

SUSTAINABLE PLACES POLICY COMMITTEE

May 9, 2025 Meeting Summary

Committee Members

Dean Katerndahl, City of Parkville, MO – MO Co-Chair
Logan Heley, City of Overland Park, KS – KS Co-Chair
Jon Birkel, Hunt Midwest
Tom Meyer, UMKC, Urban Planning + Design
Katie Jardieu, MoDOT
Cathy Justice, Bridging the Gap
Janet McRae, Miami County Economic Development Corporation
Erin Ollig, City of Overland Park, KS
Michael Park, City of Lee's Summit, MO
Melissa Schmitz, MoDOT
Allison Smith, KDOT

Guests:

Davonna Moore-Edeh, CDM Smith
Juan Yin, MoDOT
Gerald Williams, City of Kansas City, MO

MARC Staff

Ron Achelpohl, Martin Rivarola, Beth Dawson, Patrick Trouba, Anna Van Brunt, Cy Splichal, Megan Broll, Tom Jacobs, Frank Lenk

Welcome and Introductions

Missouri Co-Chair Dean Katerndahl called the meeting to order. Introductions in person and on Zoom followed.

Approval of March 7th Meeting Summary

Missouri Co-Chair Dean Katerndahl called for any additions or corrections to the meeting summary draft; none were suggested. Jon Birkel made a motion to accept the meeting summary; Co-Chair Dean Katerndahl seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the summary was approved

Report on Connected Freight KC 2050 plan

Davonna Moore, Project Manager with CDM Smith, gave a presentation on the Connected Freight KC 2050 Plan. She covered land use contents, critical issues for freight, and proactive planning processes for goods movement.

Central points of discussion included the desire to construct affordable housing in workforce-related areas, adequacy of the workforce and the availability of funding to support it, and climate

change issues affecting rail corridors and if there were any risks considered for the freight system. Additionally, MARC staff mentioned that freight activity centers in the region will be integrated into the work surrounding Activity Centers.

Federal Funding and Policy Update

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, provided an update on the impacts of recent executive orders on MARC's transportation planning work. The committee also discussed rebranding for the committee and Planning Sustainable Places program, recommending that the rebranding reflect the goals of the program.

Committee Work Plan Update

Martin Rivarola, Director of Transportation Planning, presented the committee's final workplan for 2025. The committee provided general approval for the workplan.

Connected KC 2050 Plan Update

Martin Rivarola, Director of Transportation Planning, provided an update on Connected KC 2050, the long-range transportation plan. The draft plan is currently out for public review, with final approval scheduled for June.

Other Items – Quick Updates

The Co-Chairs mentioned that they are reviewing committee membership. MARC staff mentioned the Regional Assembly scheduled for June 13th, 2025, and that registration for the event was open.

No further business was called. The next meeting is scheduled for July 11th. The meeting was adjourned.