johnson County Transit-Fare Reinstatement and Modernization Project
  - New project funded through the Kansas Carbon Reduction Program
- #996108 - Johnson County Transit-Bus Purchases-Transit Fleet Modernization Initiative
  - New project funded through the Kansas Carbon Reduction Program

Details of these projects are available for review on the Internet at:

<https://www.marc.org/transportation/metropolitan-planning/transportation-public-input>

MARC's Public Involvement Plan requires that proposed amendments to the TIP be released for public review and comment prior to adoption. Five comments were received during the comment period. The comments and responses from MARC are included for review.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

None.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

The Transportation Policy Programming Committee took action on this item on June 17, 2025.

**RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

This item impacts Johnson County, Kansas.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the 2025 Special Amendment #1 to the 2024-2028 TIP.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Marc Hansen, Principal Planner

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### MARC Board of Directors

June 2025

Item No. 7e

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

#### ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize consultant agreements for three 2025 Planning Sustainable Places studies.

#### BACKGROUND:

For studies funded through Planning Sustainable Places (PSP), the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) will hold the contracts on individual projects, although the project leads and local match will be provided by the local sponsors. Details for the projects are provided below. A qualifications-based competitive selection process was used in the selection of all consulting teams.

#### Mission, KS - Martway/Rock Creek Trail Corridor Plan: Martway West.

The intent of the study is to continue project development plans along the Martway/Rock Creek Trail Corridor. It will capitalize on efforts established with the east side Rock Creek Corridor Plan. The final report will include an existing conditions report and plan review, diagrammatic drawings of proposed improvements including renderings, and a prioritization matrix for scalable implementation including budget. The initial release of the RFP received a single submittal. The responding team was interviewed to ensure alignment of the city and proposing firm's understanding of the study. Key components of the plan will include:

- Greater, safer connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists to activity centers on the west side of Mission utilizing complete street principles.
- Enhanced trail experience utilizing better naturalization of the Rock Creek, public art, place making, and other innovative techniques.
- Environmental and flood hazard mitigation strategies utilizing green infrastructure improvements.
- Active public engagement process utilizing surveys, focus groups, and other innovative techniques.

The consulting team of Wilson & Company, BikeWalk KC, Shockey and SWT was selected for this study.

#### Shawnee, KS - Downtown Shawnee Wayfinding Plan.

This study seeks to analyze high-visibility street, parking, transit, and trail corridors where new branded wayfinding signage may improve navigation to Downtown, while addressing circulatory and parking concerns from the local community. Project deliverables will include an existing conditions assessment, and recommended improvements with funding sources. Proposals from two prospective consulting teams were received. The two teams were interviewed. Key components of the plan will include:

- Development of a comprehensive wayfinding sign plan and policy for the Downtown Shawnee district that:
  - Establishes a wayfinding sign hierarchy that identifies and prioritizes relevant sign content, function, multiple modes of transportation and locations;
  - Incorporates existing Downtown Shawnee streetscape and branding elements;
  - Highlights public parking; and
  - Creates a policy for application of wayfinding signs in the public realm.

The consulting team of Engrafik, GBA and Venice Communications was selected for this study.

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#### Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kan. - UG Zoning Code Update.

This project will create the codified vision of the recently adopted comprehensive plan, PlanKCK and focus on mobility priorities identified in the UG's 2021 PSP study, goDotte. The final deliverables will be a final Zoning Code along with a report detailing the analyses, public engagement and recommendations. Proposals from three prospective consulting teams were received but two were disqualified by KDOT due to lack of qualifications. The remaining team was interviewed to ensure alignment of the UG and the proposing firm's understanding of the proposed work. Key components of the project will include:

The focus of this request for proposals (RFP) is to create a Project Development Plan that addresses the following key priorities for the Unified Government: integration of goDotte's transportation goals

- implementation of the new land use categories established in PlanKCK
- removal of exclusionary zoning practices
- creation of an updated zoning code that is equitable, future-thinking, and legible/accessible to residents and developers alike

The consulting team of Lisa Wise Consulting, Lynchpin Ideas, LLC, Opticos Design, Inc. and Peter J. Park, LLC was selected for this study.

#### **BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

The projects will use Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding with a required local match as follows:

Mission, KS: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$86,400) with the required local match of \$24,000 provided by the City of Mission.

Shawnee, KS: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$50,000) with the required local match of \$20,000 provided by the City of Shawnee.

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$150,000) with the required local match of \$150,000 provided by the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION:**

The MARC Board authorized the award of the PSP funds for the project and the receipt of its local match on September 24, 2024.

#### **RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

The consultant contracts involve the jurisdictions of: Mission, KS; Shawnee, KS; and Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into the agreements detailed above.

#### **STAFF CONTACT:**

Beth Dawson, Principal Planner

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment

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June 2025

Item No. 7f

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

### VOTE:

Authorize grant application to US Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant.

### BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) received a federal grant under the Safe Streets and Roads for All program to prepare an Action Plan, and the work is underway through the leadership of the Destination Safe Coalition. One element of a comprehensive action plan is to address post-crash emergency care. The Mid-America Regional Council Emergency Rescue (MARCER) Committee, is seeking this grant to supplement the previous grant to comprehensively address post-crash care in the Action Plan and to design and launch a demonstration project for the availability and use of whole blood to provide early intervention at the scene of serious crashes

The budget below shows the change based on the amendments to these engineering contracts:

REVENUES	
Amount 2-Year Grant	\$373,436 Federal \$94,360 from three sources: Kansas Infrastructure Hub \$40,000 MARCER \$23,500 In-kind support \$ 29,860
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, indirect, rent)	\$180,296
Training & Travel	\$21,500
Demonstration Project (whole blood, EMS supplies)	\$265,000

### RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the submission of a grant application to the US DOT for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant for the Supplemental Planning and Demonstration Program in an amount not to exceed \$373,436 in federal funds and \$40,000 from the Kansas Infrastructure Hub and accept the funds if awarded.

### STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel, Director of the Office of Resource Development  
Jason White, Project Manager

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### MARC Board of Directors

June 2025

Item No. 7g

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

#### ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve application to the US Department of Agriculture's Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program 2025 Request for Application.

#### BACKGROUND:

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) released a request for application (RFA) for the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program's funding opportunity in January. That RFA was rescinded in February and is currently under review by the agency. National partners believe that the RFA may be re-released soon. Expectations are that the turnaround time for submitting a proposal will be much shorter than usual, possibly 4-6 weeks. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and the Double Up Heartland Collaborative would like to submit a proposal to support the Double Up Food Bucks for the next three years.

MARC submitted a proposal in 2024 on behalf of the Double Up Heartland Collaborative which was not awarded funding. As part of that proposal, private funders were requested to commit funds to meet the required match. A total of \$4,995,000 was committed for the proposal. Staff has reconnected with the funders to determine if they are willing to have their funds committed for another proposal submission in 2025. Over \$4,300,000 of match has been identified for a 2025 proposal. Match funding includes:

Funder	2024 GusNIP RFA Commitment (3-year grant)
State of Missouri (pending Governor's approval)	\$2,000,000
Health Forward Foundation	\$500,000
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$450,000
Kansas Health Foundation	\$333,000
Hall Family Foundation	\$300,000
Elevance Health Foundation	\$200,000
Marion and Henry Bloch Foundation	\$150,000
K-State University Olathe	\$150,000
Patterson Family Foundation	\$100,000
Kemper Foundation	\$45,000
Sunflower Foundation	\$50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,278,000</b>

The amount which can be requested from the USDA can be up to the amount of the matching funds. So the total amount of the proposal's budget will not exceed \$8,556,000

The application will propose continuing the Double Up Food Bucks program at over 160 grocery store and farm direct locations currently offering the program across Kansas and Missouri. The application will also include plans to expand to additional locations, specifically in communities not currently served. Partners essential to the implementation and evaluation of the program and which will be included in the application are: K-State University Research & Extension, University of Missouri Extension, Cultivate KC, New Growth, and the University of Kansas Medical Center.



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#### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The budget will support personnel costs for MARC staff, subcontractors at Kansas State University - Research & Extension, Cultivate KC, New Growth, and the University of Missouri Extension. The funds will also support evaluation services from the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Additional expenses supported will include media, printing, postage and supplies and the incentive costs for SNAP shoppers to be able to purchase more fresh produce.

REVENUES	
Amount	Up to \$8,556,000
Source	USDA + a variety of private funders
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$1,205,960
Contractual	\$2,400,877
Pass-Through	\$4,648,903
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$300,000
Estimated total	\$8,555,740

#### COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Commission on Aging considered this item at its June meeting and recommended Board approval.

#### RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Kansas and Missouri communities with participating Double Up Food Bucks locations.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the submission of an application to the USDA if the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program RFA related to Nutrition Incentive programs is re-released and approve acceptance of funds if an award is given.

#### STAFF CONTACT:

Donna Martin, Public Health Program Manager  
Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services

## AGENDA REPORT

### MARC Board of Directors

June 2025

Item No. 7h

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

#### ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a contract amendment with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for another year of the Diabetes Self-Management Program Network contract.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) is exercising their option to renew this Missouri Diabetes and Heart Disease Program contract with the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) for the period between June 30, 2025 through June 29, 2026. MARC has been supporting this work through an initial year award of \$30,000 focused on support for a strategic approach for priority populations with or at risk for diabetes. The scope of work includes a continuation of the following in year two totaling an additional \$30,000:

- Support for evidence-based program Master Trainers to schedule and facilitate leader trainings as needed to build capacity
- Assist leaders in submitting paperwork and managing data entry for workshops facilitated
- Collect and manage workshop data and submit monthly grant reports
- Provide technical support for data collection and data exports as needed

#### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The year two amendment moves the contract total to \$60,000. DHSS is funded for this work through a cooperative agreement for state-based diabetes control programs through a cooperative agreement with federal agencies, the Department of Health and Human Services/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

REVENUES	
Second Year Contract Amount	\$30,000
Total Contract (Years 1 and 2)	\$60,000
Source	DHSS (cooperative agreement with HHS/CDC)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$20,972
Supplies	\$6,628
Travel Expenses	\$2,400
<b>Year 2 contract amendment Total</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

#### COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Commission on Aging considered this item at its June meeting and recommended Board approval.

#### RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Missouri counties in the MARC region.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a year two amendment for the Diabetes Self-Management Program Network contract with the MO DHSS.

## **AGENDA REPORT**

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MARC Board of Directors

### **STAFF CONTACT:**

Tane Lewis, Integrated Care Manager

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services

## AGENDA REPORT

### MARC Board of Directors

June 2025  
Item No. 7i  
Healthy Environment

**ISSUE:**

**VOTE:** Authorize amendments to engineering agreements for Energy Audits for Nonprofit Buildings.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) began work to carry out a US Department of Energy (DOE) grant in early 2024 to assist nonprofit organizations that own their buildings to reduce energy costs through energy conservation improvements.

Through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), MARC identified two engineering firms with energy expertise, Custom Engineering (a MBE firm) and Entegritty (a larger firm with numerous minority suppliers and contractors) to assist with the application, energy audits, selection of buildings based on energy savings, preparation of bid documents and related work. In May 2024, the MARC Board authorized agreements with these two firms for \$195,000 each.

The budget below shows the change based on the amendments to these engineering contracts:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$4,734,755 Federal
3-Year Grant	\$1,500,000 from local foundations
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$910,084 (reduced by \$90,000)
Contractual	Custom Engineering: \$250,000 Entegritty Energy Solutions: \$250,000 Metropolitan Energy Center: \$75,000 Community Capital Fund: \$150,000
Pass-Through	Nonprofit organizations (TBD): \$4,570,992 (reduced by \$20,000)
Other (supplies, mileage, stipends)	\$28,679

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize amendments to the two engineering firms' agreements to a maximum of \$250,000 each to cover costs for Level 1 and 2 ASHRAE energy audits and support for Measurement and Verification of energy savings from the improvements for each of the selected 30 buildings.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Marlene Nagel, Director of the Office of Resource Development  
Beth Dawson, Principal Planner  
Ashley Sadowski, Building and Energy Program Director

## AGENDA REPORT

### MARC Board of Directors

June 2025  
Item No. 7j  
Competitive Economy

#### ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve submittal of a collaborative application to the Kauffman Foundation for the Economic Mobility Landscape research grant and accept funds, if awarded.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation is a private, nonpartisan foundation that provides access to opportunities that help people achieve financial stability, upward mobility, and economic prosperity - regardless of race, gender, or geography. To support this work on what they call “equitable economic mobility,” the Foundation hosted a forum of area researchers last fall to begin a conversation around the research and data available. The Foundation would like a deeper understanding of the research and data landscape related to equitable economic mobility, as well as the researchers in the Kansas City area and states of Kansas and Missouri who are conducting it. In early May, they issued an RFP for a “landscape analysis” of the field that would help them identify research and data strengths, weaknesses, gaps and opportunities for greater collaboration that might result in deeper and more impactful research. Their goal is for Kansas City to be a national hub for equitable economic mobility research and they wish to support the community of researchers toward that end.

To further their aim of increased collaboration, the RFP specifically suggested collaborative responses. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has partnered with UMKC’s Urban Education Research Center (UERC), the Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership (MCNL), and KU’s Institute for Policy and Social Research (ISPR) in submitting a proposal to the Kauffman Foundation. MARC will be the lead agency, ISPR will conduct a literature review, UERC will conduct a survey of the researchers and produce a social network map highlighting connections and gaps in connections among the researchers. This will help identify key informants to interview, work that will be led MCNL. MARC will convene focus groups of research users to uncover any community research that may not show up in a literature review, as well as lead the work to synthesize findings and act as the fiscal agent.

This proposal was due by June 11, 2025. An award announcement is expected by June 24. The work is expected to be completed January 2026.

#### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

MARC will act as the project lead and fiscal agent for this grant, and will subcontract with UERC, ISPR, and MCNL for research services.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$163,800
Source	Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation Grant
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$45,000
Contractual	\$112,500
MCNL \$15,000	
UERC \$51,000	
ISPR \$46,500	
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$6,300

#### RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

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### **MARC Board of Directors**

This work will identify and summarize economic mobility research conducted by researchers in the states of Kansas and Missouri, with a focus on the Kansas City region.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the Executive Director to apply for and, if awarded, accept a grant from the Kauffman Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$163,800 for producing an analysis of the economic mobility-related research and data landscape in the Kansas City region.

#### **STAFF CONTACT:**

Frank Lenk, Director of the Office of Economic Research

## AGENDA REPORT

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### MARC Board of Directors

June 2025  
Item No. 7k  
Quality Early Learning

#### **ISSUE:**

**VOTE:** Approve the Mid-America Regional Council's Head Start proposal to make changes to Head Start Preschool enrollment for 2025-2026 to accommodate closure of the YMCA of Greater Kansas City and Ability KC.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In June 2024, Ability KC notified the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Head Start they would not be able to continue providing Early Head Start services beyond the 2024-2025 program year due to the agencies path changing and financial stability.

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. The YMCA provides services in four locations throughout the region. MARC has launched a Request for Qualification process to find new partners to serve the children and families for three of the four locations.

A request for qualifications was also released by MARC in April 2025 to seek new partners in Clay, Jackson and Platte counties. After the completion of the proposal two new partners were found.

MARC is recommending approval of changes in enrollment for the following DSP agencies:  
**Ability KC-** reduce Early Head Start enrollment to accommodate financial stability and changes in program mission to serve student enrollment.

**YMCA Greater Kansas City-** reduce Early Head Start and Head Start enrollment to accommodate staffing crisis and financial stability.

**Emmanuel Family and Child Development Center-** add Early Head Start and Head Start enrollment to accommodate increased full day programming.

**Guadalupe Centers-** add Early Head Start services as a program option and increase Head Start enrollment to better meet the community needs.

**Kansas City Public Schools-** increase Head Start enrollment to meet the community needs in Columbus Park.

**Mattie Rhodes-** new partner who will add Head Start services in the Northland to support the community needs.

**Render's Hope Day School-** new partner in Independence who will add Early Head Start and Head Start services to support the community need.

#### **BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

Contracts for individual agencies will be revised based on these changes. See the documents below for details of changes in slots and contract amounts.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION:**

The Policy Council approved this agenda item on 6/9/25 and the Advisory Committee approved of this agenda item on 6/10/25.

#### **RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

This item impacts Clay, Jackson and Platte counties in Missouri.

## **AGENDA REPORT**

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### **MARC Board of Directors**

#### **EXHIBITS:**

Proposed Enrollment Changes 2025-2026

Proposed Funding Changes 2025-2026

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve MARC Head Starts requested slot changes for the program year 2025-2026 for Head Start programming.

#### **STAFF CONTACT:**

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director

Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning



MARC PROPOSED ENROLLMENT CHANGES FOR 2025-2026								
AGENCY	HS 2025	Proposed HS FD 2025	HS P day 2025	HS HB	EHS FD	Proposed EHS 2025	EHS HB 2025	EHS State 2025
<b>Tier 1</b>								
Ability KC					8	0		
Cub Care	20	20			16	16		
Excelsior Springs SD	40	40						
Front Porch Alliance							36	
Grandview SD	64	64			8	8		
Learn-A-Lot	47	47			42	42		
Lee's Summit SD			68				20	
Render's Hope		15				29		
<b>Tier 2</b>								
Center SD	90	90						
Early stART-St. Mark	68	68			12	12		
Emmanuel	60	73			13	64		
Family Conservancy				30			90	
Guadalupe Centers	96	102			0	24		
Mattie Rhodes		166						
Raytown SD	83	83						
<b>Tier 3</b>								
Independence	253	253			36	44		46
Kansas City SD	460	494			16	16		
Operation Breakthrough	180	180			53	53		57
YMCA	234	0			104	0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,695</b>	<b>1,695</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>103</b>

## AGENDA REPORT

### Budget and Personnel Committee

#### Proposed funding\* contract changes for 2025-2026

Numbers in **red** indicated a reduction in contract funds.

Numbers in **green** indicate an increase in contract funds.

Direct Service Provider	HS total contract before change	Proposed HS total contract after change	EHS total contract before change	EHS total after contract change	Proposed grand total before contract change	Proposed grand total after change
<b>slots removed from:</b>						
YMCA	\$3,134,618	<b>\$0</b>	\$1,903,048	<b>\$0</b>	\$5,037,666	<b>\$0</b>
Ability KC	--	--	\$102,651	<b>\$0</b>	\$102,651	<b>\$0</b>
Subtotals	\$3,134,618	<b>\$0</b>	\$2,005,699	<b>\$0</b>	\$5,140,317	<b>\$0</b>
<b>slots given to:</b>						
KCPS	\$5,699,434	<b>\$5,856,612</b>	\$363,772	\$363,772	\$6,063,206	<b>\$6,220,384</b>
Guadalupe	\$849,786	<b>\$892,256</b>	\$ 0	<b>\$135,692</b>	\$849,786	<b>\$1,027,948</b>
Emmanuel	\$536,421	<b>\$576,925</b>	\$222,410	<b>\$451,928</b>	\$758,831	<b>\$1,028,853</b>
Mattie Rhodes	--	<b>\$395,775</b>	--	\$0	--	<b>\$395,775</b>
Render's Hope	--	<b>\$32,474</b>	--	<b>\$117,545</b>	--	<b>\$150,019</b>
ISD	\$2,965,864	<b>\$2,965,887</b>	\$619,420	<b>\$653,738</b>	\$3,585,284	<b>\$3,619,625</b>
Subtotals	\$10,051,505	<b>\$10,719,929</b>	\$1,205,602	<b>\$1,722,675</b>	\$11,257,107	<b>\$12,442,604</b>

\*Total funding for each Direct Service Provider is derived from total enrollment slots at each center, which are described on the previous page.

## AGENDA REPORT

### MARC Board of Directors

June 2025  
Item No. 7l  
Quality Early Learning

**ISSUE:**

VOTE: Approve contract amendments for Emmanuel Child and Family Development Center and Independence School District for Head Start program services effective August 1, 2025.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Head Start program is federally funded to serve 2,350 children and families in Jackson, Clay and Platte counties. These comprehensive early education, health, and family services are carried out by a network of community organizations and school districts. Following the exit of one such partner, the MARC Head Start staff worked to redistribute 338 Head Start slots (234 Head Start Preschool and 104 Early Head Start) between both existing and vetted new partners. These organizations include Guadalupe Centers, Kansas City Public Schools, Independence School District, Emmanuel Child and Family Development Center, Mattie Rhodes, and Render's Hope Day School.

**Budget Considerations**

The Emmanuel Child and Family Development Center has agreed to take on additional Head Start Preschool slots (13), and Early Head Start slots (64). The additional children and responsibilities are reflected in the proposed contract increase below. The Independence School District will serve additional Early Head Start slots (8). The changes in their expenses due to expansion are reflected below.

Partner	Current	Increase	Total
Emmanuel Child and Family Development Center	\$758,831.00	\$269,633.00	\$1,071,268.00
Independence School District (ISD)	\$3,585,284.00	\$34,341.00	\$3,619,625.00
	\$4,344,115.00	\$346,778.00	\$4,690,893.00

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

N/A.

**RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

This item impacts Jackson County, Missouri.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize contract amendments to Emmanuel Child and Family Development Center and Independence School District effective August 1, 2025.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

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

## AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2025  
Item No. 7m  
Quality Early Learning

### ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve Head Start services contract for Mattie Rhodes and Render's Hope Day School to enroll children effective August 1, 2025 until the end of the grant year.

### BACKGROUND:

The MARC Head Start program is federally funded to serve 2,350 children and families in Jackson, Clay and Platte counties. These comprehensive early education, health, and family services are carried out by a network of community organizations and school districts. Following the exit of one such partner, the MARC Head Start staff worked to redistribute 338 Head Start slots (234 Head Start Preschool and 104 Early Head Start) between both existing and vetted new partners. These organizations include Guadalupe Centers, Kansas City Public Schools, Independence School District, Emmanuel Child and Family Development Center, Mattie Rhodes, and Render's Hope Day School.

### Budget Considerations

Mattie Rhodes has agreed to take over the lease of the Northland facility in Clay County. They will serve 166 Head Start Preschool slots. Render's Hope Day School will serve 15 Head Start Preschool slots and 29 Early Head Start slots. The contract amounts are reflected below.

Partner	Current Contract Effective 8/1/25
Mattie Rhodes	\$395,775.00
Render's Hope Day School	\$150,408.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$546,183.00</b>

### COMMITTEE ACTION:

N/A.

### RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item will impact Clay, Jackson and Platte counties in Missouri.

### Recommendation

Authorize new contracts with Mattie Rhodes and Render's Hope Day School beginning August 1, 2025 not to exceed \$546,183.

### STAFF CONTACT:

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

## AGENDA REPORT

### MARC Board of Directors

June 2025  
Item No. 7n  
Quality Early Learning

**ISSUE:**

VOTE: Approve key agency contracts to provide Early Head Start services through the State of Missouri Early Head Start grant for the 2025-2026 budget period.

**BACKGROUND:**

On June 5, 2025, the State of Missouri through MissouriBUYS Statewide eProcurement System provided a notice of contract renewal for the upcoming budget period of 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026 for the Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Early Head State Grant. MARC proposes to continue funding for the 103 enrollment slots in the Early Head Start State Program and pass through most of the funding (99%) to the following direct service providers: Independence School District and Operation Breakthrough.

MARC was awarded the contract on June 5, 2025.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

The total amount of annual funding available is \$1,642,600. Included in this total is \$16,340 in funds to support program operations and training and technical assistance. The chart below describes the allocation of funding and slots for each agency.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$1,642,600
Source	State of Missouri

**Early Head Start State Budget 2023 - 2024**

Partner Agencies	EHS State Slots	EHS FY 24/25 Program Budget
Independence School District (ISD)	Sunshine Center-22 Truman High School-24	\$717,025
Operation Breakthrough (OB)	Operation Breakthrough-57	\$909,150
Partner Sub-Total	103	\$1,626,175
MARC		\$16,425
Grand Total	103	\$1,642,600

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

The Policy Council approved this agenda item on 6/9/25 and the Advisory Committee approved of this agenda item on 6/10/25.

**RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

This item impacts Jackson County, Missouri.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Mid-America Regional Council to accept, expend and award contracts for the 2025-2026 program year for Early Head Start services to ISD And OB for a total amount not to exceed \$1,642,600.

## **AGENDA REPORT**

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MARC Board of Directors

### **STAFF CONTACT:**

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director

Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning

## AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2025  
Item No. 7o  
Quality Early Learning

**ISSUE:**

VOTE: Approve contracts for Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start support services.

**BACKGROUND:**

Since 2018, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Head Start has been supporting Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start programs through contracts with individuals and agencies who provide a variety of support services for fourteen Tier 1 and Tier 2 programs serving a total of 1,139 children. Each contractor/agency was selected through an individual Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process conducted as the need arises. MARC Head Start is requesting to continue these contracts for another 12 months from November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2026.

Contracted services include mental health services for classrooms and therapeutic services for children and families, early intervention services for children with special needs and diagnosed disabilities, and translation and interpretive services for Early Head Start and Head Start Preschool services.

The chart indicates that name of the individual or agency, the type of service to be provided, the hourly rate of service, total hours for the total 12-month period and the total dollar amount not to exceed \$418,325.44

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

REVENUES	
Amount	\$32,918,852
Source	Administration for Children and Families
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$418,325.44

**RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

Clay, Jackson and Platte counties are impacted by this agenda item.

**EXHIBITS:**

[Head Start 2025-2026 HS-EHS Independent Contractors](#)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve individual and agency contracts for on-site support services at MARC Head Start programs as outlined in the attachment from November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2026, for a total amount not to exceed \$418,325.44.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

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

## Detail of On-Site Contracted Support Services for Head Start and Early Head Start Programs 2025-2026

**Mental Health Consultants:** individuals / agencies with licensed mental health professionals who provide on-site mental health. Support for teaching staff in Tier 1 and 2 programs as well as individual therapeutic mental health services for all children and families.

Name of Contractor	Hourly rate	Total hours	12-month total
Cultivating Potential	\$105.60	780	\$73,000.00
Suzanne Grace	\$105.60	650	\$69,000.00

**Early Intervention Contractor:** this individual provides support services for children with suspected or diagnosed disabilities that includes on site observation and support for teachers and parents along with referrals and support in the implementation of Individualized Education Plans and Individualized Family Service plans.

Name of Contractor	Hourly rate	Total hours	12-month total
Karen Osborn	\$47.52	1200	\$54,024.00

**Translation and Interpretive Services Contractor:** this contract supports primarily telephonic translation for a wide variety of languages, supports the central intake and application process, and provides onsite interpretation services when needed.

Name of Contractor	Hourly rate	Total hours	12-month total
Propio	Varies	n/a	\$55,000.00



**Data base software contracted services:** Houses information on all children, their families and staff. The data is used to track the progress in meeting HSPPS and MARC Head Start goals. The data is then reported to the Office of Head Start in an annual Program Information Report.

Name of Contractor	# of children/ families	Total cost per child/family	12-month total
ChildPlus Software	2368	\$26.00	\$66,304.00
annual subscription			<u>\$2,997.44</u>
Total contract			\$69,301.44

**Mental Health Consultants:** Agency with licensed mental health professionals who provide on-site mental health support for teaching staff in Tier 1 and 2 programs as well as individual therapeutic mental health services for all children and families. **Professional Development:** Two professional development trainings for Tier 1 and 2 programs. Funds will cover a one-day conference in the spring of 2024 for up to 100 participants focused on wellness and cultural competence and a one-day pre-service conference for up to 200 participants in August of 2024.

Name of Contractor/Serv Provided	hourly rate	# of hours	12-month total
The Family Conservancy			
Mental Health Services	\$100.00	450	\$30,000.00
Prof. Development			<u>\$68,000.00</u>
Total			\$98,000.00

## AGENDA REPORT

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### MARC Board of Directors

June 2025  
Item No. 7p  
Quality Early Learning

**ISSUE:**

VOTE: Approve actions taken on the June 10th, 2025, Head Start Advisory Committee Meeting.

**BACKGROUND:**

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

- Approval of May 2025 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Child Selection Criteria
- Approval of MARC Head Start Program Changes 2025-2026
- Approval of EHS State Grant/Budget Approval
- Approval of Continuation Grant Application

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

None.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

The Head Start Advisory Committee considered this information at its June 10, 2025 meeting and recommended MARC Board approval.

**EXHIBITS:**

Please see attached items from the June 10, 2025 [Advisory Committee meeting packet](#)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the actions taken at the June 10, 2025 Head Start Advisory Committee meetings.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director

## AGENDA REPORT

### MARC Board of Directors

June 2025  
Item No. 7q  
Safe and Secure Communities

#### ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve the three-year renewal agreement with GeoComm for the GeoComm GIS Data Hub.

#### BACKGROUND:

The GeoComm GIS Data Hub supports the ongoing submission and maintenance of GIS datasets across the Mid America Regional Council's (MARC) 11-county regional coverage area.

Participating counties include:

- **Missouri:** Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray
- **Kansas:** Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, Wyandotte, Atchison, and Linn

This cloud-hosted platform accepts GIS data in its native format and processes it through a series of configured quality control checks. The system generates actionable reports to help MARC resolve data errors and inconsistencies, improving the overall integrity of our regional mapping efforts.

In addition to performing quality assurance and data validation, the GeoComm GIS Data Hub also prepares and packages the processed GIS data layers for direct input into GeoComm Maps, the mapping system used by 911 dispatchers throughout the region to process emergency calls. This ensures high-quality, up-to-date map data is readily available to public safety personnel. This solution will replace the current quality control tool and is a foundational investment in future Next Generation 911 (NG911) mapping enhancements.

#### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

This is a three-year agreement with GeoComm for a total of \$118,287.32. Payment will be made annually as detailed below. The total expenditure is included in the regional 911 allocation budget.

Payment Schedule:

- \$37,521.75 - Invoiced net 45 on August 1, 2025
- \$39,397.84 - Invoiced net 45 on August 1, 2026
- \$41,367.73 - Invoiced net 45 on August 1, 2027

REVENUES	
Amount	\$118,287.32
Source	911 Allocation Budget (GIS - Mapping)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$118,287.32
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

#### COMMITTEE ACTION:

This expenditure is a planned investment included in the 2025 regional 911 budget, which was approved by the Public Safety Communications Board on November 20, 2024.

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### **MARC Board of Directors**

**RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

Supports the regional 911 GIS needs of 11 counties within the MARC region.

**EXHIBITS:**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the three-year agreement with GeoComm for the GeoComm GIS Data Hub.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Program Director

## AGENDA REPORT

### MARC Board of Directors

June 2025

Item No. 7r

Safe and Secure Communities

#### ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a contract with Carl Abraham for regional emergency services assessment and outreach work in an amount not to exceed \$81,250.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners has hosted the Kansas City Regional Fusion Center since 2007. The Center's role is to work with federal, state, and local law enforcement and other emergency services agencies to collect, analyze, and share sensitive intelligence information to support the prevention and deterrence of terrorist acts in the Kansas City region. Personnel from several local law enforcement agencies have donated time to support the Fusion Center, and an advisory committee with public and private sector representatives offers guidance to the Center.

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) in conjunction with the Kansas City Regional Fusion Center (KCRFC) and agencies in the nine-county area, provides part-time contractors to help conduct special event threat assessments (SETAs) at venues in the Kansas City nine-county region, evaluate assessments previously conducted, and work with Fusion Center leadership to implement outreach to the public and private venues to increase their emergency preparedness. SETAs are cataloged in a database for future evaluation and tracking. In addition to conducting and tracking SETAs, contractors plan and conduct outreach to venue operators and offer customized training to enhance emergency preparedness.

Federal homeland security funds through the Department of Public Safety Homeland Security Grant Program and the Urban Areas Strategic Initiative (UASI) grant program have been received to support this work. The outreach coordinators were selected through a competitive RFQ (request for qualifications) in late 2021 and will continue in 25/26.

#### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

This action item includes the anticipated award and the known contract that exceeds \$50,000 and requires approval from the MARC Board of Directors.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$81,250
Source	UASI 22, UASI 23, UASI 24
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$81,250
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

#### COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

On May 24, 2022, the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee (RHSCC) approved the investments for the FY 22 UASI funding, which included funds designated for the Outreach Coordinator positions.

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### **MARC Board of Directors**

On April 14, 2023, the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee (RHSCC) approved the investments for the FY 23 UASI funding, which included funds designated for the Outreach Coordinator positions.

On June 7, 2025, the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee (RHSCC) approved the investments for the FY 24 UASI funding, which included funds designated for the Outreach Coordinator positions.

#### **RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

The grant applications were submitted on behalf of Clay, Platte, Ray, Jackson, and Cass Counties in Missouri and Leavenworth, Wyandotte, and Johnson Counties in Kansas.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Carl Abraham for regional emergency services assessment and outreach work in an amount not to exceed \$81,250.

#### **CONTACT:**

Erin Lynch, Emergency Services and Homeland Security Program Director  
John Davis, Fiscal Administrator

## AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2025  
Item No. 7s  
Safe and Secure Communities

### ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize application and acceptance of an Assistant Secretary Preparedness and Response grant for fiscal year 2025-2026 and authorize execution of related subcontract.

### BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has received funding from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) under the Hospital Preparedness Program since 2003. The funding anticipated to be available for FY25/26 is \$379,758 to continue support of the region's health care coalition (HCC) of hospitals, public health, emergency management, and emergency medical services in Missouri's Highway Patrol Region A. This grant will be used to strengthen the readiness of the public health and the health care delivery system to save lives during emergencies that exceed the day-to-day capacity and capability of the public health and medical emergency response systems. This is done through conducting coordinated assessments and planning, conducting training and exercises, and coordinating information and resource sharing during and following incidents and disasters. The grant performance period is July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026. Funding is primarily for personnel and contractual support to execute the approved work plan.

### CONTRACTUAL SUPPORT (included in the above amount):

#### Healthcare Coalition Readiness and Response Contractor - \$72,800

David Schemenauer has been providing contractual planning, exercise and operational support for MARC's Assistant Secretary Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Hospital Preparedness Program since March 2019 after a competitive request for qualifications process. Mr. Schemenauer will continue contract work to support the program as follows:

- Work with staff and committee leadership (Health Care Coalition and other regional committees as appropriate) to execute assigned work plan requirements including but not limited to planning, project & management, assessments and exercise design, execution and evaluation, and committee support & facilitation.
- Lead efforts in working with the HCC to design, execute and evaluate FY25 health and medical exercises including the Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE) and ensuring the inclusion of HCC in other regional exercises as appropriate. Provide planning support for designated projects including portions of the HCC Preparedness and Response plans. Continue to work with area agencies to appropriately incorporate Patient Tracking for Reunification and resource management in plans.
- Serve on a rotating basis as the HCC Duty Officer.

### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The table below summarizes the grant application budget. The contractual line items includes the contract for Mr. Schemenauer and other expenses that fall below the \$50,000 threshold for approval by the MARC Board of Directors.

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REVENUES	
Amount	\$379,758
Source	FY25/26 ASPR Grant from Missouri DHSS
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, indirect, rent) - 1.60 FTE	\$283,411
Contractual	\$72,800
Pass-Through	
Other (travel, supplies, printing, etc.)	\$23,547

#### COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARC HCC (Healthcare Coalition) Steering Committee met on February 25th. New workplan items for the next 5-year budget period were reviewed along with the budget.

#### RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

In addition to the 17 Missouri Metro Hospitals, there are 8 Region-A hospitals: Carroll County Memorial Hospital, Lafayette Regional Health Center, Ray County Memorial Hospital, Fitzgibbon Hospital, Bates County Memorial Hospital, Bothwell Regional Health Center, Golden Valley Memorial Hospital, and Western Missouri Medical Center.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize application and acceptance of an Assistant Secretary Preparedness and Response (ASPR) grant from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services in the amount of \$379,758 for FY25/26; and, if awarded, authorize the executive director to execute a related subcontract with David Schemenauer in the amount of \$72,800.

#### CONTACT:

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Safe and Secure Communities

#### ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize issuance of subaward agreement to Overland Park Police Department for the Fiscal Year 2023 Urban Area Security Initiative Grants.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program originated following the attacks of September 11, 2001. The UASI program provides funding to enhance regional preparedness and capabilities in designated high-threat, high-density areas, building, sustaining, and delivering the necessary capabilities to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism. Eligibility is determined yearly through an analysis of the relative risk of terrorism faced by the 100 most populous Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the United States, per the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended.

The subaward agreement identifies the funding amount and types of items being provided, as well as requirements to be met as a condition to receive the funds. It also serves as a mechanism to transfer ownership to the end user agency from the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC). Originally, the board approved the \$105,000 for the Leavenworth Police Department to fund robotic equipment. Since that time, Leavenworth Police Department received funding through a different source and released the funds back to the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee Law Enforcement Committee for reprogramming to support critical homeland security needs. The Law Enforcement Subcommittee approved the request from Overland Park to help fund a portion of an ICOR Robot. The Overland Park Police Department has agreed to provide the remaining funded needed for the purchase totally \$163,975. Overland Park is part of the regional law enforcement response teams willing to deploy anywhere in the region with the capability when available.

#### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount of grant	\$1,563,067
Source	FY 2023 UASI Grant
PROJECTED EXPENSES - SUBAWARDS >\$50,000	
Pass-Through	\$105,000

#### COMMITTEE ACTION:

On February 4, 2025, the Regional Homeland Security Law Enforcement Committee met and approved the allocation of funds to the Overland Park Police Department for the purchase of an ICOR robot. The Overland Park Police Department has agreed to pay costs of over \$105,000.

#### RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region through local mutual aid processes.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Authorized the Executive Director to execute the subaward agreement to the Overland Park Police Department for \$105,000.

#### CONTACT

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