OGL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 26, 2026, 1:30 p.m.
MARC offices in person

Members Present	MARC Staff Present	Non-Members Present
Stephanie Boyce, Mission, Vice Chair	Ray Webb	Kurt Rotering, Olsson
Steve Schooley, Lenexa	Cedrick Owens	Janelle Clayton, Merge Midwest
Mark Green, Independence	Darren Adams	Lisa Miller, Olsson
John Sullivan, Westwood	Scott Cutshall	Addison Miller, Affinis
Sherri McIntyre, Liberty	Ron Achelpohl	Christos Achillides, Iteris
Andrew Morrow, Overland Park	Barry Viss	Lisa Seymour, TCC
John Culp, Lenexa		Jason Sommerer, Bartlett and West
Bob Orr, Belton		Doug Ripley, TCC
Athena Huynh, Grandview		Michael Hare, Merge Midwest
Alex Martinez, MODOT		Alex Preston, TransCore
Keith Bredehoeft, Prairie Village		Tommy Hunter, Bartlett and West
Arij Humeida, Shawnee		Jamie Mackey, Olsson
Melisssa Schmitz, MODOT		Soma San, Leavenworth County
Greg Rokos, Belton		Mohammad Shehada, HDR
John Miller, FHWA		
Cody Harris, Olathe		
Joey Carley, Raytown		
Brian Scovill, Leawood		
Sol Moinuddin, KCMO		
Anthony Sands, NKC		
David Northup, KDOT		
Doug Wesselschmidt, Grandview		

Welcome
The meeting started at 1:30 p.m. Stephanie Boyce, Vice-Chair, welcomed all and introductions were made.

1. **VOTE: Approval of October 27, 2025, committee minutes**
   Steve Schooley made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was supported and approved.

2. **VOTE: Network Equipment Purchases for 2026***
   Steve Schooley made a motion to approve the proposed purchase of up to $166,000 of radio and switch equipment from ETI. The motion was supported and approved.

3. **VOTE: Signal Timing Support Contract Supplement No 2***
   Steve Schooley made a motion to approve the proposed supplemental contract with Olsson for signal timing support, with an additional expense of $170,000. The motion was supported and approved.

4. **VOTE: Field Network Support Contract Supplement No. 1***
   John Culp made a motion to approve the proposed supplemental contract extension with ETI for field network support, with an additional cost of $180,000. The motion was supported and approved.

5. **VOTE: OGL Operations Agency Match for 2027***
   Sherri McIntyre made a motion to increase the local match per signal per year from $800 to $850 for 2027 and to $900 for 2028 to satisfy the minimum match required for the proposed budget for those years.

KCMO and MODOT voted NO. Sherri withdrew her motion. The issue will be discussed again at the April meeting.

6. **Agency updates roundtable**
   Overland Park is seeking a traffic engineer for their traffic operations center.
   Arij noted that Shawnee just hired Mark Sherfy to fill the city traffic engineer position. He started in December.
   Stephanie noted that construction has started on seven traffic signals on Johnson Drive to install equipment for OGL.

7. **Hot Topic: Solar Battery Backup**
   Steve Schooley presented Lenexa's recent experience with new UPS systems for their traffic signals. The system uses a new battery technology LiFePO4 (Lithium Iron Phosphate), which includes temperature regulation that helps them operate successfully in cold weather. The system can be supplemented with a solar panel in locations where there is appropriate space for it, which reduces power costs and increases the run-time during an outage. The inverter, solar charge controller, etc. are made by Victron and the battery they have used is by Epoch.

   Lenexa is now using smart locks on their traffic signal cabinets. The keys were purchased from ASSA ABLOY and are programmed to allow access for a limited time period. If keys are lost or stolen, they are no longer usable after a short period of time. Reprogramming/updating the key is a very simple process that can be done from a smart phone and there is no need for power at the cabinet so there is little risk that a maintenance worker would be locked out. The key system provides a record of when and where keys were used. This will be a significant improvement in security of the traffic signal system.

8. **Cybersecurity update**
   Barry Viss highlighted a few items from the cybersecurity memo that was included in the meeting packet. OGL has made several security enhancements in the past year including firewalls and network monitoring services and plans to implement multifactor authentication in the coming months. Agencies are asked to be sure to notify OGL staff when a user with an OGL account leaves employment at their agency, consider padlocks or other locking systems for signal cabinets, and practice good password management.

9. **TTS / Miovision traffic signal data sharing update**
   Barry Viss reminded the applicable agencies of their participation in sharing their signal status with Miovision, previously Traffic Technology Services (TTS). Agencies have their own agreements covering this sharing, and if a change is desired, they can let OGL staff know.

10. **MO CMAQ Crowdsource / Arterial Performance Measures Project**
    Ray noted that this project stalled a bit in December as we were not able to get enough responses to set a time to discuss. A meeting is now set for January 28th at 11am. In general, we need direction from all twelve agencies as to who is onboard with this project. This project will provide an analytics platform powered by crowdsource data for arterial performance measures for the Missouri OGL region. Some of the benefits include getting alerts, travel times, and signal performance measures. Also, some safety modules could be available.

11. **USDOT SMART Grant Stage 2 application**
    Ray discussed the USDOT Smart grant which should have another round of funding in the near future. We were not awarded funding from the last round that we applied for, but we did get helpful feedback and propose to apply again. The request is thought to be in the $3M range and would include an analytics platform for the region as well as some field equipment to pilot some testing. There is no match from the local agencies, however it would entail OGL staff time to manage the effort. The committee was asked if there are any concerns with MARC pursuing the application. There were no concerns.

12. **Quarterly operations report**

Darren highlighted a few items from the operations report which was included in the meeting packet. This included signal issues responded to, incidents, comm repair tickets, comm up-time, as well as data collection and signal timing efforts.

13. Quarterly budget report and future funding

Ray reported that the current budget ended November with $199k remaining and is on target. December close is not available but very preliminary costs are around $110k. We are back using federal STBG funds starting January 2026.

The ATMS (advanced traffic management system) software project continues to develop enhancements. However, it has been increasingly difficult to collect the local matches for the project. Several emails have been sent that provide a draft 2-page agreement that could be used if the agency wishes. However, if agency can pay the invoices directly, that is acceptable. There are still 16-18 outstanding invoices.

Operations invoices for 2026 will be sent in mid to late February.

It was noted that new agreements are needed for 2027 and beyond. MARC will be reviewing the current agreement and proposing any updates and changes. Agencies should consider if they want to use a four-year or two-year agreement. There are pros and cons to both.

14. FIFA open discussion

MARC has been trying to stay connected with the planning process, but a lot of specifics are still lacking, and MARC staff do not know what the expectation is for OGL and partner agency staff. There was talk about implementing a centralized bus priority system, but no one on the committee had definitive information on whether it will be pursued or not. If any agencies have knowledge of anything that would be helpful in preparing for the events, please share the knowledge.

15. Whistle Blower and Conflict of Interest

Policies were provided for awareness as MARC shares this annually.

Other Business

MO TEAM March 10-12, St Louis. Sold Out
IMSA March 23-27
KAUTC March 25, Overland Park
ITS Heartland April 26-29, Omaha, NE
MoVITE – Sept 30 – oct 2, Lincoln ne

Next meeting date: April 27, 2026, 1:30 p.m. at MARC.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.