



MEETING NOTICE

SUSTAINABLE PLACES POLICY COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, January 9, 2026 - 9 AM – 10:30 am (Hybrid: Board Room and MARC - Zoom 04)

Co-Chairs

Mayor Dean Katerndahl, Parkville, Mo.
Council Member Logan Heley, City of Overland Park, Kan.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of November 14th, 2025 Meeting summary*
3. MetroGreen Network Assessment
4. Environmental Planning
 - Climate Action Plan
 - AWP 5600
 - Transportation Resiliency
5. Proposed PSP Criteria
6. 2026 Workplan and Recruitment
7. Other Items – Quick updates
 - Next meeting March 13th, 2026

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Sustainable Places Policy Committee **2026 Work Plan**

Provide oversight for MARC planning efforts:

- Regional Housing and Transportation Coordination Plan
- Smart Moves: Long-Range Transit and Mobility plan
- Regional Bikeway Plan
- Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
- Public Participation Plan
- Environmental Planning Efforts

Guide Centers and Corridors Work:

- Define “Successful” Centers and Corridors
- Review scope of work and local/regional priorities

Evaluate the Role and Goals of SPPC:

- Coordinate with land-use, freight, and economic development
- Review and update Guiding Document
- Discuss strategic policy direction for the committee

Planning Sustainable Places (PSP) Program:

- Discussion program benefits
- Prepare and program funding for MARC’s 2026 Call for Projects, including future scoring metrics and criteria, project eligibility, program minimums/maximums, etc.

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November 14, 2025 Meeting Summary

Committee Members

Dean Katerndahl, City of Parkville, MO – MO Co-Chair
Logan Heley, City of Overland Park, KS – KS Co-Chair
Brian Alferman, Johnson County, KS
Jon Birkel, Hunt Midwest
Michael Frisch, UMKC
Cathy Justice, Bridging the Gap
Erin Ollig, Overland Park, KS
Allison Smith, KDOT
Regan Tokos, Kansas City, MO
Juan Yin, MoDOT

Guests

Triveece Penelton, Vireo
Earl Harrison, Hg Consult
Selina Zapata-Bur, Kansas City, MO

MARC Staff

Martin Rivarola, Beth Dawson, Cy Splichal, Megan Broll, Frank Lenk, Eric Rorstrom, Hannah Mitchell, Ron Achelpohl, Patrick Trouba

Welcome and Introductions

Kansas Co-Chair Logan Heley called the meeting to order. Introductions in person and on Zoom followed.

Approval of September 2025 Meeting Summary

Missouri Co-Chair Dean Katerndahl called for any additions or corrections to the meeting summary draft; Erin Ollig noted that she was not in attendance and asked that the minutes be corrected to reflect that change. Logan Heley made a motion to approve the minutes with the recommended changes, and Michael Frisch seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Activity Center Map Refresh

Martin Rivarola, MARC provided a review of the comments collected on the Activity Centers map that was reviewed at the September meeting. Next steps include incorporating the updated map in to project evaluation and planning in 2026.

Centers and Corridors Discussion

Beth Dawson, MARC provided a summary of previous work focused on defining centers and corridors. This included a survey, outlying communities panel, MARC staff panel, and comprehensive plan panel.

Discussion followed on how “context” was considered as a part of this work, including the aesthetic and format of the activity centers. Another topic of discussion focused on outlining steps to translate this work into incentives and guides for community planning. Other comments included incorporating riparian corridors, differences between “attractive” and “people-moving” corridors, and how “vibrancy” fits into these areas.

Reconnecting the East Side – Kansas City, MO

Triveece Penelton, Vireo presented on the Reconnecting the East Side study, a reconnecting communities project being performed by Kansas City, MO.

Discussion followed on other examples of other highway reconstruction projects (New York, etc.), and the legal process for modifying this section of US-71.

Annual Update of Conflict of Interest/Whistleblower Policies

Cy Splichal, MARC provided information on MARC’s Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower Policies, which pertain to the programming functions of the committee.

Other Items – Quick Updates

The Co-chairs reminded the committee about the Vibrant Success Stories event to celebrate previous Planning Sustainable Places projects.

No further business was called. The next meeting is scheduled for January 9th. The meeting was adjourned.