



Budget and Personnel Committee Meeting

January 27, 2026

Meeting begins at 11:15 a.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. Approve contracts, grants, and other major expenditures

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

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

Healthy Environment

- b) VOTE: Approve 2026 air quality ozone season public outreach media purchases
- c) VOTE: Approve a contract with Weather or Not, Inc. to provide Ozone forecasting for the 2026-2028 seasons
- d) VOTE: Authorize acceptance of grant funding from Kansas Department of Transportation to support Phase 2 of the regional Natural Hazard Transportation Risk Assessment

Exemplary Core Capacities

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

Safe and Secure Communities

- f) VOTE: Approve an agreement with Motorola Solutions for the 2026 VESTA 911 hardware refresh at regional Public Safety Answering Points
- g) VOTE: Approve the purchase of Garland Technology network test access points to support secure monitoring and data visibility for the regional 911 system
- h) 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
- i) 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

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

- j) 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
- k) 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

2. **VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda (Administrative Matter and Minor Expenditures)**
 - a) Approve the minutes of January 27, 2026, meeting
3. **Other business**
4. **Adjournment**

UPCOMING MEETING

Monday, Mar. 24, 2026

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Item No. 1a

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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Item No. 1b

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
 - Adsposure, 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

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Item No. 1c

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 vendor 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

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Item No. 1d

Healthy Environment

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

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Item No. 1e

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

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Item No. 1f

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

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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

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Item No. 1g

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.)	

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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

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Item No. 1h
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

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Item No. 1i

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 \$1,031,000 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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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

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Item No. 1j

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

- Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services
- Margaret Murphy, Grant Manager

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Item No. 1k

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

STAFF CONTACTS

- Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services
- Marlene Nagel, Director of the Office of Resource Development



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BOARD MEMBER AND ALTERNATE ATTENDANCE

Council member Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS - B&P Chair

Mayor John Bacon, Olathe, KS

Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO

Commissioner Scott Fricker, Platte County, MO

Council member Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, KS

Council member Logan Heley, Overland Park, KS

Victor Hurlbert, Auditor, Clay County, MO

Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, MO

Council member Bridget McCandless, Independence, MO

Commissioner Christian Ramirez, The Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS

Commissioner Mike Stieben, Leavenworth County, KS

STAFF PRESENT

Executive Director David Warm and other MARC staff

AGENDA

Call to order

Council member Holly Grummert called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m. Due to the meeting being conducted remotely and in-person Council member Grummert 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 with one vote at the end of the meeting. Members would have an opportunity to abstain or object to any items necessary during the final vote.

Item 1a VOTE: Review the 2025 audit plan and authorize an agreement with RubinBrown for 2025 audit services.

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration, introduced Kaleb Lilly with RubinBrown to review the planned audit services for 2025. Mr. Lilly outlined the scope of services, which includes the audit of MARC's financial statements, the Single Audit, the Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) financial statement audit, preparation of the Form 990 for the Community Services Corporation, and the issuance of management and auditor communication letters. The presented engagement timeline details key milestones, starting with the planning meeting on January 27, 2026, followed by interim fieldwork in December 2025, and year-end financial and compliance fieldwork occurring from March 23 to May 22, 2026. Additional deadlines include draft report issuance the week of May 11 and the year-end meeting with leadership on May 26, 2026. Mr. Lilly conveyed the risk assessment for the 2025 audit, highlighting federal financial assistance and compliance with federal programs as high-risk areas, contributed services as a moderate risk, and several operational and financial categories—including cash, capital assets, payroll, and liabilities—as low-risk areas.

Required discussion items focus on fraud risk, internal controls, whistleblower reports, legal and regulatory compliance, and providing space for discussions independent of management.

He also provided contact information for the audit team, including the partner and engagement manager, is also provided. Total amount of the contract with RubinBrown for 2025 audit services will be \$89,000 with the understanding that audit fees for additional major programs may be required at \$6,200 each.

Commissioner Mike Stieben asked what is the most common risk / exception that the firm finds with local governments. Mr. Lilly answered that every audit is different due to the size of the team, expertise of the staff, etc. Because MARC has so many federal dollars that have layers of compliance regulations, that is what makes those transactions “more risky” in an audit’s point of view.

Mayor Christal Watson asked how many total transactions would be evaluated? Mr. Lilly answered that a statistical number of examples will be taken based on a calculation. This ensures that samples are taken at random and can give a clear snapshot of all types of transactions.

David Warm, MARC’s executive director, made sure that the committee was aware that there was a direct connection between RubinBrown and the entire MARC board to ensure transparency.

Item 1b VOTE: Approval of local government dues for 2027.

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration, presented the 2027 local government dues for approval. Local government dues are approved a year in advance to give jurisdictions sufficient time for budget planning. These dues, along with voluntary contributions, provide unrestricted funds that support MARC’s regional programs and help leverage federal, state, and private grants. Dues are assessed differently depending on the type of member: major counties and cities pay per-capita dues, Missouri-side jurisdictions also contribute an Area Agency on Aging match, and all communities provide program-specific contributions to Emergency Services, the Government Training Institute, and the Government Innovations Forum.

MARC has traditionally recommended a 2% annual increase in dues to keep pace with rising program costs, and the same increase is proposed for 2027. Historical dues data and detailed agency-by-agency schedules accompany the recommendation, with invoicing planned for early April and payments targeted by late May. Staff recommends Board approval of the 2% increase across all categories, including member dues, voluntary contributions, emergency services, GTI and GIFT memberships, and the Aging match.

Mayor Watson asked why KCK does not contribute to GTI or GIFT. Ms. Gonzales said that the county covers the cost since the merge of the jurisdictions and that the MARC team would be happy to sit down and walk through the budgets with their staff.

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick commented that the committee should hear more about GTI at an upcoming board meeting.

Council member Logan Heley asked if Ms. Gonzales happened to know what percentage of personnel or operational budget is covered by part of the local dues. She did not but said that she could get those figures to him soon. He clarified that these dollars are generally stable relative to the other funding sources MARC has and that could provide stability to personnel during times of other funding fluctuations.

Commissioner Stieben asked if the board could receive a copy of the flyer / one-pager that is sent to their finance teams so the members of the MARC board can help answer questions

about the costs if need be. Ms. Gonzales confirmed the MARC team can do that once they are ready.

Item 1c VOTE: Ratify application to the Missouri Department of Health and Human Services for the state fiscal year 2027 Diabetes Self-Management Program Network.

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, requested a ratification of an application to the Missouri Department of Health and Human Services for the Diabetes Self-Management Program Network for the final year of funding. The project commitments include hosting six workshops for about 72 participants, conducting social-determinants-of-health screenings, facilitating community service referrals, training 12 new program leaders, creating cross-referral and self-referral processes with the KC Fresh Rx program, and providing transportation assistance. The project totals \$99,230.77 in funding, with about \$30,000 supporting DSMP activities and \$70,000 allocated to KC Fresh Rx, and expenses spanning personnel, indirect costs, training, marketing, translation services, and supplies. The Commission on Aging recommends approval, with the program serving the full state of Missouri and KC Fresh Rx specifically benefiting the five counties of the MARC region.

Item 1d VOTE: Approve five-year agreements with Segra and the Kansas Fiber Network for ethernet local area network services to support the regional 911 system.

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Communications Director, requested approval for MARC to enter into two five-year agreements with Segra and the Kansas Fiber Network (KFN) to provide Ethernet Local Area Network (ELAN) services that will strengthen and modernize the regional 911 system. The agreements support upgrades to existing network circuits, add new site connectivity, and enhance redundancy and reliability across the 11-county network. Procurement is considered sole source due to the limited number of providers capable of delivering the required services, with Segra and KFN chosen to ensure carrier diversity. The total combined cost is \$312,300 over five years, funded through the 911 Allocation Budget, with the first year already included in the approved 2026 Regional 911 Budget. The Public Safety Communications Board has endorsed the use of these funds, and staff recommend approving the agreements to continue supporting network resilience and operational continuity.

Item 1e VOTE: Approve contract extension with Electronic Technology, Inc. for services to support preventative maintenance and upgrades for the regional Operation Greenlight system.

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, requested authorization to extend a contract with Electronic Technology Inc. for preventative maintenance, upgrades, and troubleshooting of this field network. ETI was originally selected through a competitive RFP process in early 2024, and with the initial two-year contract term ending in March 2026, staff recommend extending the agreement for an additional year. The \$180,000 cost for this extension is fully funded through federal transportation grants from Kansas and Missouri, with local agencies providing required matching funds. The OGL Committee will vote on recommending the extension, which impacts numerous cities and transportation agencies across both states.

Item 1f VOTE: Approve purchase of Operation Greenlight field communications equipment to support the regional traffic signal control system.

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, requested approval to purchase equipment for the Operation Greenlight program. This purchase addresses aging components that need to be replaced through the system. The procurement, totaling up to \$166,000, will

be made through the competitively bid Kansas City Regional Procurement Cooperative contract and funded through federal transportation grants from Kansas and Missouri, along with local matching funds. The OGL Steering Committee will vote on January 26, 2026, to proceed with issuing purchase orders, and the upgrade will benefit numerous jurisdictions across both states.

Item 1g VOTE: Approve contract extension with Olsson Group for traffic signal timing and engineering support services for the regional Operation Greenlight system.

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, requested the committee to approve a final one-year contract extension with Olsson Group to provide traffic signal timing and engineering support services for MARC's Operation Green Light (OGL) program. Olsson was originally selected through an RFQ process in 2022, with the base contract executed in 2023 and extended once already; this final extension totals \$170,000 and is funded through federal transportation grants from both states with local agency matching contributions. The OGL Steering Committee will vote on the recommendation, which impacts numerous cities and transportation agencies across the bistate region.

Mayor John Bacon asked if the contract with Olsson has a deliverable or if there is a report out? Mr. Achelpohl said that the company provides signal timing plans for projects on the corridors and helped provide input for the strategic plan as well. Mr. Ray Webb added that the timing work is documented and then shared back to the agencies who own the projects but those are not public more broadly. There is no performance based reports or deliverables.

Council member Heley asked if Overland Park could partner with OGL to provide the needed staffing requirements to help implement the traffic signal prioritization of bus lanes. Mr. Achelpohl said that it could absolutely be considered and reviewed.

Commissioner Stieben asked how long MARC has been contracting with Olsson for this service. Mr. Webb confirmed that the contract has been in place for 4 years now and the project will be put out for bid in future rounds. Mr. Achelpohl commented that Olsson has been used for several other projects outside of those 4 years.

Item 2 Approve Consent Agenda: minutes of the December 16, 2025 meeting

Council member Bridget McCandless moved for the approval of all agenda items and Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Item 3 Other Business

There was no other business.

Item 4 Adjournment

Council member Grummert adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

NEXT/UPCOMING MEETING

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