



Board of Directors Meeting

February 24, 2026

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Attend in-person at the MARC Offices 600 Broadway Blvd Suite 200 Kansas City, MO 64105 or with a remote option via Zoom.

Members of the public who wish to participate in this meeting please email marcinfo@marc.org by 9:00 a.m. the day of the meeting for instructions to join the teleconference.

AGENDA

1. **Introductions and board sharing time**
Board members are asked to introduce themselves and highlight notable matters occurring in their jurisdiction.
2. **Safe and Secure Communities**
 - a) REPORT: Update on the regional 911 geospatial routing system improvements
3. **Thriving Older Adults and Communities**
 - a) REPORT: Update on the regional KC Fresh Rx produce prescription program
4. **Efficient Transportation and Quality Places**
 - a) VOTE: Authorize transportation suballocated call for projects for fiscal years 2029-2030
5. **Brief reports**
 - a) VOTE: Authorization to submit 2026 US Department of Transportation BUILD grant application
 - b) REPORT: Update on pending federal and state legislation
 - c) REPORT: Executive Director search committee update
6. **Executive Director's report**
The executive director will share brief updates.
7. **Consent agenda**
 - a) VOTE: Approve minutes of the Jan. 27, 2026, board meeting
 - b) VOTE: Approve the 2026 Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan
 - c) VOTE: Approve 2026 safety performance management targets
 - d) VOTE: Approve 2026 air quality ozone season public outreach media purchases
 - e) VOTE: Approve a contract with Weather or Not, Inc. to provide Ozone forecasting for the 2026-2028 seasons.
 - f) VOTE: Authorize acceptance of grant funding from Kansas Department of Transportation to support Phase 2 of the regional Natural Hazard Transportation Risk Assessment.
 - g) VOTE: Authorize an agreement for the purchase and installation of office furniture
 - h) VOTE: Approve an agreement with Motorola Solutions for the 2026 VESTA 911 hardware refresh at regional Public Safety Answering Points

- i) VOTE: Approve the purchase of Garland Technology network test access points to support secure monitoring and data visibility for the regional 911 system.
- j) VOTE: Authorize reallocation of awarded federal funds for the U.S. Department of Health Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration federal award project to enhance mental health mobile crisis response.
- k) VOTE: Authorize an application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs for an FY26 Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grant for automated license plate readers in Kansas City, MO and Independence, MO.
- l) VOTE: Authorize application to Missouri Department of Transportation for the Missouri Elderly and Handicapped Assistance Program for SFY 2027 to provide transportation for older adults and disabled persons.
- m) VOTE: Ratify approval to submit budget and accept grant funds from Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for Community Health Worker Training, Blood Pressure Self-Management and KC Fresh Rx programming.

8. Other business

9. Adjournment

Upcoming meeting

Monday, Mar. 24, 2026

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*Public Transit Representatives (Voting) **Public Transit Advisory Representatives (Non-Voting)

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February 2026
Item No. 2a
Safe and Secure Communities

REPORT: Update on the regional 911 geospatial routing system improvements

BACKGROUND

The Public Safety Communications Board oversees and operates the regional 911 system serving the nine-county Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) region, along with Atchison and Linn counties in Kansas. Under the legacy system, 911 call routing depended on static, table-based datasets. While this approach worked adequately for traditional wireline calls, it presented challenges to accurately route VoIP and wireless calls, where caller locations are far more dynamic and unable to be matched to fixed records.

These limitations become most visible in areas where jurisdictional boundaries converge. In the legacy environment, each wireless call is routed based solely on the cell sector handling the call. Because a sector can be assigned to only one Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), calls are typically routed to the jurisdiction with the largest population footprint within that sector. This can result in calls being transferred between primary PSAPs when the caller is located in a neighboring jurisdiction.

The transition to the VESTA Router 2x platform introduces Geospatial Routing, a significant modernization of the system. Instead of relying on cell-sector assignments, calls will be routed based on the caller's actual geographic location. This capability is expected to substantially reduce the number of transfers between primary PSAPs, improve response efficiency, and enhance overall caller experience.

At the MARC board meeting, staff will present an update on the transition to geospatial routing for 911 calls and discuss its impact on PSAPs across the region.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region and Atchison and Linn counties in Kansas.

RECOMMENDATION

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Hassan Al-Rubaie, Public Safety Technical Services Director
- Eric Winebrenner, Director of Public Safety

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Item No. 3a

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

REPORT: Update on the regional KC Fresh Rx produce prescription program

BACKGROUND

KC Fresh Rx is a produce prescription program which helps participants learn about the importance of including fresh fruit and vegetables into their diet to improve their blood sugar and/or blood pressure. The program also provides participants with an incentive that helps them purchase fresh produce so they can act on what they learn in the program. For the past three years the program has worked with the following clinics: AdventHealth, University of Kansas Family Medicine, University of Kansas Internal Medicine, and Samuel U Rodgers to identify patients who are eligible to participate in the program. Eligible participants meet the following criteria:

- Receive their insurance through Medicaid (KanCare or MO HealthNet)
- Have struggled with having enough food in the past year
- Have been diagnosed with at least one of the following:
 - Pre-hypertension
 - Hypertension
 - Pre-diabetes
 - Diabetes (well controlled and not taking insulin)

In 2026, KC Fresh Rx will enroll a fourth cohort of participants. The program will run from April to October and will provide:

1. Funds given monthly on a KC Fresh Rx card to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables.
2. Nutrition education resources and classes.

Participants can use the KC Fresh Rx incentives they receive at any of the 24 Balls Foods stores (Balls' Price Choppers, Hen House stores, Balls' Sun Fresh stores, and a Payless Discount store). Participants receive a monthly incentive amount based on the size of their household, \$40 per month for the participants and an additional \$20 per month for each additional person living in their household.

The program is receiving referrals for the 2026 cohort from the clinics listed above and a self-referral process is also being piloted to see if the program can be more broadly offered while still maintaining connection to the health care providers of the participants.

KC Fresh Rx has seen positive results during the past three years related to:

- the amount of KC Fresh Rx incentive redeemed;
- an increase in the amount of fruit and vegetables being consumed by participants;
- the reduction of blood sugar, blood pressure and patients experiencing food insecurity;
- the number of patients that have stayed in the program for the full six-month period.

KC Fresh Rx has been supported primarily by funds from a USDA Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program Produce Prescription grant. Other funds supporting the program have come from the Kansas Health Foundation, the Sunflower Foundation, and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

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POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

KC Fresh Rx contributes to the strengthening of support systems for the region's most at-risk residents by promoting healthy nutrition with the goal of improving blood sugar and blood pressure levels for participants. For the long-term, policies will be needed to build the referral and payment process for programs like KC Fresh Rx and other Food Is Medicine programs more integrally into the private and publicly funded health systems.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Alissa Cunningham, Nutrition Innovations Specialist
- Donna Martin, Public Health Program Manager
- Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services

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February 2026
Item No. 4a
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

VOTE: Authorize transportation suballocated call for projects for fiscal years 2029-2030

BACKGROUND

One of the Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) fundamental roles as Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is to provide a forum and facilitate processes for cooperative decision-making about the use of federal transportation dollars for projects and programs in the Kansas City area.

In anticipation of a call for projects for the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) program, Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and Surface Transportation Block Grant Program - Set Aside Program (TAP) program in 2026, staff worked with various committees and other interested parties to review and update project evaluation criteria and processes.

Staff has also updated the online GIS resources relevant to the project evaluation process to reflect changing regulations, demographics, land use, and local planning efforts. These resources are provided to project sponsors as part of the application process.

Given the completion of these activities, staff requests authorization to proceed with a call for projects for CRP, CMAQ, STBG, and TAP funds in early 2026. MARC plans to conduct the 2026 call for projects in two phases. The first phase will assess project applications for consistency with regional plans and policies. The second phase will evaluate project applications using the scoring methodologies established by the various programming committees as in previous funding rounds.

In recent years, MARC has also received approval to fund several projects outside of the project selection process as part of the authorization for the call for projects. This allows these regionally significant projects to proceed with an appropriate level of financial stability.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

It is the policy of the Mid-America Regional Council to award suballocated federal transportation funding to eligible projects that advance regional goals, objectives, strategies and actions as articulated in Connected KC 2050, the metropolitan transportation plan for the Kansas City region.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Preliminary funding amounts for the two-year period of FFY 2029-2030 are noted in the following table. These amounts remain subject to change during the call for projects timeframe.

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FFY 2029-2030 Preliminary Funding Amounts		
Program	Kansas	Missouri
CRP	\$ 4,800,000	\$ 7,100,000
CMAQ	\$ 6,100,000	\$ 5,700,000
STBG	\$ 37,500,000	\$ 40,000,000
TAP	\$ 5,800,000	\$ 12,600,000
Total	\$ 54,200,000	\$ 65,400,000

FFY 2029-2030 Advance CMAQ Allocations		
Program	Kansas	Missouri
Active Transportation Program	\$ 76,000	\$ 76,000
Air Quality Public Education	\$ 660,000	\$ 660,000
Way to GO	\$ 470,000	\$ 470,000
Total	\$ 1,206,000	\$ 1,206,000

FFY 2029-2030 Advance STBG Allocations		
Program	Kansas	Missouri
Operation Greenlight	\$ 1,062,414	\$ 2,367,734
Planning Sustainable Places	\$ 800,000	\$ 900,000
Total	\$ 1,862,414	\$ 3,267,734

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Technical Advisory Committee, Kansas Programming Committee, and Missouri Programming Committee were briefed on this information at their meetings in February 2026. The Total Transportation Policy Committee took action on this item on February 17, 2026.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize a call for projects in 2026 for FFY 2029-2030 CRP, CMAQ, STBG, and TAP funds and approve funding for the projects noted.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Marc Hansen, Transportation Program Manager
- Martin Rivarola, Transportation Planning Director

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February 2026

Item No. 5a

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

VOTE: Authorization to submit 2026 US Department of Transportation BUILD grant application

BACKGROUND

In April 2022, the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), in partnership with the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), began the I-29, I-35, and U.S. 169 PEL Study¹ to identify the Purpose and Need for improvements with the I-29, I-35, and US-169 study area and determine possible viable alternatives for a long-term solution and recommendations that can be carried forward seamlessly into NEPA studies. The goal of the I-29, I-35, U.S. 169 PEL Study was to identify long-term transportation solutions to meet the needs of the study area. In 2025, the Missouri Legislature appropriated \$30 million of general revenues to advance the recommendations of this study.

In 2025, MARC applied for USDOT Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program planning funds on behalf of MoDOT and the City of Kansas City, Missouri, to prepare preliminary and final design, benefit-cost analysis, and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearance to accelerate the development of two critical interchanges along the Kansas City region’s vital I-29 interstate corridor. While the application was highly rated by USDOT and was one of only three such planning applications nationwide to be considered for funding by the Office of the Secretary, it was not selected for funding.

MARC has been asked again to submit an application through the 2026 USDOT BUILD program for a revised version of the 2025 request which will focus on NEPA clearance and preliminary design for the same project. If awarded, MARC will work with MoDOT and the City of Kansas City, Missouri to secure necessary funding agreements with USDOT and finalize responsibilities for management of the project. Applications for this program are due on February 24, 2026.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Upgrading the I-29 corridor will yield significant benefits, including reduced congestion, improving safety and increased economic opportunities for this critical freight/transportation corridor. Over 75% of the freeway corridor within the project boundary experiences crash rates above the statewide average.

This project is included in the Connected KC 2050 metropolitan transportation plan as well as MARC’s approved list of unfunded needs on MoDOT’s system. And MARC has also provided letters of support for 4 other BUILD applications in Kansas City, Kansas; Lenexa, Kansas; Spring Hill, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

REVENUES	
Amount	\$14,400,000
Source	USDOT 2026 BUILD Grant to be matched with Missouri Legislature Appropriated Funds
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
PASS-THROUGH	\$14,400,000

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RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item directly impacts travel in Clay and Platte counties in Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director or other staff to apply for USDOT 2026 BUILD Grant planning funds for improvements to the I-29 Corridor Improvement Project.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment

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February 2026
Item No. 5b
Effective Local Government

REPORT: Update on pending federal and state legislation

BACKGROUND

Several key issues are advancing at the federal and state levels that could have significant impact on areas of concern to the Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) work across the region and that are also addressed in the MARC Board policy positions. Staff will provide a brief update on the following:

- **Missouri Senate Bill 1586** proposes to eliminate Missouri Solid Waste Management Districts. The MARC Solid Waste District Board have been actively engaged in conveying the importance of continuing this proven model of solid waste management, including testifying at legislative hearings on SB 1586 and a similar house measure, HB 2761.
- **Missouri SB 1075** and **HB 2355** would create a 'Food is Medicine Act' by way of a request from the Missouri Department of Social Services application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a **Missouri 1115 Waiver**. The MARC nutrition support and community care hub model are well positioned to scale nutrition incentive, nutrition intervention, and medically tailored meals through a network of community-based organizations and locally sourced food, as specified in the bill language.
- **Kansas House Bill 2689** would establish a Kansas tri-share child care act for the sharing of child care costs among employers, employees and the state, providing significant stability for families, employers and child care providers, similar to a program in Missouri and other states.
- Reauthorization of the **Federal Surface Transportation Act**. TTPC and MARC staff are monitoring proposed legislation and consulting with our Congressional delegation, including Rep. Sam Graves who chairs the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee. MARC has also been helping to coordinate joint policy position statements among the major metro MPOs in Missouri (St. Louis and Springfield) and Kansas (Wichita) and both state transportation departments.
- **FIFA Security Funding**, Department of Homeland Security. MARC emergency response committees and staff are encouraging release of congressionally approved funds for FIFA Safety & Security. MARC may play a supporting role in administering these funds. Regional event organizers and law enforcement officials are eager to commence procurement of need equipment.
- **Urban Area Security Initiative**. As federal debate continues over the focus and structure of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, it is important to the region that federal support for regional emergency and homeland security planning and coordination continue, even if there is significant restructure of FEMA.

These areas have been key areas of interest at recent national policy conferences, including National League of Cities, National Association of Counties and National Association of Regional Councils, and board members are invited to share insights and priorities emerging from these organizations. Board members may also be in a position to support these efforts among federal and state representatives

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BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

RECOMMENDATION

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACTS

- David Warm, Executive Director

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February 2026
Item No. 5c
Exemplary Core Capacities

VOTE: Executive director search committee update

BACKGROUND

At the January Board meeting, OMNI was selected as the firm to manage the recruitment and hiring process for the next Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) executive director. A search committee comprised of MARC Board members met with OMNI for an initial meeting on Feb. 6, 2026, to discuss the process timeline, how to implement a survey of local partners, understand next steps to create a position profile, and developed a sourcing strategy for candidates. Key points from the meeting are below:

- Timeline: the search committee and OMNI are planning to bring a candidate recommendation to the MARC Board by the June 23, 2026, meeting.
- Characteristic survey: this survey will be emailed to all MARC Board members, MARC staff, city managers, and MARC committee chairs for completion
- Job posting: postings are underway across various platforms and networking / personal outreach will begin this week

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The search committee will continue to meet with OMNI over the next few months and keep the board informed of the progress.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

None. Information Only.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Janeé Hanzlick, Past MARC Board Chair
- Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration
- Leah Beatty, Management Intern

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

February 2026
Item No. 6
Exemplary Core Capacities

REPORT: Executive Director's report

BACKGROUND

The executive director will share brief updates.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

February 2026
Item No. 7a
Exemplary Core Capacities

VOTE: Approve minutes of the Jan. 27, 2026, board meeting

BACKGROUND

The minutes of the Jan. 27, 2026, meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes of the Jan. 27, 2026, meeting.

STAFF CONTACT

- David Warm, Executive Director
- McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant



MARC Board of Directors Meeting Summary

January 27, 2026

BOARD MEMBER AND ALTERNATE ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, KS - Board Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, MO - 1st Vice Chair
Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO - 2nd Vice Chair
Council member Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS - Treasurer
Council member Bridget McCandless - Independence, MO - Secretary
Mayor John Bacon, Olathe, KS
Council member Johnathan Duncan, Kansas City, MO
Council member Jared Fears, Independence, MO
Commissioner Scott Fricker, Platte County, MO
Council member Logan Heley, Overland Park, KS
Commissioner Dr. Evelyn Hill, The Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
Victor Hurlbert, Auditor, Clay County, MO
Mayor Leonard Jones, Grandview, MO
Mayor Mike McDonough, Raytown, MO
Mayor Eric Mikkelson, Prairie Village, KS
Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, MO
Commissioner Christian Ramirez, The Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
Mayor Tom Stephens, Bonner Springs, KS
Commissioner Mike Stieben, Leavenworth County, KS
Commissioner Shiela Tracy, Ray County, MO
Mayor Kris Turnbow, Raymore, MO
Mayor/CEO Christal Watson, The Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS

STAFF PRESENT

Executive Director David Warm and other MARC staff

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Council member Garrett Mellott, Edwardsville, KS
Commissioner Jermaine Howard, The Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
Mayor Chris Livesay, Blue Springs, MO
David Rowe, Enterprise KC

AGENDA

Item 1 Introductions and board sharing time

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick called the meeting to order at 12:08 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 and the consent agenda at the end of the meeting. Members will have an opportunity to abstain or object to any items necessary during the vote.

Item 2a VOTE: Launch of Missouri Child Care Works program in Kansas City region

Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start, provided an update about the newly launched Child Care Works program. The Missouri Child Care Works program is a partnership between the state, employers, and employees to provide a cost sharing model for child care. Dr. Sturdivant described the significant outreach efforts that were used to promote the region's application to the state that included: engagements with chambers of commerce, workforce organizations, local boards, media outlets, webinars, and employer meetings to build awareness and secure commitments. The region ultimately applied for 160 seats with three employer commitments, plus 20 seats reserved for philanthropy.

The state's funding announcement awarded 287 seats statewide, with 98 allocated to the Kansas City region. Dr. Sturdivant indicated that employer and provider onboarding and family applications are currently taking place and MARC will continue to serve as a partner and resource to the program. MARC will host an informational session on February 2, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. for local governments and public agency partners to learn more about this opportunity and how it could be offered to their employees.

Council member Heley thanked Dr. Sturdivant for coming out to Overland Park to talk about the program with their team and asked for a status update for state funding of this program in Kansas. He also asked if the state funding isn't possible soon, if it would still be possible to have an exchange in the future on the Kansas side? Dr. Sturdivant mentioned that there has been interest in the state for funding, and Child Care Aware Kansas is working on the project as well. A dual share model is absolutely possible between employers and employees and there is a structure in place that could be used.

Mayor Watson asked if the program is limited to a specific year timeline and if it's sustainable. Dr. Sturdivant answered that the program is appropriated year by year right now and the team hopes to show the benefits of the model so that it continues to be added in the budget for future implementation.

Victor Hurlbert asked how the providers are selected to be in this program. Dr. Sturdivant said that the providers are selected by the families and it could be anywhere in the region. MARC is working behind the scenes to ensure that the preferred providers are in the system and set-up to be a part of the tri-share model so that families don't have to move locations.

Commissioner Stieben asked what the current percentage of childcare is provided by family (grandma/family relatives), institutions, and faith-based facilities? Dr. Sturdivant mentioned that the exact percentage of kinship care is hard to calculate directly because those are usually not registered but the center-based and faith-based care is easier to calculate. She said she will get the report ready and follow up after the board meeting.

Item 3a REPORT: Update on the regional Planning Sustainable Places program

Beth Dawson, Planning Sustainable Places Program Manager, provided an update about the PSP program and the recent Vibrant Success Stories event that elevated several PSP projects. Since the creation in 2013, there have been 205 applications, 118 studies, and 45 unique entities involved across Kansas and Missouri, with an overall program budget of \$12.8 million. The program has supported 72 PSP studies, backed by 34 sponsors, leading to 100 completed projects and more than \$877 million in implementation—over half of it achieved without federal transportation funds.

Ms. Dawson also recognized several communities receiving top honors for innovative, sustainable, and impactful local projects. Featured examples include Olathe's Kansas Avenue Streetscape Project (\$3.25M), Kansas City, MO's Gillham Road Cycle Track (\$168,700), the

Southwest Boulevard Corridor project (\$5.45M), and Overland Park's major investments such as the Downtown Event Hub - Clocktower Landing (\$34M) and the OP Central College & Metcalf improvements (\$4.2M).

Item 3b REPORT: Staff will report on the recently approved APWA 5600 Regional Stormwater engineering standards

Natalie Unruh, Water Quality Planner III, outlined the recently approved APWA 5600 stormwater engineering standards for the Kansas City metro area, merging APWA Section 5600 with the MARC/APWA BMP Manual to create a modernized, integrated approach to stormwater management. This adoption seeks to update and unify standards while supporting next-generation planning and engineering practices for the region.

Ms. Unruh noted the broad regional partnership supporting this work, listing numerous participating cities and counties across both Kansas and Missouri. And explained that the new standards help reduce flood damage, support development, improve efficiency, and save money overall for cities and counties. Through this update, stormwater management priorities use a layered approach emphasizing preservation, retention, detention, collection, conveyance, and maintenance.

Ms. Unruh reminded the board that adoption of the manual is completely voluntary and that MARC staff are always happy to answer questions or speak with city/county staff regarding adoption.

Commissioner Stieben asked what type of deviations from the policy guidelines municipalities are using? And what is the cost increase for developers or jurisdictions to implement these new standards? Ms. Unruh answered that the policy supplement document that was provided with the manual raises the level of when these standards would apply and there has been some discussion about the different types of projects that use the standards. There are places that are focusing more on the public roadway improvements rather than the site development aspect. She addressed the question of cost increases by saying that the cost for development might cost more but the local governments will benefit from lower maintenance costs when these projects are managing the stormwater upstream.

Item 4a REPORT: Overview of the Mid-America Regional Council Area Agency on Aging Area Plan for state fiscal year 2027.

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adults Services, presented an overview of the Draft SFY 2027 Area Plan. Missouri operates ten Area Agencies on Aging, each responsible for delivering services that promote independence and dignity for older adults statewide. Governance of the regional AAA includes oversight by the Commission on Aging and the MARC Board, ensuring accountability and alignment with statewide aging priorities.

This is the third year in the current four-year planning cycle and the budget is informed by quantitative and qualitative data as well as statewide strategic documents, including the Missouri State Plan on Aging and the MO Master Plan on Aging. Missouri's rapidly aging population underscores the need for coordinated planning, as one in five Missourians will be age 65 or older by 2030. The plan outlines essential functions such as assessing community needs, coordinating services, setting goals and strategies, and maintaining compliance across the aging network. Key SFY 2027 priorities include nutrition, benefits access, mental well-being, and caregiver support, with objectives aimed at reducing nutritional risk, expanding access to benefit programs, reducing social isolation, and strengthening services for caregivers. The funding environment remains challenging: while MARC AAS relies on multiple federal, state, Medicaid, VA, and philanthropic funding sources, federal Older

Americans Act funding is expected to remain flat despite rising needs and inflation. A draft of the Area Plan will be available for public comment from January 26 to February 24, 2026, with comments due via email by February 24 at 5 p.m. CST.

Council member Logan Heley asked if there was a possibility to create a tri-share model for older adults similar to how the Missouri Child Care Works program is operating. Ms. Bohling-DaMetz said that would be a great idea if we can find the partners to provide structure for it.

Item 5a VOTE: Approve the 2026 Federal Legislative Agenda

Marlene Nagel, Director of the Office of Resource Development, provided the proposed 2026 Federal Policy Agenda, which outlines regional priorities across multiple sectors, including transportation, environment, economic development, public health, emergency services, early education, aging services, housing, and workforce development. The agenda compiles recommendations from committees, working groups, and public forums and is intended to guide federal advocacy efforts throughout the fiscal year. Key priorities include support for reauthorization of major federal programs, increased investment in infrastructure, public health capacity, housing resources, and workforce initiatives, as detailed across the sector-specific slides. Ms. Nagel reminded the board that these policies were reviewed at the last MARC meeting and changes we made based on the feedback from the board at that time.

Item 5b REPORT: Status of Mid-America Regional Council federal grants, pass-through funds and other funding

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration, reminded the board that MARC is still monitoring several developments at the federal and state levels that may affect regional programs. These include a briefly threatened but ultimately reinstated federal grant supporting the 988 mobile crisis response system in Missouri, proposed Missouri legislation (HB 2761) that would raise the solid waste tipping fee while eliminating solid waste management districts—potentially undermining key recycling and hazardous waste programs—and recently passed federal appropriations bills that could impact homeland security, aging services, early education, and transportation programs. Staff continue to track these actions and coordinate with other metropolitan planning organizations on priorities for the upcoming federal transportation bill reauthorization.

Item 5c REPORT: Annual refresher on the conflict-of-interest policy, whistleblower policy, and board member liability advisory

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration, reviewed with the board the Conflict-of-Interest Policy, Whistleblower Policy, and Board Liability Advisory that can help board members operate transparently and responsibly. The Conflict-of-Interest Policy guides board and committee members in identifying, disclosing, and appropriately managing any potential conflicts to maintain accountability. Ms. Gonzales noted that Mayor Curt Skoog (IBTS) and Mayor Pro Tem Lopez (Guadalupe Centers Inc.) both have potential conflicts of interest and during times of voting items that may interfere, they abstain.

The Whistleblower Policy, influenced by Sarbanes-Oxley requirements, provides employees and board members with safe, multiple avenues to report concerns without fear of retaliation, including access to an external hotline, WeTip. The Board Liability Advisory, provided by Midwest Public Risk, offers best-practice guidance to help board members understand and avoid situations that could lead to liability claims, even though MARC historically has not faced such claims.

Item 5d REPORT: Mid-America Regional Council Regional Leadership Awards nominations and Regional Assembly

Kristin Johnson-Waggoner, Public Affairs Director, announced the upcoming MARC Regional Leadership Award nominations are open and will be through Feb 9. She asked board members to submit their nominations and save the date for the award ceremony on August 14, 2026.

Item 5e VOTE: Authorize agreement with OMNI to manage the selection process for the next Mid-America Regional Council Executive Director.

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration, reminded the board that following Executive Director David Warm's announcement of his 2026 retirement, MARC initiated an executive search process that included issuing an RFP, reviewing 11 proposals, and convening a Search Committee of board members from Kansas and Missouri.

After evaluating the top four firms and interviewing two finalists, the committee unanimously selected OMNI based on its strong nonprofit executive search experience, familiarity with MARC and the region, strategic sourcing methods, personalized candidate assessment approach, and commitment to confidentiality and public trust. The search is expected to cost up to \$46,400 plus \$2,000 for posting expenses, funded 40% by the General Fund and 60% by the Indirect Fund.

Item 5f VOTE: Election of the 2026 Mid-America Regional Council board officers

Mayor Leonard Jones requested approval of the 2026 board officers. He explained that Commissioner Hanzlick asked him and Mayor Curt Skoog to serve on the nominating committee in early January and the slate has been selected. These officers will take effect until the January 2027 board meeting:

- Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, MO, Chair
- Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO, First Vice-Chair
- Council member Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS, Second Vice-Chair
- Council member Bridget McCandless, Independence, MO, Treasurer
- Mayor Eric Mikkelson, Prairie Village, KS, Secretary

Item 6 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Warm did not make further comments.

Item 7 VOTE: Approve consent agenda items

- a. VOTE: Approve minutes of the December 16, 2025, board meeting
- b. VOTE: Review the 2025 audit plan and authorize an agreement with RubinBrown for 2025 audit services
- c. VOTE: Approval of local government dues for 2027
- d. VOTE: Ratify application to the Missouri Department of Health and Human Services for the state fiscal year 2027 Diabetes Self-Management Program Network
- e. VOTE: Approve five-year agreements with Segra and the Kansas Fiber Network for ethernet local area network services to support the regional 911 system
- f. VOTE: Approve 2026 1st quarter amendment to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program
- g. VOTE: Approve amendment #1 of the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program
- h. VOTE: Approve summer 2025 changes to the functional classification system
- i. VOTE: Approve contract extension with Electronic Technology, Inc. for services

to support preventative maintenance and upgrades for the regional Operation Greenlight system

- j. VOTE: Approve purchase of Operation Greenlight field communications equipment to support the regional traffic signal control system
- k. VOTE: Approve contract extension with Olsson Group for traffic signal timing and engineering support services for the regional Operation Greenlight system
- l. VOTE: Approve actions taken on the January 13, 2026, Head Start Advisory Committee Meeting

Motion: Mayor Kris Turnbow moved for approval of the consent agenda and other voting items and Mayor Mike McDonough seconded. Commissioner Hanzlick asked if any member wanted to abstain or object to any of the agenda items.

The motion passed.

Item 7 Other Business

Commissioner Hanzlick officially handed over the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Lopex as he becomes the next MARC Board chair.

Item 8 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

NEXT/UPCOMING MEETING

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 | MARC Offices 600 Broadway Blvd Suite 200 Kansas City, MO 64105

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

February 2026

Item No. 7b

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

VOTE: Approve the 2026 Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan

BACKGROUND

The Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan (the Coordinated Plan) is a planning document required by FTA Circular 9070 H that identifies the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and low-income populations. It provides strategies for meeting those needs as well as prioritizes transportation services and projects for funding and implementation. The document is used for two primary purposes:

- Guiding the programming process for FTA Section 5310 funding, and
- Providing guidance to enhanced mobility providers on how to best meet the mobility needs of their service populations

On January 20, 2026, the Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) approved the release of the Coordinated Plan for a two-week public review and comment period. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) staff received three comments. The comments and proposed responses are recorded on the pages that follow. The plan is available on the MARC website at: <https://www.marc.org/transportation/plans-and-studies/coordinated-public-transit-human-services-transportation-plan>.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Adoption of an updated Coordinated Plan is identified as a key “next step” in the region’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Connected KC 2050. The plan update is required to be in place prior to the beginning of the FTA Section 5310 programming cycle, starting in June of 2026.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Total Transportation Policy Committee took action on this item on February 17, 2026.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the 2025 Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Lukas Yanni, Transportation Planner III

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

February 2026

Item No. 7c

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

VOTE: Approve 2026 safety performance management targets

BACKGROUND

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires States and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to adopt targets for five performance measures for traffic safety. State DOTs are required to update safety performance targets on an annual basis for all five measures. MPOs have the option to (a) support the state targets or (b) establish their own regional targets within 180 days of the establishment of state targets.

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has elected to establish our own regional targets due to the need to harmonize significantly different statewide targets between Kansas and Missouri, and the fact that trends in the Kansas City region do not consistently align with statewide trends on either side of the state line.

The Destination Safe Coalition, on behalf of MARC, elected a new target setting approach for achieving Zero by 2050 (zero fatalities and serious injuries, for vehicle and non-motorized crashes). This new methodology was established during the development of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP). The new methodology calculates the Safety PM1 Targets using a S-curve regression analysis; this analysis reflects a more realistic and cumulative driven process.

FHWA regulations require state DOTs and MPOs to establish safety targets as five-year rolling averages. The 5-year rolling average provides a better understanding of the overall data over time without eliminating years with significant increases or decreases.

The recommended 2026 Safety PM1 Targets are based on the 2020-2024 5-year rolling average crash data and are as follows:

1. Number of Fatalities: 232
2. Rate of Fatalities: 1.05
3. Number of Serious Injuries: 1,247
4. Rate of Serious Injuries: 5.90
5. Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries: 153

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Federal regulations require States and Metropolitan Planning Organizations to adopt targets for safety performance management.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Total Transportation Policy Committee took action on this item on February 17, 2026.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

AGENDA REPORT

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RECOMMENDATION

Approve 2024 Safety Performance Management (Safety PM1) Targets, as presented.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Alicia Hunter, Transportation Planner III

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

February 2026
Item No. 7d
Healthy Environment

VOTE: Approve 2026 air quality ozone season public outreach media purchases

BACKGROUND

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) air quality program conducts an air quality public outreach campaign to educate the public about actions they may take to protect their health and to reduce emissions that lead to air pollution. The air quality program is requesting to purchase the following media advertising campaigns for the 2026 Ozone Season:

- Online campaigns \$75,000
 - Targeted video and images through various providers
- TV campaigns \$50,000
 - KMBC, KCTV5, WDAF Fox 4, KSHB, KMCI, KUKC, and KGKC
- Audio campaigns \$50,000
 - Cumulus, Steel City, Audacy, Carter, KCUR, KTBG, Reyes, La Mega, and Streaming audio
- Outdoor billboard campaigns \$40,000
 - Adsplosure, Commuter Ads, Outfront, Lamar, and Steel City
- Sponsorship campaigns \$15,000
- Social media campaigns \$8,000
- Print campaigns \$7,000
 - local minority newspapers and magazines

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

REVENUES	
Amount	\$245,000
Source	KS CMAQ and FTA/MO CMAQ Air Quality Public Ed
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$245,000

COMMITTEE ACTION

Complete if a prior committee has approved the item; if not, delete this section.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the purchase of the above media advertising campaigns for the 2026 Ozone season.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Karen Clawson, Air and Mobility Programs Manager
- Doug Norsby, Air Quality Senior Planner

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

February 2026
Item No. 7e
Healthy Environment

VOTE: Approve a contract with Weather or Not, Inc. to provide Ozone forecasting for the 2026-2028 seasons.

BACKGROUND

For 30 years, one of the elements of the AirQ program at the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has been publicly providing ozone forecasts for the Kansas City region called “SkyCast”. Forecasting has occurred during the time in which regional ozone levels have the potential to create health problems - particularly for groups of people sensitive to breathing and heart problems. It is critical that high quality forecasts are made and effectively communicated to ensure that groups take appropriate precautions and raise awareness among the public to curtail unnecessary activities which drive pollution levels up.

A request for proposal was developed to provide these services and released via our website and DemandStar on January 13, 2026. Two submissions were received in response to the request by the deadline, by Weather or Not, Inc and Spheros Environmental. Both proposals were reviewed by the selection group and Weather or Not, Inc was determined to be the most qualified vender with a proposed cost within the expected budget.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Funding for this contract is included in grants from the MARC Air Quality Public Education state grants. The contract amount will be dispersed over a three-year period for a total of \$81,965.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$81,965
Source	EPA/KS KDHE state funding 2026, 2027 and 2028
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$81,965

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve a contract with Weather or Not, Inc. to provide Ozone forecasting for the 2026-2028 seasons for a total amount not to exceed \$81,965.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Karen Clawson, Air and Mobility Programs Manager
- Doug Norsby, Air Quality Senior Planner

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

February 2026

Item No. 7f

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

VOTE: Authorize acceptance of grant funding from Kansas Department of Transportation to support Phase 2 of the regional Natural Hazard Transportation Risk Assessment.

BACKGROUND

In 2025, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) completed the first phase of the Natural Hazard Transportation Risk Assessment. This effort is part of a larger regional initiative focused on strengthening the resilience and adaptability of our transportation systems when faced with natural hazards. Through proactive planning, innovative strategies and strong community involvement, the aim is to ensure that our roads, bridges, transit services, and other essential infrastructure can withstand—and quickly recover from—disruptions such as severe weather, economic shifts, and other unexpected events. MARC’s overarching goal is to help the region minimize transportation system disruptions while also reducing disproportionate impacts on vulnerable populations.

Phase one centered on stakeholder and community engagement. The goal was to identify vulnerabilities across the transportation system, establish a shared understanding of transportation resilience, examine how stakeholders currently prepare for and respond to extreme events and determine factors for assessing system criticality. This phase also produced a proposed screening and project prioritization matrix, as well as a tiered framework to support future planning.

Phase two of the project—to be funded by Kansas’ apportionment of the USDOT’s Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) program—will include:

- Asset inventory and hazard identification: Developing a comprehensive catalog of transportation infrastructure, including roads, bridges and transit systems.
- Hazard-asset risk matching: Identifying key natural hazards such as extreme heat, drought, flooding and winter storms, and determining which assets are most at risk.
- Regional risk profiling: Assessing the economic, operational and social consequences of identified risks.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Insights from the assessment will be translated into actionable recommendations for infrastructure upgrades, emergency preparedness and long-term resilience strategies which will be integrated into existing planning tools such as the Transportation Improvement Program and the metropolitan transportation plan, ConnectedKC 2050.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

MARC will receive \$300,000 from the state of Kansas through the USDOT PROTECT program. The local match obligation is \$75,000, sourced from MARC transportation fees. All funding will be expended on a consultant contract to complete the assessment.

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REVENUES	
Amount	\$375,000
Source	\$300,000 (PROTECT grant via KDOT) \$75,000 Local Match (transportation fees)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$375,000

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize acceptance of USDOT PROTECT grant funding from Kansas Department of Transportation to support the Natural Hazard Transportation Risk Assessment - Phase 2.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Karen Clawson, Air and Mobility Programs Manager
- Tom Jacobs, Environmental Programs Director

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

February 2026
Item No. 7g
Exemplary Core Capacities

VOTE: Authorize an agreement for the purchase and installation of office furniture

BACKGROUND

At the August 2025 meeting the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Board approved signing a lease with Penn Seven, L.L.C. for space at 801 Pennsylvania. Since that time staff have been working with ownership of the building to prepare for the move. The lease agreement named MC Realty, Penn Seven's property management company, as the project manager for any remodeling. Because the bulk of the work is alterations to the building and will be covered by the Tenant Improvement Allowance, MC Realty is managing and holding the agreements. The following agreements are in place:

Slattery Architects. MARC selected Slattery in 2021 through a competitive process to support a space study in the current offices. They have continued in the consultative role through a remodel and a second space study. Because of their knowledge of MARC, MC Realty contracted with them for the design of our office space. The Slattery team includes STUFH Studio for interior design and furniture, and Branch Pattern for MEP work.

Haren Construction. MC Realty is using Haren Construction as the general contractor for the project. They are currently bidding out to subcontractors based on the plans developed by Slattery and staff.

A professional analysis done early in the project showed that it was more cost-effective to buy new furniture than to disassemble and move MARC's existing workstations. To furnish the new space, we will use a combination of existing furniture in the new building, moving selected items of existing furniture, and purchasing new. Most of the new furniture will be paid for from the tenant improvement allowance, but MARC will retain ownership, so Board approval is needed for this purchase.

MARC issued an RFP that included the base new furniture needed (primarily workstations and conference room furniture) and some alternative options. Once a vendor is selected, we will work with them on identifying the additional items needed. We received 8 responses ranging in cost from \$1.2M to \$853,879. Staff worked with STUFH Studio to review and narrow down the options to two vendors and a group of MARC staff toured both showrooms. A final decision will be available by the time of the Board meeting.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Office furniture is a critical element in the functionality and culture of the organization.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Our intent is that the furniture will be funded entirely through the tenant improvement allowance, but some funding for smaller items may come from other sources as appropriate such as 911 or General Fund. The original budget for furniture was based on professional evaluation and was estimated at \$875,000.

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REVENUES	
Amount	\$ 2,431,150
Source	Total Tenant Improvement Allowance

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$950,000

COMMITTEE ACTION

The staff group that toured both showrooms are taking into account the quality, look and feel of the furniture, and the pricing.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize MARC to enter into an agreement for the purchase and installation of office furniture at a not to exceed amount of \$950,000, with a vendor to be named at the meeting.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Amanda Graor, Director of Data and Digital Services
- Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

February 2026
Item No. 7h
Safe and Secure Communities

VOTE: Approve an agreement with Motorola Solutions for the 2026 VESTA 911 hardware refresh at regional Public Safety Answering Points

BACKGROUND

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) regional 911 system utilizes Motorola VESTA call handling equipment deployed across multiple primary and backup call answering locations. To maintain system reliability, performance, and vendor support compliance, VESTA workstations and associated components are replaced on a planned lifecycle refresh schedule.

This request represents the 2026 hardware refresh for 14 Public Safety Answer Points (PSAP)/67 positions, consistent with prior annual refresh projects approved by the Board. The proposed equipment replaces aging workstations and peripherals that are approaching end-of-life, ensuring continued operational stability and compatibility with the regional 911 infrastructure.

MARC Public Safety maintains a direct customer relationship with Motorola Solutions, allowing equipment to be purchased directly from the manufacturer. This approach ensures consistency across the regional system and minimizes integration, maintenance, and support risks.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

This action supports MARC’s Safe and Secure Communities policy goal by maintaining reliable, resilient emergency communications infrastructure and ensuring uninterrupted 911 services across the region.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The Motorola proposal provides pricing for the replacement of 67 VESTA 911 workstations across 14 PSAPs at a total cost of \$517,034.72. Motorola Solutions is the sole source vendor due to the proprietary nature of the VESTA system and the requirement to maintain compatibility with the existing regional 911 infrastructure, maintenance agreements, and operational support.

Funding for the replacement of the VESTA equipment is included in the 2026 911 Allocation Budget/Capital Projects.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$517,034.72
Source	911 Allocation Budget (Capital Projects)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$517,034.72

AGENDA REPORT

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COMMITTEE ACTION

This expense is consistent with anticipated costs outlined in the 2026 911 system capital projects budget, which was approved by the Public Safety Communication Board on November 19, 2025.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This purchase supports the MARC regional 911 network and benefits the following PSAPs:

- Atchison County 911 Center
- Blue Springs Police Department
- Fort Leavenworth Provost Marshal
- Independence Police Department
- Jackson County Sheriff's Office
- Kansas City Fire Department
- Leavenworth County Sheriff's Office
- Leavenworth Police Department
- Lee's Summit Fire Department
- Lee's Summit Joint Operations Center
- Linn County Sheriff's Office
- Miami County Sheriff's Office
- Platte County Sheriff's Office
- Platte County Sheriff - Back Up

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the agreement with Motorola Solutions for the 2026 VESTA 911 hardware refresh in an amount not to exceed \$517,034.72.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Program Director

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

February 2026
Item No. 7i
Safe and Secure Communities

VOTE: Approve the purchase of Garland Technology network test access points to support secure monitoring and data visibility for the regional 911 system.

BACKGROUND

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) continues to enhance the regional 911 system to support Next Generation 911 (NG911) capabilities, including advanced data services and third-party integrations such as RapidSOS.

Network test access points (TAPs) are required to provide secure, real-time visibility into network traffic without impacting live 911 operations. These devices allow MARC technical staff to monitor, troubleshoot, and validate network performance while maintaining the integrity and security of emergency communications.

The Garland Technology TAPs included in this request are necessary to support ongoing NG911 functionality and to ensure compatibility with RapidSOS and other data-driven 911 services. Without these TAPs, MARC would have limited ability to safely monitor and diagnose network issues affecting 911 call routing and associated data services.

Garland Technology is the sole source manufacturer for this equipment, and pricing has been competitively discounted through SHI under the OMNIA Partners cooperative contract.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

This action supports MARC’s Safe and Secure Communities policy goal by maintaining reliable, resilient emergency communications infrastructure and ensuring uninterrupted 911 services across the region.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The SHI quote dated January 26, 2026, totals \$224,170.08 for Garland Technology network TAP equipment and associated components. Garland Technology is a sole source provider for this specialized equipment. The pricing reflects manufacturer and reseller discounts.

Funding for this purchase is included in the 2026 911 Allocation budget/Capital Projects.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$224,170.08
Source	911 Allocation Budget (Capital Projects)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$224,170.08
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

AGENDA REPORT

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COMMITTEE ACTION

This expense is covered under the 2026 Public Safety Communications budget approved by the Public Safety Communications Board on November 19, 2026.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item supports the MARC regional 911 network and benefits all participating jurisdictions.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the purchase of Garland Technology network TAPs through SHI in the amount of \$224,170.08 to support secure monitoring and NG911 system functionality.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Program Director

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

February 2026
Item No. 7j
Safe and Secure Communities

VOTE: Authorize reallocation of awarded federal funds for the U.S. Department of Health Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration federal award project to enhance mental health mobile crisis response.

BACKGROUND

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) partnered with six certified community behavioral health organizations (CCBHOs) in Missouri and CommCARE (988 hotline operator) to develop a strategic plan to prepare for implementation of the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline. The strategic plan was completed in July 2022 concurrent with the launch of 988.

Five of the project partners worked together to submit a successful SAMHSA grant application through MARC for funds to implement the strategic plan through a shared approach to enhancing mobile crisis response. The four-year SAMHSA grant award allows for an annual request for unobligated funds to be carried over to the subsequent grant year. At the end of grant year three (September 29, 2025), subrecipients had \$235,069 in unspent funds. Subrecipients have opted to pool their funds for collaborative expenses that MARC would manage for the group. Subrecipients of this grant award include Beacon Mental Health, Comprehensive Mental Health/Burrell Behavioral Health, Swope Health, ReDiscover, and University Health.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Authorization to reallocate \$235,069 would be for the following purposes:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$235,069
Source	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Mobile crisis staff training & team-building	\$41,450
988 & mobile crisis response community education & marketing	\$89,912
Subaward to CommCARE for 911 to 988 diversion training & ASIST training	\$19,465
Suicide awareness training for first responders, school staff, community-based organizations	\$11,250
Technical Assistance contracted services for CCBHO subrecipients	\$30,000
Subawards for conference travel/training for first responder partners	\$25,000
MARC staff conference travel/training	\$6,100
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$11,892

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RELATED JURISDICTIONS

The project area includes Jackson, Clay, Platte and Ray Counties in Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize reallocation of awarded federal funds in the amount of \$235,069 from the federal subrecipients to MARC for the U.S. Department of Health Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) federal award project to enhance mental health mobile crisis response.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Julie Phillips, Capacity Building and Partnerships Manager

AGENDA REPORT

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February 2026
Item No. 7k
Safe and Secure Communities

VOTE: Authorize an application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs for an FY26 Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grant for automated license plate readers in Kansas City, MO and Independence, MO.

BACKGROUND

U.S. Representative Emanuel Cleaver II secured funding through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2026 for automated license plate readers (ALPRs) in Kansas City and Independence within Missouri’s fifth congressional district. Because this is a cross-jurisdictional project, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) was asked to serve as the grant applicant and administrator. MARC is invited to submit a non-competitive grant application through the U.S. DOJ Office of Justice Programs to release the funding.

ALPRs are high-speed camera systems that are mounted on street poles, streetlights or other traffic-related infrastructure to capture license plate numbers. Law enforcement uses data collected from ALPRs for many purposes including determining whether a vehicle was at the scene of a crime, identifying missing vehicles (amber alerts, silver alerts, stolen vehicles, etc.) and predicting travel patterns. This grant award will fund additional ALPRs and supporting infrastructure at priority intersections in eastern Kansas City and western Independence, notably in high-traffic corridors or crime hot spots. An objective for this second round of funding is to improve regional sharing of ALPR data through increased awareness across law enforcement agencies.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The grant award is \$1,031,00 for two years. MARC will retain five percent (5%) of the award for administrative expenses and pass-through the remainder of the award to the two police departments.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$1,031,000
Source	DOJ OJP FY26 Byrne Discretionary Grant
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$55,150
Pass-Through	\$975,850

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This grant involves Kansas City, MO and Independence, MO; however, data collected from the ALPRs will be available to all regional agencies that utilize ALPR Web software for data collection and management.

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AGENDA REPORT

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RECOMMENDATION

(1) Authorize an application to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Justice Programs (OJP) for an FY26 Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grant for automated license plate readers (ALPRs) in Kansas City, MO and Independence, MO in the amount of \$1,031,000.

(2) If awarded, authorize staff to accept the award and enter into subrecipient agreements with the City of Independence, MO and the Board of Police Commissioners of Kansas City, MO in the amount of \$487,925 respectively.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Julie Phillips, Partnerships and Capacity Building Manager

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

February 2026

Item No. 71

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

VOTE: Authorize application to Missouri Department of Transportation for the Missouri Elderly and Handicapped Assistance Program for SFY 2027 to provide transportation for older adults and disabled persons.

BACKGROUND

Each year the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) applies to the Missouri Department of Transportation for funds through the Missouri Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Assistance Program (MEHTAP). These funds are used to provide transportation for older adults, as well as 18- to 59-year-old disabled persons, primarily for medical and essential shopping trips. SFY 2027 applications are expected to be available in February 2026. It’s anticipated that applications will be due no later than March 31, 2026.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

MARC will incorporate this funding into the SFY 2027 area plan transportation budget. MARC received a contract for \$313,335 in MEHTAP funds for SFY 2026. This application will request an amount not to exceed \$350,000. These funds cannot be used to solely support transportation programs but must be used to assist MARC with meeting the required Title IIIB match of 15%. Funds may only be requisitioned at 50% of the total contractual costs that have been incurred.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$350,000
Source	Missouri Department of Transportation
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$350,000

COMMITTEE ACTION

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

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

Missouri counties of Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend authorization to apply for and receive funds, if awarded, from the Missouri Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Assistance Program as allocated for the SFY 2027 program year.

STAFF CONTACTS

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AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

February 2026

Item No. 7m

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

VOTE: Ratify approval to submit budget and accept grant funds from Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for Community Health Worker Training, Blood Pressure Self-Management and KC Fresh Rx programming.

BACKGROUND

For over a decade, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has convened a KC Regional Community Health Worker (CHW) Collaborative and worked with local and state partners to build a strong workforce through training, advocacy and technical services. The two state health departments have provided funds to MARC since 2022 to support free training to individuals desiring to become certified Community Health Workers and to build the skills and knowledge of current CHWs. In addition, MARC supports evidence-based programs and a Food Is Medicine program called KC Fresh RX.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services has offered MARC \$95,000 to support CHW training, Blood Pressure Self-Management (BPSM) and KC Fresh RX programming through June 29, 2026.

The funds will support training for individuals who wish to be certified as trainers by the state of Missouri (Train-the-Trainer training), Supervisory Training for individuals with healthcare and community-based organizations who supervise CHWs, and continuing education and career pathways training for CHWs to maintain their credential/certificate. It will also support network partner training for the BPSM program and the development of a cross-referral process between BPSM and KC Fresh Rx.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Community Health Workers are front-line health care employees who help patients with chronic conditions and social drivers of health to improve their health status. BPSM and KC Fresh Rx are evidence-based programs with documented results improving health outcomes for participants.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The following budget was submitted to MO DHSS for SFY26.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$95,000
Source	Missouri Dept. of Health and Senior Services
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$43,945.86
Contractual	\$50,400.00
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$654.14

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RELATED JURISDICTIONS

MARC provides CHW training at no cost to participants through virtual sessions and use of the Learning Management System operated through MARC's Government Training Institute. CHWs and others throughout the two states are eligible to register. BPSM and KC Fresh Rx programming are pilots covering MARC's Missouri five county region.

RECOMMENDATION

Ratify approval to submit and accept funding from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MDHHS) for Community Health Worker Training, Blood Pressure Self-Management and KC Fresh RX Programming

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