



**OPEN MEETING NOTICE**  
**TOTAL TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

Mayor Eric Mikkelsen, Kansas Co-Chair  
Mayor Leonard Jones, Missouri Co-Chair

There will be a meeting of MARC's Total Transportation Policy Committee on **Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.** We encourage in-person attendance but virtual participation by Zoom will also be available. This meeting will be held in the Board Room in the MARC offices at 600 Broadway, Suite 200 in Kansas City, Missouri, 64105 and online via Zoom.

**A G E N D A**

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. VOTE: August 19, 2025 Meeting Summary\*
3. VOTE: Draft 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program\*
4. VOTE: Connected KC 2050 Update Amendment #1\*
5. REPORT: Community Membership Update
6. REPORT and DISCUSSION: MARC Transportation Committee & Process Update
7. REPORT: Climate Action Plan Update
8. REPORT: Green Commute Challenge and Walktober
9. Other Business
10. Adjourn

*\*Action Items*

**The meeting will be open to the public in person or via teleconference.** Members of the public who wish to participate in the teleconference please email [transportation@marc.org](mailto:transportation@marc.org) by Noon on Monday, September 15, 2025, for instructions.

**Special Accommodations:** Please notify MARC at (816) 474-4240 at least 48 hours in advance if you require special accommodations to attend this meeting (i.e., qualified interpreter, large print, reader, hearing assistance). MARC programs are non-discriminatory as stated by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For more information or to obtain a Title VI Complaint Form, call 816-474-4240 or visit our [webpage](#).

**Total Transportation Policy Committee  
Meeting Summary August 19, 2025**

**1) *Welcome/Introductions***

Missouri Co-Chair Mayor Leonard Jones confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order. Online guests were asked to introduce themselves in the chat, and self-introductions for in-person attendees followed. Attendance of this meeting is included at the end of this summary.

**2) *VOTE: July 15, 2025, Meeting Summary***

No changes were suggested for the June meeting summary.

**Recommended action: Approve the July 15, 2025 Meeting Summary.**

**3) *VOTE: 2025 Unified Planning Work Program - Amendment #3***

MARC Director of Transportation & Environment Ron Achelpohl reported on the third amendment to the 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which adds a new project from KCATA in support of the East West Transit study. This study is funded through the federal RAISE program and does not impact MARC's Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) budget. Eight comments were received, and were generally in favor of the amendment.

**Recommended action: Approve 2025 Unified Planning Work Program - Amendment #3.**

**4) *VOTE: Policy on Transportation Improvement Program Revisions***

Ron Achelpohl reviewed the policy on making revisions to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); criteria identifies when administrative modifications are acceptable or a full amendment is required. The policy was last updated in 2011, and includes criteria that sets a financial threshold for requiring a full amendment; MARC proposes modifying this criteria to raise that threshold to \$10m (or in accordance with state policy). The committee discussed \$10m being an appropriate dollar amount considering inflation since the last update to the policy.

**Recommended action: Approve Policy on Transportation Improvement Program Revisions.**

**Committee Action:**

**Councilmember John Smedley made a motion to approve agenda items 2-4. Sabin Yanez seconded the motion, and the motion passed.**

**5) *REPORT: Bistate Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor***

MARC Director of Transportation & Environment Ron Achelpohl briefed the committee on the RAISE grant-awarded Bistate Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor (BSRC) project, which is entering Phase II. Adam Jones, Project Manager from lead consultant Stantec, shared technical details and engagement efforts of the project with the committee. The goal of the project is to enhance mobility, align transportation improvements with community needs, foster economic growth, and address environmental quality goals in the east-west corridor of the Kansas City metropolitan region.

The committee discussed details of how travel time could be reduced in this corridor, including types of transit, number of stops, and network optimization. Environmental concerns such as flooding vulnerability were addressed in the appendix of the study. Current RAISE grant funding is sufficient to cover Phase II of the study, but the project is likely to be

eligible for the capital grants program; however, federal funding for the program is expected to be reduced. One outcome of this study is to show how to phase this and other corridor studies into potential packages of projects to submit to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for funding applications. Study engagement efforts also showed residents of the corridor in favor of fares and property tax increases as a funding option.

**6) *REPORT: Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Plan Update***

Lukas Yanni, Transportation Planner with MARC, presented the Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Plan Update (“Coordinated Plan,” or CPT-HSP). The plan update is required to use FTA Sec. 5310 funds, which provide transportation funding for seniors and individuals with disabilities. The goal of the Coordinated Plan is to maintain and expand regional mobility service levels, bridge gaps in network accessibility, and improve the quality and accessibility of information to the public. Mr. Yanni reviewed the update process and schedule, and shared insights from the service provider survey. A public survey is currently open and will remain open until September.

The committee discussed funding levels and how 5310 funding is typically used for capital investments versus operating costs. Para transit services are analyzed in this plan and coordinated with other services. Next steps include public workshops and engagement, and the plan update is expected to be completed in December of this year.

**7) *REPORT: MARC Transportation Committee & Process Update***

Transportation Planning Director Martin Rivarola reviewed the planning and programming committee structure at MARC, and recent work to streamline and reorganize the structure to address concerns such as time-consuming commitment, overlap between committees, and rate of engagement. The recommended reorganization aims to right-size and simplify the committee structure with fewer committees, predictable and substantive work, and clear expectations.

Mr. Rivarola shared the proposed changes to the planning/technical committees and programming committees, with the addition of focused roundtables to provide less formal opportunities for networking, collaborating on specific topics, and serving as ad hoc advisory work groups. Roundtables are recommended as a less structured supplement to the changes in formal committees, as the existing Planners’ Roundtable tends to have higher rates of participation. There are no plans to consolidate policy committees at this time. Committee members expressed appreciation for the streamlining efforts and attempts to increase participation.

MARC staff have been meeting with committee leadership to discuss proposed changes, and responses have been favorable. Virtual workshops to discuss and share feedback on the proposed changes will be held August 28 and September 3, and invitations will be sent to TTPC committee members following the meeting. Recommendations will come before the committee for formal approval in September or October of this year.

**8) *REPORT: Vibrant Success Stories Call for Submissions***

Principal Planner Beth Dawson shared an overview of the Planning Sustainable Places (PSP) program, which has funded 118 studies with a budget of \$12.8m across the region since 2013. The 8<sup>th</sup> call for projects will be released in May of next year, with \$1.2m in funding available to invest in planning that specifically impacts centers and corridors in the region. The program is hosting a Vibrant Success Stories celebration on December 5 to showcase PSP

implementation throughout the existence of the program. Submissions from fully completed or fully-funded projects in their initial stages of implementation are due Friday, August 29.

**9) *Other Business***

Ron Achelpohl thanked TTPC members who provided feedback for the recent MPO review, and thanked Cecelie Cochran and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for leading the process. The review was positive with no corrective actions, four commendations and some recommendations for consideration. The formal report from USDOT is expected in the next few months and will be shared with TTPC.

**10) *Adjournment***

Co-Chair Jones adjourned the meeting.

**Total Transportation Policy Committee  
Member and Alternate Attendance August 19, 2025**

<b>Jurisdiction/Agency Represented</b>	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Alternate Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Independence, MO	John Perkins		Lisa Reynolds	
Independence, MO	Bridget McCandless		Matt McLaughlin	
Kansas City, MO	Eric Bunch		Jason Waldron	
Kansas City, MO	Jill Lawlor	x	[Vacant]	
Kansas City, MO	Michael Shaw	x	[Vacant]	
Kansas City, MO	Mario Vasquez		[Vacant]	
Kansas City, MO (Northland)	Andy Savastino	x	[Vacant]	
Kansas City, MO (Northland)	Lindsay French		[Vacant]	
Lee's Summit, MO	Donnie Funk		Michael Park	
Olathe, KS	Dean Vakas	x	Nate Baldwin	
Olathe, KS	Mary Jaeger		Beth Wright	x
Overland Park, KS	Lorraine Basalo	x	Kyle Dieckmann	
Overland Park, KS	Jack Messer		Leslie Karr	
Cass County, MO	Trent Salsbury		Reginald Townsend	
Cass County, MO Municipalities	Norman Larkey	x	Steve Stephan	
Clay County, MO	Jerry Nolte	x	Megan Thompson	
Clay County, MO	Tom Degenhardt		[Vacant]	
Clay County, MO Municipalities	Charles Soules		Randy Pogue	
Jackson County, MO	Caleb Clifford		Brian Gaddie	
Jackson County, MO	Megan Smith	x	Sylvia Stevenson	
Jackson County, MO	Leonard Jones	x	Doug Wesselschmidt	
Jackson County, MO	Brian Nowotny		Earl Newill	
Jackson County, MO Municipalities	Mike McDonough	x	Michael Larson	x
Jackson County, MO Municipalities	Dana Webb	x	Jerry Kaylor	x
Johnson County, KS	[Vacant]		Julie Karins	
Johnson County, KS	Janeé Hanzlick	x	Adam Norris	
Johnson County, KS	Lee Kellenberger	x	[Vacant]	
Johnson County, KS	Joshua Powers		Geoffrey Vohs	x
Johnson County, KS Municipalities	Joe Johnson		Leslie Herring	x
Johnson County, KS Municipalities	Eric Mikkelsen	x	Lane Massey	
Leavenworth County, KS	Bill Noll	x	Joe McAfee	
Leavenworth County, KS	[Vacant]		Michael Spickelmier	x
Miami County, KS	Janet McRae	x	Eric Sandberg	
Miami County, KS Municipalities	Randi Shannon		Michele Silsbee	x
Platte County, MO	Wes Minder	x	Scott Fricker	
Platte County, MO Municipalities	John Smedley	x	Kathy Rose	
Ray County, MO	Max Hockemeier	x	Bobby Don Davis	
Ray County, MO Municipalities	Tonya Willim		[Vacant]	
UG WyCo and KCK	Tom Burroughs		Troy Shaw	
UG WyCo and KCK	J.D. Rios		[Vacant]	
UG WyCo and KCK	LaVert Murray		[Vacant]	
UG WyCo and KCK Municipalities	Mark Mathies	x	Amber Vogan	
BikeWalkKC	Eric Rogers	x	Michael Kelley	
HETF Wyandotte County	Luz Ortiz		Gordon Criswell	
Northland Regional Ch. Of Comm.	Sabin Yanez	x	Jenny Johnston	
WTS	Tawn Nugent		Heidi Eilers	x
KCATA	Richard Jarrold		Tyler Means	
KCATA	AJ Farris	x	Leah Suttington	
KC Streetcar Authority	Tom Gerend		Lauren Krutty	
KDOT	Mike Moriarty	x	Cory Davis	
MoDOT	Jeff Hardy	x	Greg Bolon	
FHWA - Kansas Division (Non-voting)	[Vacant]		Javier Ahumada	
FHWA - Missouri Division (Non-voting)	Kevin Ward		Cecelie Cochran	x
FTA (Non-voting)	Carrie Butler		Jeremiah Shuler	

**Total Transportation Policy Committee  
Other Attendance August 19, 2025**

**Others Present**

Michael Anderson, Lee's Summit, MO  
Byron Arnold  
Joe Bink, Eitas  
Anthony Cunningham  
Gerri Doyle, FTA  
Alex Freeman, Kansas City, MO  
Michael Gawlick, Kansas City, MO  
Art Gough  
Mark Green, Independence, MO  
Matt Henderson, Alfred Benesch & Company  
Adam Jones, Stantec  
Scott Karagiorgas, Johnson County, KS  
Matt Kleinmann, Vibrant Health KC  
Jason Langhammer, Garver  
Jon Moore, Wilson & Co  
Davonna Moore-Edeh, CDM Smith  
Beth Peterson, MoDOT  
Kelly Postlewait, Kansas City, MO  
Melissa Schmitz, MoDOT  
Allison Smith, KDOT  
Eric Stitt, Trinity Logistics  
Pat Toby, KDOT  
David Valdiviezo, WSP  
Derek Wise, Cass County, MO  
Selina Zapata Bur, Kansas City, MO

**MARC Staff Present**

Ron Achelpohl  
Darren Adams  
Megan Broll  
Beth Dawson  
Raymart Dinglas  
Bobby Evans II  
Alicia Hunter  
Tom Jacobs  
Martin Rivarola  
Patrick Trouba  
Ryan Umberger  
Raymond Webb  
Lukas Yanni

## TTPC AGENDA REPORT

September 2025  
Item No. 3

### ISSUE:

VOTE: Release Draft 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for public review and comment

### BACKGROUND:

MARC has prepared the Draft 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for public review and comment. The Draft TIP includes all federally funded surface transportation projects, and all regionally significant surface transportation projects regardless of funding source, planned for the Kansas City metropolitan area in Federal Fiscal Years 2026-2030.

The Draft 2026-2030 TIP has been developed by MARC in accordance with regulations contained in the Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act (IIJA), the most recent legislation governing the federal transportation program. In accordance with these regulations the Draft 2026-2030 TIP includes:

- A financial plan that accounts for inflation and includes system-level estimates of operation & maintenance costs and revenues.
- Discussion as to the effect of the programmed investments toward achieving performance targets.
- Visualization techniques to help convey information.

The complete Draft 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program is available for review at: <https://www.marc.org/transportation/plans-and-studies/transportation-improvement-program>

### POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

MARC's Public Involvement Plan requires that amendments to the TIP be released for public review and comment prior to adoption.

### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

### COMMITTEE ACTION:

None.

### RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

### RECOMMENDATION:

That TTPC release the Draft 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP for public review and comment.

### STAFF CONTACT

Marc Hansen

## TTPC AGENDA REPORT

September 2025  
Item No. 4

### ISSUE:

VOTE: Connected KC 2050 Update Amendment #1

### BACKGROUND:

In June of 2025, the MARC Board of Directors approved an update to Connected KC 2050 (CKC2050), the Kansas City region's long-range, Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Amendments are made to CKC2050 as new projects, funding, or programs arise. MARC's Public Participation Plan requires that proposed amendments to the MTP be released for public review and comment.

MARC has received a request from KDOT to amend one project (Project #1592) in CKC2050. The original project was a discovery phase for the K-10 Highway Corridor from the Douglas/Johnson County line to the K-10/I-435 interchange. The amendment is a request to begin implementation of two intersection projects resulting from early recommendations from the study. The projects associated with the amendment are part of the total estimated constrained project cost of \$500,000,000. Details of proposed Amendment #1 are displayed below.

### PROJECT SPECIFICS:

The first is Project # KA-6549-03: K-10 and Lone Elm Road Interchange. This project will construct a new interchange at Lone Elm and tie to the North and South auxiliary lanes along K-10 between K-7 and Woodland. This project is authorized for PE, ROW, and Utility adjustments only with an expected let date in September 2026. The total project cost is expected to be \$40,930,750 in year of expenditure dollars.

The other corridor improvement project is Project # KA-6549-04: K-10 and Lexington Ave Interchange. This reconstruction project will include a reconfiguration of the K-10 and Lexington Avenue interchange. This project is authorized for PE, ROW, and Utility adjustments only with an expected let date in September 2026. The total project cost is expected to be \$59,830,023 in year of expenditure dollars.

Existing Project ID	Project Location	Action	Anticipated MTP Project Cost	
1592	K-10: from the Douglas/Johnson County line east to the K-10/I-435 interchange in Lenexa	N/A		\$500,000,000
	K-10: Lone Elm Rd with tie to the North and South auxiliary lanes along K-10 between K-7 and Woodland	KA-6549-03: Construction of a new interchange at K-10 and Lone Elm Road as determined by the discovery phase	\$40,930,750	
	K-10: Lexington Ave with tie to the North and South aux lanes along K-10 within De Soto city limits	KA-6549-04: Reconstruction of the interchange at K-10 and Lexington Avenue in Desoto as determined by the discovery phase	\$59,830,023	



**FINANCIAL CAPACITY:**

This project is currently included in the financially constrained element of the CKC2050 update.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

Metropolitan Transportation Plan amendments should follow policy guidance from CKC2050 and policies adopted therein. KDOT and benefited cities have consulted and coordinated regarding these proposed improvements.

The Regional Bikeways and Trails Plan has identified the section of Lone Elm Rd where this proposed new interchange would be located as a planned location for a Multi-Use Path connecting two existing Multi-Use Paths to the north and south. The same plan identifies a trail on Lexington Ave south of K-10. During discussion at the Highway Committee, committee members inquired if bicycle and pedestrian accommodations will be provided through the interchanges KDOT indicated that it is anticipated that proposed improvements would address any missing linkages in this multi-use path network.

A PSP study, completed in 2023 titled “83rd Street and Lexington Ave Corridor Study” shows some planned roadway improvements located at 91st St and Lexington Ave. It is unclear if these interchange plans would pose a conflict.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

None.

**RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

This item impacts Johnson County, as well as the cities of DeSoto, Lenexa, and Olathe in Kansas.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

MARC’s Highway Committee reviewed this MTP amendment request in July 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

MARC’s Highway Committee recommends approval for these projects to be released for public review and comment. Highway Committee voted to approve as well during the July 2025 meeting.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Bobby Evans

## TTPC AGENDA REPORT

September 2025  
Item No. 5

**ISSUE:**

REPORT: Community Membership Update

**BACKGROUND:**

The bylaws of TTPC provide for up to four (4) organizational positions representing business, economic development, social equity, environmental, transportation modal, or other perspectives relevant to the current work of TTPC. These positions are appointed by the co-chairs of TTPC and serve two-year terms. The organizations currently holding these positions are BikeWalk KC, the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce, WTS, and the Wyandotte County Health Equity Task Force.

Community organizations were encouraged to submit letters of interest requesting representation on TTPC via email to [transportation@marc.org](mailto:transportation@marc.org) by 4:00 p.m. on August 22, 2025. Organizations currently holding these positions were also welcome to re-apply.

Notice about this opportunity was advertised along with the other items authorized for public review and comment at the July 15 meeting. TTPC members were encouraged to share this opportunity with interested parties in their jurisdictions.

Thirteen organizations submitted applications for these seats. The organizations selected for these seats will be announced at the meeting.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

None.

**RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None. Information only.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Ron Achelpohl

## TTPC AGENDA REPORT

September 2025  
Item No. 6

### ISSUE:

REPORT and DISCUSSION: MARC Transportation Committee & Process Update

### BACKGROUND:

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Transportation Management Area (TMA) for the Kansas City region, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is responsible for continuing, cooperative and comprehensive performance-based transportation planning and programming processes. Key deliverables out this regional work include:

- Development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) - Connected KC 2050
- Development of programming allocations for region's suballocated funding programs
- Management of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Maintenance of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Maintenance of the Public Participation Plan (PPP)
- Maintenance of the region's Functional Class Systems
- Maintenance of ITS architecture and the Congestion Management Process (CMP),
- Many other related transportation plans & studies

In these and other related tasks, MARC strives for efficient and comprehensive processes while seeking to address unique needs of all communities across the region. These processes are known for their transparency, thoroughness, predictability, flexibility, fairness, and openness to meaningful participation by all parties. These positive aspects of MARC's processes will be retained through this committee restructuring process.

MARC's transportation work is in large part accomplished through the engagement with several policy, planning and programming committees composed of a variety of regional stakeholders. The nature of MARC's planning and programming processes can at times appear overly complex and time consuming. A recent review of peer MPOs illustrated that MARC relies on significant greater number of committees to accomplish its work than most of benchmarked MPOs across the county.

As a result, MARC staff reviewed transportation committees & processes to seek ways to right-size and simplify the committee structure by combining duplicative or similar efforts into fewer committees, right-size time commitment by member agency staff and increase active participation and engagement in meetings. In addition to making committee meetings less redundant and time-consuming for our members, it is staff's hope that consolidation of committees should increase integration of multimodal planning in our work.

Staff have developed a recommendation which would continue to advance transportation activities while meeting long-standing goals with a streamlined committee structure. Staff began discussions with committee leadership about a proposed committee restructuring.

At the upcoming TTPC meeting, staff will provide a status update, timeline, feedback to date and discuss next steps related to this recommendation. Additional information can be found following this TTPC Staff Report.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

The recent update to the region's MTP, Connected KC 2050, included a recommendation to review the transportation committee structure and processes.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

None.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

Committee leadership briefings and two virtual committee workshops were recently held with members of all potentially impacted committees. MARC staff shared these recommendations and engaged with participants about thoughts and reactions. The slide deck shared with participants and combined live polling results from both sessions can be found [here](#).

**RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

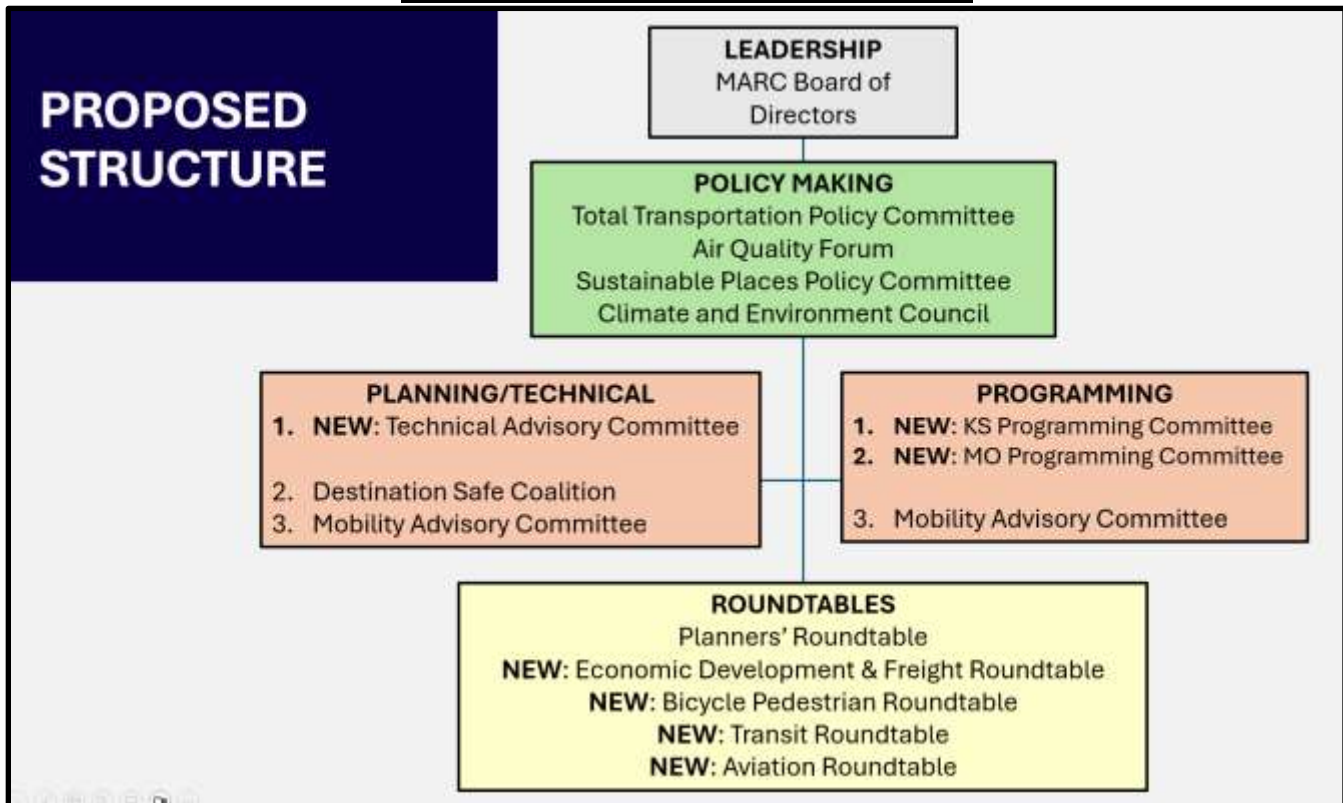
**RECOMMENDATION:**

None. Discussion only.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Ron Achelpohl  
Martin Rivarola  
Marc Hansen

## Recommended NEW Committee Structure



Technical Advisory Committee	
Organization / Membership Category	# of Votes
KS TTPC members	4
MO TTPC members	5
KDOT	1
MODOT	1
KCATA	1
KC Streetcar	1
Other transit (UG, JoCo, Ind)	1
KS city/county technical staff (non-TTPC) *	5
MO city/county technical staff (non-TTPC)*	5
Others (Reps from non-governmental community organizations (bike/ped, environment, freight, business orgs, chambers, EDCs, etc.) *	9
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP:</b>	<b>33</b>

\* Recruitment focus on expertise variety including traffic management & operations, parks & recreation, environment & public health, active transportation

Kansas Programming Committee	
Organization / Membership Category	# of Votes
Municipalities 5,000 population and over	20
Counties (1 seat per county)	4
Municipalities under 5,000 population (1 seat per county)	4
KCATA	1
KDOT	1
Technical Advisory Committee	1
Others (bike/ped, transit, environment, freight, etc.) *	4
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP:</b>	<b>35</b>

\* Membership recruitment will focus on under-represented expertise variety (active transportation, parks & recreation, environment & public health, economic development)

Missouri Programming Committee		
Group	Organization / Membership Category	# of Votes
A	Kansas City	6
	Independence	2
	Lee's Summit	2
	Blue Springs	2
	KCATA	1
	KC Streetcar	1
	MoDOT	1
	Technical Advisory Committee	1
B	Municipalities with populations 5-50k and county seats	19
	Counties (1 seat per county)	5
	Municipalities under 5,000 population (one seat per county)	5
	Others (bike/ped, transit, environment, freight, etc.)	4
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP:</b>		<b>49</b>

Process related recommendations

- Programming recommendations - require affirmative vote by entire committee and both each of Group A and Group B jurisdictions.
- No *formula* for distribution of funds to Group A or B is to be established.

## Virtual Workshop Report

Virtual workshops held on August 28 and September 3 to provide additional detail on recommendations and gather feedback.

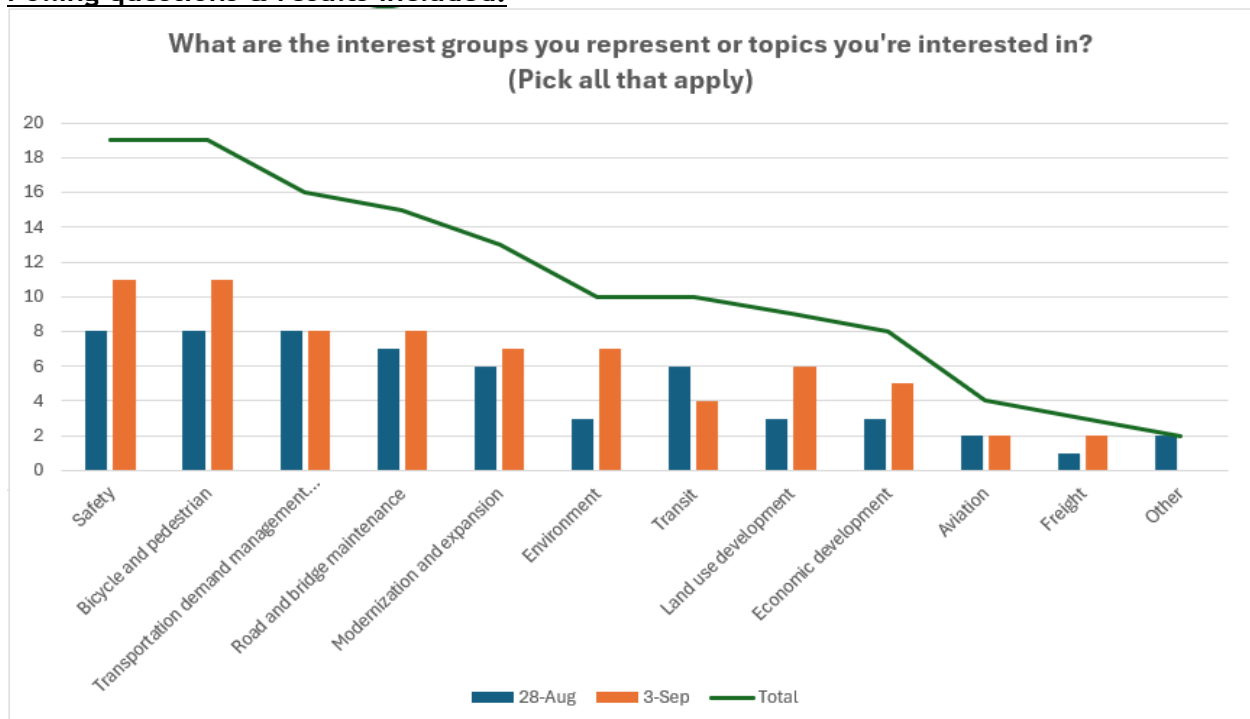
**Distribution List:** Membership/Alternates for all impacted committees (Highway, Goods Movement, BPAC, KS and MO STP, ATPC, TEC, and TTPC)

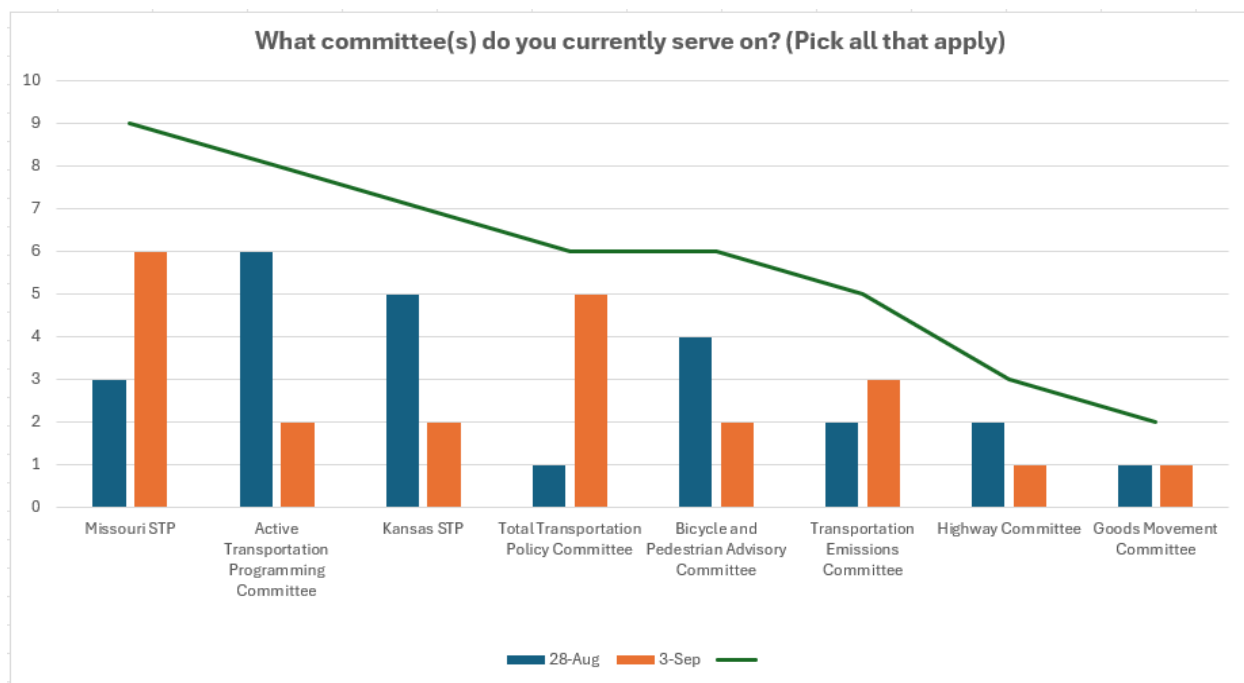
- 55 attended out of 92 registered RSVPs (60% participation)
- 27 cities
- 6 counties
- FHWA / FTA / MODOT / KDOT
- 10 private consulting / engineering / planning firms
- 4 advocacy organizations
- 3 economic development & business organizations

Following Cities and Counties registered to attend:

Basehor	Kearney	Overland Park
Blue Springs	Lansing	Platte City
Bonner Springs	Leavenworth County	Platte County
Clay County	Leawood	Prairie Village
Excelsior Springs	Lee's Summit	Raytown
Gardner	Lenexa	Riverside
Grain Valley	Liberty	Roeland Park
Independence	Miami County	Shawnee
Jackson County	Mission	Smithville
Johnson County	North Kansas City	Sugar Creek
Kansas City, MO	Olathe	Westwood

### Polling questions & results included:





**Q:** Do you feel like the topic/interest you represent is adequately represented in the committee reorganization proposal?

**A:** Yes: 70%      No: 8%      Neutral: 22%

**Q:** Do you feel like the organization you represent is adequately represented in the committee reorganization proposal?

**A:** Yes: 62%      No: 21%      Neutral: 18%

**Q:** I feel like this proposal adequately right-sizes and simplifies the committee structure.

**A:** Yes: 70%      No: 9%      Neutral: 22%

**Q:** I feel like this structure would reduce my time commitment and committee support expectations.

**A:** Yes: 62%      No: 0%      Neutral: 38%

**Q:** I agree with the direction for this proposed reorganization.

**A:** Yes: 85%      No: 5%      Neutral: 10%

### **Conclusion:**

A good cross section of agencies and interest groups/topics were represented in the virtual workshops. In general, consensus appears to be significantly in favor of committee reorganization as proposed. There have been some comments around proposed committee structure which staff will address in revised recommendation to TTPC.



## TTPC AGENDA REPORT

September 2025  
Item No. 7

**ISSUE:**

REPORT: Climate Action Plan Update

**BACKGROUND:**

In April 2023, the MARC Board of Directors authorized receipt of a \$1 million formula grant from the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Grant 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 an 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.

Over the last few months, MARC staff continued to engage stakeholders in the development of the plan including meetings with local governments, targeted interviews and community events. Feedback from these engagements has helped refine the strategies and actions that will be included in the plan. Additionally, consultants have completed a scenario planning process that will provide a possible pathway for achieving net zero emission by 2050 and associated co-benefits for the region. MARC staff will provide an update on the planning process including draft results of the scenario planning process and next steps for plan completion.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Kansas City Regional Climate Action Plan aligns with Connected KC 2050 and the Clean Air Action Plan.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

None.

**RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

None. Information only.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Karen Clawson  
Tom Jacobs

## TTPC AGENDA REPORT

September 2025  
Item No. 8

### **ISSUE:**

REPORT: Green Commute Challenge and Walktober

### **BACKGROUND:**

MARC's WAY TO GO program assists area employers, commuters and others traveling in the region with finding affordable, green transportation solutions that help save money, reduce congestion and reduce harmful emissions that impact public health.

WAY TO GO hosts an annual Green Commute Challenge as way to encourage commuters to walk/roll, bike, use transit, carpool, vanpool or scoot to work in the month of October. Past challenges have been successful in helping area workers try greener modes or recommit to greener ways to commute. Last year, over 70 different employer or community teams participated in the challenge, with participants logging over 7,000 green commute trips. Participants who logged trips were entered into weekly prize drawing and had a chance to win team and individual prizes.

This year will be the Green Commute Challenge's 17<sup>th</sup> year. WAY TO GO will encourage local governments to participate as well as other area employers and will offer a special prize to local government teams who log the most trips. Interested commuters can learn more and sign up today at <https://waytogokc.org/green-commute-challenge/>.

In addition to the Green Commute Challenge, MARC is also hosting Walktober throughout the month of October. Walktober's purpose is to motivate people to become more physically active. Walkers who log their trip on the WAY TO GO platform or post photos or videos of their walk on social media are eligible to win an Urban Hikes gift card.

### **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

MARC's WAY TO GO and Active Transportation programs supports Connected KC 2050, the KC Regional Climate Action Plan and Clean Air Action Plan by reducing emissions, improving access to opportunity and transportation choices.

### **BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

None.

### **RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

None. Information only.

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