MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Board of Directors Meeting

June 23, 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. **Exemplary Core Capacities**
   a) VOTE: Review and accept the 2025 MARC Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and the Solid Waste Management District 2025 Financial Report.
3. **Quality Early Learning**
   a) REPORT: Staff will present an update about the FY 2026-2027 Head Start Program.
4. **Brief reports**
   a) VOTE: Authorize contracts with nonprofit organizations to implement the US Department of Energy's Renew America's Nonprofits Grant Program.
   b) VOTE: Election of the 2026 Mid-America Regional Council board officers.
   c) REPORT: Home Plus One accessory dwelling unit design competition
   d) REPORT: Update regarding the Mid-America Regional Council's move to 801 Pennsylvania
5. **Executive Director's report**
   The executive director will share brief updates
6. **Recess into executive session to discuss recommendations for appointment of a new Executive Director**
   a) VOTE: Approve appointment of new Executive Director.
7. **Consent agenda**
   a) VOTE: Approve minutes of the May 26, 2026, board meeting
   b) VOTE: Approve renewal of Property, Liability, Vehicle, Cyber and Work Comp Coverages with Midwest Public Risk effective July 1, 2026.
   c) VOTE: Approve application to the Civic Council for a grant to develop a Rural Companion to the KC Investment Playbook.
   d) VOTE: Authorize grant application to the Health Forward Foundation's Affordable Housing and Homeownership funding opportunity to support the Regional Housing Partnership.

e) VOTE: Approve subaward agreement with KC2026 for planning and operational support related to regional safety, security and communications planning for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.
f) VOTE: Approve Mid-America Regional Council Head Start FY 2026 Cost of Living Adjustment for partner program staff salary increases.
g) VOTE: Authorize grant submission to the Administration for Children and Families for the continued support of the Mid-America Regional Council Head Start program.
h) VOTE: Approve contracts for program year 2026 – 2027 Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start support services.
i) VOTE: Approve action items at the June 2026 Head Start Advisory Committee meeting.
j) VOTE: Approve a contract with High Street Consulting to develop a data-driven transportation resilience plan and decision-support tool.
k) VOTE: Approve the regional Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Performance Measure Target.
l) VOTE: Approve the Critical Urban Freight Corridors priority list for submission to the Kansas Department of Transportation to update the Kansas State Freight and Rail Plan.
m) VOTE: Approve the transportation project alignment assessments for FFY 2029-2030 suballocated funds.
n) VOTE: Approve amendment #2 to ConnectedKC 2050 metropolitan transportation plan for replacement of Central Avenue bridge in Wyandotte County.
o) VOTE: Approve special amendment #2 to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program.
p) VOTE: Authorize a contract with consulting firm Vireo to develop a streamside restoration best practices manual.
q) VOTE: Approve agreement with Kids Win Missouri to support the Child Care Works program.

8. **Other business**

9. **Adjournment**

Upcoming meeting
Tuesday, August 25, 2026

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Anderson, Jalen	Jackson County	County Legislator - Designee for County Exectuive Phil LeVota
Bacon, John	Olathe, KS	Mayor
Berberich, Allyson	Platte County	Commissioner - Designee for Presiding Commissioner Scott Fricker
Boley, Damien	Smithville, MO	Mayor
Bolon, Greg	MoDOT	District Engineer
Brewer, Julie	Johnson County	Commissioner
Bunch, Eric	Kansas City, MO	Councilmember
Carpenter, Jon	Clay County	Commissioner
Creighton, Jeff	Olathe, KS	Councilmember
Culbertson, Jeff	Leavenworth County	Commissioner
Dove, Willie	Leavenworth County	Commissioner
Duncan, Johnathan	Kansas City, MO	Councilmember
Fast, Becky	Johnson County	Commissioner - Designee for Commission Chair Mike Kelly
Fricker, Scott	Platte County	Presiding Commissioner
Grummert, Holly	Overland Park, KS	Councilmember
Hanzlick, Janeé	Johnson County	Commissioner
Hardy, Jeff*	MoDOT	Asst. District Engineer
Heley, Logan	Overland Park, KS	Councilmember - Designee for Mayor Curt Skoog
Hill, Dr. Evelyn	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
Hockemeier, Max	Ray County	Commissioner
Howard, Jermaine	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
Hurlbert, Victor	Clay County	Auditor
Huston, Bob	Cass County	Commissioner
Jones, Leonard	Grandview, MO	Mayor
Kelly, Mike	Johnson County	Commission Chairman
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LeVota, Phil	Jackson County	County Executive
Lopez, Beto	Lee's Summit, MO	Mayor
Lucas, Quinton	Kansas City, MO	Mayor
McDonough, Mike	Raytown, MO	Mayor
McGee, DaRon	Jackson County	Legislator
Mellott, Garrett	Edwardsville, KS	Council member
Mikkelson, Eric	Prairie Village, KS	Mayor
Moriarty, Michael**	KDOT	Chief of Transportation Planning
Nolte, Jerry	Clay County	Presiding Commissioner
Pogue, Randy	Kearney, MO	Mayor
Poppa, Michael	Johnson County municipalities	Mayor
Pretz, George	Miami County	Commission Chairman
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Sandifer, Mickey	Shawnee, KS	Mayor
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Smith, Mike	Leavenworth County	Commissioner
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Stieben, Mike	Leavenworth County	Commissioner
Tracy, Sheila	Ray County	Presiding Commissioner
Turnbow, Kristofer	Raymore, MO	Mayor
Vaughan, Tyler	Miami County	Commissioner
Wagner, Scott	Clay County	Commissioner
Walker, Rick	De Soto, KS	Mayor
Watson, Christal	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Mayor/CEO
White III, Frank**	KCATA	President/CEO
Willett, Nathan	Kansas City, MO	Council member
Wright, Chris	Platte County	Recorder of Deeds
Younis, Inas	Overland Park, KS	Council member

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

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 2a
Exemplary Core Capacities

VOTE: Review and accept the 2025 MARC Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and the Solid Waste Management District 2025 Financial Report.

BACKGROUND
At the May 2026 Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Budget and Personnel Committee (B&P) meeting Kaleb Lilly, partner with RubinBrown LLP, discussed an update on the audit, the draft Auditor Communications Letter, and the draft Management Representation Letter. Kaleb noted that the audits have gone well and no issues were encountered during audit testing.

The draft 2025 MARC ACFR, MARC SWMD Financial Report, and letters are available for review on the MARC website at:

https://www.marc.org/about-marc/financial-information

The 2025 MARC Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) will be submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for compliance with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting upon report finalization and issuance.

The MARC 2025 Uniform Guidance Single Audit Report is currently nearing completion and will be brought to the August 2026 board meetings for review and acceptance.

If there are any questions about the draft reports and letters, please contact Carol Gonzales, Erika Benitez, Darlene Pickett or David Warm at MARC, or Kaleb Lilly at (913) 499-4417.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS
The Board approved the agreement with Rubin Brown for continuation of Audit Services at the January 2026 board meeting. The estimated cost for the 2025 audits is $89,000. Funds for the audit are budgeted in the Indirect Fund in the 2026 Budget.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION
Accept the 2025 MARC ACFR and MARC SWMD Financial Report.

STAFF CONTACT
- Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration
- Erika Benitez, Finance Director
- Darlene Pickett, Accountant III
- Lisa Santa-Maria, Accountant III

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 3a
Quality Early Learning

REPORT: Staff will present an update about the FY 2026-2027 Head Start Program.

BACKGROUND
Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) staff will provide a strategic update about the Head Start program that supports 17 direct service providers and supports 2,331 children. There are several voting items regarding this program on the consent agenda and staff will highlight those and the upcoming program year.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS
None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
This item impacts Clay, Platte, and Jackson counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION
None. Information Only.

STAFF CONTACTS
- Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director
- Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 4a
Healthy Environment

VOTE: Authorize contracts with nonprofit organizations to implement the US Department of Energy's Renew America's Nonprofits Grant Program.

BACKGROUND
The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) worked with a number of community partners, including Climate Action KC, the Building Energy Exchange, Community Capital Fund, United Way of Greater Kansas City and the Metropolitan Energy Center, on an application to the US Department of Energy that was submitted in 2023 and awarded late October 2023. The $4.7 million federal grant has been matched with $1.5 million in local foundation funds awarded to MARC for this program. MARC executed the agreement with DOE in August 2024, and following some delay by DOE, is now able to move forward. The end date of the grant is September 30, 2028.

In late summer 2024, MARC worked with Community Capital Fund and a Community Advisory Board to review 62 applications from area nonprofits and select 30 to receive grants for energy improvements to their buildings.

MARC utilized two engineering firms with assistance from Evergy and Metropolitan Energy Center to conduct initial energy assessments and Level 2 ASRAE Energy Audits. Work is underway with the nonprofit organizations on subrecipient agreements and draft bid documents for HVAC replacements, HVAC controls, LED lighting, and building improvements (caulking, weatherstripping, windows, insulation, roof repairs). The DOE has asked MARC to submit a list of the first 11 nonprofit buildings to begin work, which include:

Name of Organization	Building Address	Type of Improvement	Estimated Dollar Amount
Cornerstones of Care	421 E. 137th St., KCMO	LED lighting, HVAC replacement and controls, electrical panel replacement.	$125,000
Hope Faith Ministries	705 Virginia, KCMO	HVAC and building system controls, envelope sealing.	$200,000
KC Public Library – Waldo Branch	201 E. 75th St., KCMO	LED lighting, HVAC controls and upgrade, Water heater replacement.	$160,000
Linwood Property	3210 Michigan, KCMO	LED lighting, HVAC replacement, HVAC controls	$170,000
Mattie Rhodes Center	148 N. Topping, KCMO	LED lighting, HVAC replacement, HVAC controls	$175,000
ReStart	918 E. 9th Street, KCMO	HVAC replacement and controls; water heat replacement,	$200,000

		building envelope sealing.	
Samuel Rodgers Health Center	2121 Summit, KCMO	HVAC replacement, HVAC controls	$200,000
Synergy Services	400 E. 6th St., Parkville	Ltg. Controls, Exterior LEDs, Weatherization, Replace Windows, Replace HVAC, Duct Sealing	$135,000
YMCA – Linwood	3800 E. Linwood, KCMO	pool glass doors' replacement and shades; building weatherization	$185,000
Guadalupe Centers	1512 Van Brunt, KCMO	LEDs & Controls, Weatherization, Insulation, Replace HVAC, Duct Sealing	$160,000
Jewish Vocational Services of Kansas City	4600 The Paseo, KCMO	LEDs & Controls, Weatherization, Replace HVAC, Duct Sealing	$175,000

The remaining nonprofit organizations will be authorized to begin work for bidding and construction later this summer. These include:

Organization	**Improvement**	**Dollar Estimate**
Blue Hills Community Dev.		$85,000
Center for Developmentally Disabled	LED lighting, roof replacement & insulation	$200,000
Community Services League	LED lighting, HVAC replacement, refrig/freezer	$200,000
Cross-Lines Cooperative Outreach	HVAC replacement, LED lighting	$110,000
Don Bosco Center	Door, ductwork insulation, HVAC	$120,000
Footprints	Weatherization, HVAC, windows	$75,000
Full Employment Council	HVAC replacement, LED lighting	$200,000
Habitat for Humanity	HVAC, LED lighting, garage door replacement, ductwork	$85,000
Healing House	HVAC, lighting, ductwork, windows	$85,000
Independence Ave Christian Church	Windows, LED lighting, ductwork, insulation	$200,000
Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council	LED lighting, ductwork, HVAC	$90,000
Rediscover	HVAC, roof replacement, insulation	$175,000

Safe Home	LED lighting, HVAC replacement, controls, water heater	$200,000
Shawnee Mission Unitarian Church	LED lighting, electrical panel, HVAC upgrades	$175,000
Vernon Multipurpose Center	Windows	$100,000
Vineyard Neighborhood Assoc.	HVAC, lighting, ductwork, window solar film	$75,000

MARC is seeking qualifications from firms for construction project management support for some of the agencies in an amount not to exceed $100,000.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Some projects may have higher bid estimates; no one building will receive more than $200,000. If additional funds remain, there are 3 other nonprofits that have been selected as backup for support.

REVENUES
Amount 3-Year Grant - $4,734,755 Federal; $1,500,000 from local foundations

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	$1,000,084
Contractual	786,092
Pass-Through	Nonprofit organizations: $4,419,900
Other (supplies, mileage, stipends)	$28,679

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize MARC to negotiate and execute agreements with the nonprofit organizations and a contract project manager to support the construction work as described above.

STAFF CONTACT

- Beth Dawson, Planning Sustainable Places Program Manager
- Marlene Nagel, contractor

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 4b
Effective Local Government

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

BACKGROUND
At the May 2026 Board meeting, Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Board Chair Beto Lopez, Mayor of Lee's Summit, MO, appointed the MARC Executive Committee to serve as a Nominating Committee for replacement of the vacant MARC Board Treasurer role. MARC Board Officers are elected each year, typically at the January board meeting however, due to election results, the Treasurer position was vacated. Board officers are elected for one-year terms but typically serve at least two years and often move up in the chairs as the chair cycles off. The current officers were elected in January 2026.

The Executive Committee is nominating Mayor Erik Mikkelson to fill the vacant MARC Board Treasurer position, and is nominating Mayor Rick Walker, De Soto, as MARC Board Secretary.

For reference, once elected, the 2026 MARC Board Officers will include:

- Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, MO, Chair
- Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO, First Vice-Chair
- Councilmember Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS, Second Vice-Chair
- Mayor Eric Mikkelson, Prairie Village, KS, Treasurer
- Mayor Rick Walker, De Soto, KS, Secretary

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS
None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION
Elect Mayor Eric Mikkelson as MARC Board Treasurer and Mayor Rick Walker as MARC Board Secretary, as recommended by the Nominating Committee, through 2026 or until 2027 officers are elected.

STAFF CONTACTS

- David Warm, Executive Director

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 4c
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

REPORT: Home Plus One accessory dwelling unit design competition

BACKGROUND
Home Plus One is an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) design competition that incorporates principles of universal design. This competition aims to: (1) raise awareness of how universal design addresses housing challenges for older residents in the Kansas City region; (2) educate key stakeholders in the specifics of universal and age-friendly design; and (3) generate buildable detached ADU plans which incorporate key universal design elements. Home Plus One is a collaboration between Communities for All Ages, the Greater Kansas City Regional Housing Partnership, and the R.L. Mace Universal Design Institute, with generous support from the William J. Brace Charitable Trust and AARP Kansas and Missouri.

Many local governments in the Kansas City region participate in MARC's Communities for All Ages (CFAA) age-friendly city program, which provides education, technical assistance and recognition to cities that take meaningful steps to support their older residents through policy innovations, built environment, and creative programming. A central goal for Communities for All Ages is to empower local governments to provide housing that is both affordable for those who live and work in the area, while also being safe and usable for all ages and abilities. Accessory dwelling units are a more affordable option than traditional homes, and when combined with age-friendly features can be an ideal option for aging in place.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION
None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACTS
- Lauren Schaumburg, Program Manager, Aging & Adult Services

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 4d
Effective Local Government

REPORT: Update regarding the Mid-America Regional Council's move to 801 Pennsylvania

BACKGROUND
As approved at the August 2025 board meeting, the staff of the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) will be moving to a new building located at 801 Pennsylvania. Over the last 9 months, staff have been working diligently and efficiently to relocate staff by the start of the lease.

At the May board meeting, staff will provide an update with a projected timeline and expectations for the coming months as staff are settled into the new building.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS
None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION
None. Information Only.

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

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 5

REPORT: Executive Director's report

BACKGROUND
The executive director will share brief updates.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 6a

VOTE: Approve appointment of new Executive Director

BACKGROUND
The Board will recess into executive session to discuss recommendations for appointment of a new Executive Director.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 7a

VOTE: Approve minutes of the May 26, 2026, Board meeting

BACKGROUND:
The minutes of the May 26, 2026, meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:
Approve the minutes of the May 26, 2026, meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:
- David Warm, Executive Director
- McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant

MARC Board of Directors Meeting Summary

May 26, 2026

BOARD MEMBER AND ALTERNATE ATTENDANCE

Mayor Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, MO – Board Chair
Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO – 1st Vice Chair
Mayor Eric Mikkelson, Prairie Village, KS - Secretary
Commissioner Julie Brewer, Johnson County, KS
Council member Eric Bunch, Kansas City, MO
Council member Jackie Dorman, Independence, MO
Councilmember Johnathan Duncan, Kansas City, MO
Commissioner Becky Fast, Johnson County, KS
Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, KS
Council member Logan Heley, Overland Park, KS
Commissioner Dr. Evelyn Hill, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
Commissioner Jermaine Howard, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
Mayor Leonard Jones, Grandview, MO
Council member Garrett Mellott, Edwardsville, KS
Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, MO
Mayor Mickey Sandifer, Shawnee, KS
Commissioner Mike Stieben, Leavenworth County, KS
Commissioner Shelia Tracy, Ray County, MO
Mayor Kris Turnbow, Raymore, MO
Mayor/CEO Christal Watson, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City,
Councilmember Inas Younis, Overland Park, KS

STAFF PRESENT

Executive Director David Warm and other MARC staff

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Lynne Hermansen, Kansas City Documenter, Beacon
David Rowe, EnterpriseKC

AGENDA

Item 1 Introductions and board sharing time
Mayor Beto Lopez called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and welcomed attendees. Due to the meeting being held remotely and in-person, Mayor Lopez provided instructions for participation. He 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 REPORT: REPORT: Understanding the state of housing in the Kansas City Region

Frank Lenk, Director of the Office of Economic Research, provided the Kansas City region's housing story from historical context to present-day policy choices. Decades of policy decisions to expand infrastructure pushed development steadily outward and the regional developed footprint grew dramatically from 1940 to 1970 to today — creating a pattern where

land and housing were cheap but infrastructure was costly and transportation rivaled housing costs. Mr. Lenk also mentioned the inward decline of the urban core which spread faster than outward growth and was shaped by discriminatory policies that concentrated poverty and people of color in the urban core. That trajectory largely held through 2010, but pro-housing measures such as subsidized warehouse conversions reversed core decline around downtown. By 2020 the region had shifted from a declining-core/growing-suburb pattern toward one where all areas are healthy in their ability to attract population.

On the demand side, demographic forces are reshaping what kind of housing is needed. Retiring baby boomers and their millennial children fueled demand for multi-family units, while the U.S. fertility rate fell to roughly 1.66 by 2021. The combination of declining fertility, an aging population, and lower immigration is shrinking household size — from 2.49 persons in 2020 to a projected 2.33 by 2050 — and a more diverse population is seeking a wider variety of housing types and locations. Local governments responded to this demand by planning for reinvestment and revitalization as much as new development (e.g., Vision Metcalf), using neighborhood-scale visualizations and tools like the KC Streetcar, which unleashed $2B of investment and doubled the prior pace of construction permits.

Mr. Lenk said that central problem is supply. Despite growth near historical averages, the region is producing housing at half its pre-great recession rate and is still below most peer metros. Vacancy rates have fallen faster than in peer metros and applying 2000 household headship rates implies the region is short roughly 29,000 units. The shortage is concentrated in ownership: about 57,000 fewer homeowners than expected and 28,000 more renters, affecting virtually all age groups rather than just first-time buyers. Institutional investors add pressure at the neighborhood level — the 33 largest own 14,000 single-family homes (equal to 25% of the ownership shortfall, though only 9% of the single-family rental market).

These supply constraints have produced an affordability squeeze. Median home values have nearly doubled since 2010, rising about twice as fast as incomes, largely post-pandemic. Owner-occupied homes under $150,000 have been cut in half while those above $400,000 nearly tripled, rentals under $1,000/month have halved, and the affordable-housing gap stands at roughly 69,000 units — levels not seen since the foreclosure crisis, with cost burdens now climbing for owners and renters alike. In response, local governments are experimenting with pro-housing policy: eliminating single-family-only zoning, pre-approved building plans, accessory dwelling units, prefab/manufactured homes, supply-side incentives, and efforts to preserve existing affordable stock. Mr. Lenk indicated that policy transformed these markets before and can again but the Kansas City region must contemplate which policies to choose.

Commissioner Dr. Evelyn Hill asked what was considered the median cost of affordable housing? Mr. Lenk answered that the medium income for a family is slightly over $100,000 so if that family is spending more than $30,000 on housing, they are spending too much. But if you're asking about the price per unit, he would have to do more research and follow up with an answer.

Mayor Eric Mikkelson wanted to make sure that board members on the Kansas side were aware of the newly passed state affordable housing package which will require all local governments to reexamine their zoning codes.

Commissioner Mike Stieben asked whether lowering housing-code standards could make homes more vulnerable to natural disasters. Mr. Lenk said this could be a trade-off for local governments to consider.

Mr. David Warm commented that MARC is launching a housing transit study that is specially looking at high capacity transit routes and housing opportunities along them. Commissioner Stieben asked if that encompasses both urban and rural areas and Mr. Warm confirmed.

Item 2b REPORT: Introduction and overview of the Kansas City regional housing fund

Geoff Jolley, Executive Director of LISC-KC, introduced the KC Regional Housing Fund (KC-RHF)—a flexible, low-cost pool of capital designed to close financing gaps in housing development while guaranteeing affordability components. It grew out of the Regional Housing Partnership, which built the case through housing data, a developer needs assessment, local government interviews, and a business plan. The fund's mission is to address the region's affordable housing shortage, serving Kansas City and the nine counties of the KC Metro Area, with an aspirational vision of community wealth, ownership, and inclusive growth. Managed by LISC Fund Management, it carries an impact goal of 3,500–5,000 housing units at roughly 3x leverage, launching in Q3/Q4 2026 with $40 million and scaling to $100 million by December 2027.

The RHF sits within a broader financing ecosystem—blending public funds, philanthropy, traditional bank debt, and equity investors—to support both for-profit and non-profit developers. Operationally, LISC KC provides local, community-embedded knowledge and project sourcing, while LISC Fund Management handles underwriting, credit review, compliance, and investor relations. The indicative timeline runs from $20–30M in seed funding (Q3 2025–Q2 2026), through the $40M fund launch (Q3/Q4 2026), to ongoing fundraising toward $100M by Q4 2027. The capital structure layers charitable debt, grants, and equity—using grants and first-loss capital (25–40%) to catalyze scale and protect senior investors through priority repayment and target subordination of 60–75%.

The fund deploys capital through multiple products—forward purchase agreements, senior and subordinate construction loans, and preferred equity—covering acquisition, adaptive reuse, rehab, and new construction for both multi-family and single-family projects. Investments are evaluated against a Key Impact Scoring Matrix weighing developer strength, neighborhood need, transit proximity, mixed-income and homeownership components, and project viability. KC-RHF is a civic asset and civic infrastructure: a region-wide, mixed-income fund (not affordable-only) spanning rental and owner-occupied, new construction and rehab, that provides debt and equity financing rather than grants and leverages private capital to multiply its impact.

Commissioner Mike Steiben asked how this program would interact with the reinvestment housing districts on the Kansas side. Mr. Jolley answered that the fund would operate as a part of a capital stack that a development may choose as an additional tool because the fund doesn't care whether the project is in a district or not, it would just stack on top of other investments.

Mayor Christal Watson asked if the percentage loan would be different than if someone went through a traditional banking institution? Mr. Jolley answered that the fund is anticipated to be concessionary and lower than traditional institutions but the fund will not take on an entire project and instead would like to see banks come alongside the project to blend the capital.

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick asked theoretically if a local jurisdiction had funds that they wanted to designate towards affordable housing, if the jurisdiction could set up a fund within the RHF that could augment projects in their community? Mr. Jolley answered that he would love to have a conversation about it because at a county level – it's doable. But because the fund is bi-state and serves 119 cities, breaking it down at a municipal level would be more

challenging. He suggested that instead of putting the money directly under the RHF, to instead invest the funds in projects that the RHF is already partnering with inside that jurisdiction to work alongside the RHF.

Item 3a VOTE: Approve application to the USDOT 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All program to advance strategies and priorities of the Destination Safe Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, requested approval to advance a third application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, a $5 billion federal initiative established under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (2022–2026) to eliminate traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries through the Safe System Approach. MARC has successfully secured two prior SS4A awards—the FY2023 Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, adopted April 28, 2026, and the FY2025 Whole Blood Demonstration, now pending a draft grant agreement. The current "Get There Safe" application, due May 26, 2026, advances the priorities of the Destination Safe Comprehensive Safety Action Plan through eight coordinated activities spanning public safety infrastructure (whole blood/prehospital transfusion implementation and an emergency vehicle preemption pilot with the Kansas City, KS Fire Department and the City of Olathe), supplemental planning and data analysis (bi-state crash data reporting, a local-partner crash data dashboard, and roadway safety planning), and pedestrian safety enhancements (crossing-sign safety analysis, the SafeAcross program, and intersection safety improvements in partnership with Kansas City, MO). Total application is not to exceed $24 million.

Item 3b VOTE: Approve the Greater Kansas City Regional Bikeway Plan update

Patrick Trouba, Transportation Planner II, requested approval of the proposed update to the Greater Kansas City Regional Bikeway Plan, originally adopted in 2015 to guide development of a large regional bikeway network. The update is intended to better support implementation of safe, low-stress bicycle facilities across the MARC region, with a particular focus on improving connections between jurisdictions. To advance the update, MARC engaged Toole Design Group and partners, who analyzed the regional street network, gathered public and stakeholder input, prepared technical materials, drafted the plan narrative, and developed a simplified Regional Bikeway Network. The draft was then released for public comment, generating eleven comments and responses.

The plan aligns with broader ConnectedKC 2050 goals by supporting Complete and Green Streets, expanded transportation options, safer systems, and trail and bikeway development. The update has already received support from both the Technical Advisory Committee and the Total Transportation Policy Committee.

Mayor Watson asked if Kansas City, Kansas provided any feedback about the plan. Mr. Trouba answered that KCK provided approval of the plan during a session with the design team.

Council member Logan Heley mentioned that there is an informal group that is heading up an update to the MetroGreen plan that was originally done in 2001 – how would this plan fit in with MetroGreen? Mr. Trouba said that the network of MetroGreen and the Bikeway network do overlap with certain trails but they do have distinct purposes.

Item 3c REPORT: Launch of Mid-America Regional Council Open Data Portal

Amanda Graor, Director of Data and Digital Services, announced the launch of the Mid-America Regional Council's new Open Data Portal, a centralized platform designed to make regional datasets, interactive maps, and place-based stories more accessible to local governments, researchers, partners, and residents. The portal is intended to support

informed decision-making by organizing information by topic and format, allowing users to browse data and maps, download datasets for their own use, and explore insights about the Kansas City region in a more dynamic and visual way.

Commissioner Becky Fast asked how this portal would be made available so people can find it easily. Mr. Graor said that if someone inputs key phrases like “regional data” and “MARC” into google, this portal should be one of the first search results.

Item 3d REPORT: Update regarding the Mid-America Regional Council’s move to 801 Pennsylvania

Amanda Graor, Director of Data and Digital Services, provided an update with a projected timeline and expectations for the coming months as staff are settled into the new building. The Board should anticipate that the August Board meeting will occur at the new 801 Penn location and more information will be coming soon about how to access the parking structure attached to the office space.

Commissioner Brewer asked if the parking situation at the new building would be as easy as the parking here at 600 Broadway. Mr. Graor said that the parking would be very similar to other downtown parking garages where you pull a ticket and have it validated. Staff will work in the coming weeks to ensure that the first process is seamless.

Item 3e REPORT: Executive Director search committee update

Janeé Hanzlick, Commissioner of Johnson County, KS and past board chair, reported that the final round of interviews took place at the MARC office the week prior and the search committee expects to bring a final recommendation to the Board at the June 23 board meeting. She thanked the members of the search committee for their dedication to this process and Carol Gonzales for her support.

A note from the Chair: Mayor Beto Lopez announced that due to recent election results, there is a board vacancy in the Executive Committee roles. He has appointed the Executive Committee as the nominating committee for the role and any board member who is interested in serving can contact any member of the Executive Committee.

Item 6 Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Warm provided an update about recent Missouri state legislative actions regarding the Solid Waste Management Districts and abandoned landfills. He also informed the board the MARC staff would be forming a statewide interim committee in coordination with MACOG and other partners to address the abandoned landfill issues more fully before the next Senate session.

Item 7 VOTE: Approve consent agenda items

a. VOTE: Approve minutes of the Apr. 28, 2026, board meeting
b. VOTE: Approve a contract with Superior Moving to complete the moving and decommissioning services related to the relocation of the MARC offices to 801 Pennsylvania Ave.
c. VOTE: Authorize MARC to submit a proposal to the Public Interest Technology Infrastructure fund to develop regional wastewater testing dashboard.
d. VOTE: Authorize three-year contract with Pantheon for website hosting.
e. VOTE: Authorize a contract with Dewberry Engineers Inc. to provide emergency services planning and data analytics.
f. VOTE: Approve agreement with Segra to establish two separate, redundant fiber

connections to regional Public Safety Answering Points.

g. VOTE: Approve the submission of the Early Head Start Grant to the MissouriBUYS system for continued support of Early Head Start.
h. VOTE: Approval of contract renewal with Learning Genie for data platform to support child outcomes in Head Start classrooms.
i. VOTE: Approve actions taken of the Head Start Advisory Committee
j. VOTE: Approve submission of SFY 2027 budget to the University of Missouri to facilitate and support physical activity evidence-based programs.
k. VOTE: Approve application for the Administration for Community Living Health at Home Challenge to help scale the impact of advanced community care hubs.
l. VOTE: Authorize SFY 2027 contract amounts for selected Aging and Adult Services partners.
m. VOTE: Authorize submission of SFY 2026 Budget Amendment #3 to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.
n. VOTE: Authorize agreement with Esri for geographic information system enterprise software.
o. VOTE: Approve 2026 special amendment #1 to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program.
p. VOTE: Approve Amendment #2 to the Unified Planning Work Program.
q. VOTE: Approve the 2026 list of Missouri unfunded regional transportation needs

Motion: Mayor Mikkelson moved to approve the consent agenda and other voting items, and Mayor Watson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez then asked whether any member wished to abstain from or object to any agenda item.

Commissioner Brewer and Council member Dorman abstained from item 7a: VOTE: Approve minutes of the Apr. 28, 2026, board meeting

The motion passed.

Item 8 Other Business

There was no other business.

Item 9 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

NEXT/UPCOMING MEETING

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 | MARC Offices 600 Broadway Blvd Suite 200 Kansas City, MO 64105

N/A = Not Appointed MARC does not hold a Board of Directors meeting during the month of July

County	Board Member	State	Jurisdiction	Member/ Alternate	January	February	March	April	May	June	August	September	October	November	December
Cass County	Bob Huston	MO	Cass County	Member											
	VACANT	MO	Cass County	Alternate											
	Kristofer Turnbow	MO	Raymore	Member	x	x		x	x						
	VACANT		Cass County Municipality	Alternate											
Clay County	Jerry Nolte	MO	Clay County	Member	x		x	x	x						
	Scott Wagner	MO	Clay County	Alternate		x									
	Victor Hurlbert	MO	Clay County	Member	x	x	x	x							
	Jon Carpenter	MO	Clay County	Alternate											
	Damien Boley	MO	Smithville	Member	x		x	x	x						
	Randy Pogue	MO	Kearney	Alternate											
Jackson County	Phil LeVota	MO	Jackson County	Member		x	x	x							
	Jalen Anderson	MO	Jackson County	Alternate											
	DaRon McGee	MO	Jackson County	Member		x	x								
	Megan Smith	MO	Jackson County	Alternate											
	Mike McDonough	MO	Raytown	Member	x		x								
	Leonard Jones	MO	Grandview	Alternate	x	x	x		x						
	Kevin King	MO	Independence	Member	n/a	n/a	n/a								
	Jackie Dorman	MO	Independence	Alternate	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	x						
	VACANT	MO	Independence	Member											
	VACANT		Independence	Alternate											
	Quinton Lucas	MO	Kansas City	Member											
	VACANT		Kansas City	Alternate											
	Eric Bunch	MO	Kansas City	Member		x	x		x						
	VACANT		Kansas City	Alternate											
	Johnathan Duncan	MO	Kansas City	Member	x			x	x						
	VACANT		Kansas City	Alternate											
	Nathan Willet	MO	Kansas City	Member											
	VACANT		Kansas City	Alternate											
	Beto Lopez	MO	Lee's Summit	Member	x	x	x	x	x						
	Hillary Shields	MO	Lee's Summit	Alternate	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a							
Johnson County	Mike Kelly	KS	Johnson County	Member											
	Julie Brewer	KS	Johnson County	Alternate	n/a		x		x						
	Janeé Hanzlick	KS	Johnson County	Member	x	x	x	x	x						
	Becky Fast	KS	Johnson County	Alternate		x	x		x						
	Eric Mikkelson	KS	Prairie Village	Member	x	x	x	x	x						
	Michael Poppa	KS	Roeland Park	Alternate											
	Rick Walker	KS	De Soto	Member			x	x							
	Mickey Sandifer	KS	Shawnee	Alternate		x		x	x						
	John Bacon	KS	Olathe	Member	x	x									
	Jeff Creighton	KS	Olathe	Alternate	n/a	n/a	x	x							
	Curt Skoog	KS	Overland Park	Member		x									
	Logan Heley	KS	Overland Park	Alternate	x	x	x		x						
	Holly Grummert	KS	Overland Park	Member	x	x	x	x							
	Inas Younis	KS	Overland Park	Alternate			x	x	x						

County	Board Member	State	Jurisdiction	Member/ Alternate	January	February	March	April	May	June	August	September	October	November	December
Leavenworth County	Mike Stieben	KS	Leavenworth County	Member	x	x	x	x	x						
	Willie Dove	KS	Leavenworth County	Alternate											
	Jeff Culbertson	KS	Leavenworth County	Member											
	VACANT		Leavenworth County	Alternate											
Miami County	George Pretz	KS	Miami County	Member											
	Tyler Vaughan	KS	Miami County	Alternate		x									
Platte County	Scott Fricker	MO	Platte County	Member	x										
	Allyson Berberich	MO	Platte County	Alternate		x									
	Chris Wright	MO	Platte County	Member											
	VACANT		Platte County	Alternate											
Ray County	Sheila Tracy	MO	Ray County	Member	x	x			x						
	Max Hockemeier	MO	Ray County	Alternate				x							
Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City	Christal Watson	KS	Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City	Member	x	x	x	x	x						
	VACANT		Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City	Alternate											
	Christian Ramirez	KS	Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City	Member	x				x						
	VACANT		Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City	Alternate											
	Dr. Evelyn Hill	KS	Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City	Member	x	x	x	x	x						
	VACANT		Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City	Alternate											
	Jermaine Howard	KS	Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City	Member	n/a	x		x	x						
	VACANT		Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City	Alternate											
	Garrett Mellott	KS	Edwardsville	Member	n/a	x	x		x						
	Tom Stephens	KS	Bonner Springs	Alternate	x										
Non Voting Transportation Representatives	VACANT		KCATA	Member											
	VACANT		KCATA	Alternate											
	Michael Moriarty	KS	KDOT	Member											
	VACANT	KS	KDOT	Alternate											
	Greg Bolon	MO	MoDOT	Member											
	Jeff Hardy	MO	MoDOT	Alternate											

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 7b
Exemplary Core Capacities

VOTE: Approve renewal of Property, Liability, Vehicle, Cyber and Work Comp Coverages with Midwest Public Risk effective July 1, 2026.

BACKGROUND
The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is a member of Midwest Public Risk insurance pool and uses the pool for liability, property, motor vehicle and worker's compensation coverages. MARC also purchases Cyber liability insurance, through MPR's broker, Gallagher. The plan year for those policies is July 1 – June 30. Limits and deductibles vary within the different coverages, generally organizational limits are $3,000,000, however aggregate limits for all members of the pool are much higher.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS
Costs for insurance premiums are primarily budgeted and charged to Indirect except in cases where specific property or vehicles operate directly in support of a program, then the premium is allocated to the supporting grant or program budget. For instance, property insurance premiums for 911 capital, the Thomas Roque early learning center, and the Aging food repacking facility are allocated directly to the relevant grants.

Costs for the 2025-2026 year were $269,147 which was a 28.3% decrease primarily due to a moderate insurance market and good experience of MPR. The 2026-2027 cost of $262,433.26 is a 2.5% decrease.

Coverage	Premium Amount
Property	$ 75,831.00
Liability	$ 124,655.00
Loss Control Balance Credit	$-11,364.00
Workers Compensation	$ 27,746.45
Cyber-Liability	$ 45,564.81
Total	$262,433.26

RECOMMENDATION
Authorize renewal of property, liability and worker's compensation coverages through Midwest Public Risk and renewal of cyber-liability coverage through Gallagher.

STAFF CONTACT
- Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 7c
Exemplary Core Capacities

VOTE: Approve application to the Civic Council for a grant to develop a Rural Companion to the KC Investment Playbook.

BACKGROUND
The Civic Council and Kauffman Foundation invested in creating a "KC Investment Playbook" that identifies key industrial sectors that both build on the region's current strengths and are particularly well positioned to drive future regional growth in light of economic and geopolitical realities. The sectors that emerged were Energy, National Security, and Bioscience/Health Care.

The Civic Council, in conjunction with the Patterson Foundation, now wishes to extend this playbook into the rural counties (defined as those with populations less than 50,000) surrounding the metro. They issued an RFP to help the Civic Council create a "Rural Companion" to the KC Investment Playbook focusing on the Energy and National Security sectors. The goal is to create greater alignment between rural and urban economies to the benefit of both. This work would involve substantial engagement with rural counties to identify those assets economic development strategies might align with these two sectors. It will also require substantial research into examples of successful rural economic development in these two sectors and the supply chain demands of National Security and Energy-related companies in the metro.

The overall budget for this project is $150,000 plus travel and engagement expenses. It is to be completed within six months. MARC is seeking partners with greater knowledge of these rural areas and with particular expertise in the two sectors to collaborate on this project.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS
This project aligns with MARC's work in creating a Competitive Economy. The KC Investment Playbook effort grew out of prior work by KC Rising, the region's civic/business/public collaborative aimed at making the KC economy more competitive.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS
It is anticipated that the funds will be split between MARC and other organizations supplying specialized expertise, such as knowledge of rural communities, knowledge of the Energy sector and knowledge of the National Security sector.

REVENUES	
Amount	$150,000 + $5,000 for engagement activities
Source	Civic Council and Patterson Foundation

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	$75,000
Contractual	$75,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	$2,500

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This work is focused on counties with population less than 50,000. However, by expanding the resources aligned with the KC economy's needs and growth potential, all counties in the MARC region should benefit.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize Executive Director to apply for funds not to exceed $155,000 and, if successful receive them and enter into subcontracts with organizations supplying specialized expertise.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Frank Lenk, Director of the Office of Economic Research

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 7d
Competitive Economy

VOTE: Authorize grant application to the Health Forward Foundation's Affordable Housing and Homeownership funding opportunity to support the Regional Housing Partnership.

BACKGROUND
The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) submitted a grant application to the Health Forward Foundation on April 6, 2026 for $75,000 to provide general operating support for the Regional Housing Partnership (RHP). The funding opportunity was invite-only and the funding amount was predetermined by the Health Forward Foundation. The award is a part of a larger 3-year commitment of funds from the Health Forward Foundation for the RHP. The RHP previously received $200,000 in 2025 and will receive another installment in 2027.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS
This award support's MARC's housing goals, as well as the goals and strategies outlined by the RHP coordinating council. It will provide general operating support for the RHP to engage in cross-sector, region-wide collaboration and coordination to build an effective and healthy housing system that expands and sustains access to attainable housing across the Kansas City region.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS
We have received a $75,000 grant from the Health Forward Foundation to support the work of the RHP. These funds will be used for general operating support of the RHP, including personnel and special projects (e.g. Housing Policy Innovation Series support).

REVENUES	
Amount	$75,000
Source	Health Forward Foundation

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	$60,000
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	$15,000

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION
Authorize retroactive grant application and receipt of funds from the Health Forward Foundation's Affordable Housing and Homeownership funding opportunity to support the work of the Regional Housing Partnership.

STAFF CONTACTS
- Hannah Mitchell, Regional Housing Program Manager
- Ashley Z. Hand, Director of Local Government Services

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 7e
Safe and Secure Communities

VOTE: Approve subaward agreement with KC2026 for planning and operational support related to regional safety, security and communications planning for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

BACKGROUND
KC2026 requires coordinated regional support to help ensure safety, security and reliable communications before and during the tournament. This subaward will provide $100,000 for MARC staff time providing planning and operational support, with 75% of the funding dedicated to regional coordination and special event planning and 25% dedicated to communications and technical coordination. The work builds on ongoing regional preparedness efforts by bringing together public safety, emergency management, homeland security, communications and other partners to identify gaps, update plans, support training and exercises, and coordinate local, state and federal engagement. Through this support, KC2026 will serve as a convener and technical resource to help align regional partners, distribute timely information and support communications throughout the tournament period.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

REVENUES	
Amount	$100,000
Source	KC2026 (through Federal World Cup FEMA grant)

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	$100,000

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
This item impacts jurisdictions within the MARC region involved in planning and operational support for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

RECOMMENDATION
Authorize MARC to enter into a subaward agreement with KC2026 in an amount not to exceed $100,000 for planning and operational support related to regional safety, security and communications planning for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

STAFF CONTACTS
- Ashley Z. Hand, Director Local Government Services
- Erin Lynch, Emergency Services Director

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 7f
Quality Early Learning

VOTE: Approve Mid-America Regional Council Head Start FY 2026 Cost of Living Adjustment for partner program staff salary increases.

BACKGROUND
The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Head Start program received a funding opportunity announcement from the Administration for Children and Families on June 3, 2026, for a FY 2026 COLA increase of $153,285 for Head Start and $53,254 for Early Head Start. In coordination with its partnering agencies, MARC has determined to utilize the additional dollars available from COLA funding for FY26 to ensure all staff in partnering programs received a minimum increase of .635% in their hourly rate of pay. COLA funds will be directly allocated to participating partnering agencies. These programs will receive an increase to their base contract in FY 27 which runs from November 1, 2026, to October 31, 2027.

In coordination with its direct service providers, MARC proposes using the remaining funds from COLA FY26 to offset higher operating costs. MARC will utilize the funds to offset costs that were not included in the FY 26 budget, which includes additional printing costs of the Head Start assessment tool upgrade that requires new printed material.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS
COLA amounts are based upon the Head Start and Early Head Start core grant totals. These funds are in addition to the current grant award and will be added to the base amount in future grant years.

REVENUES	
Amount	$206,539
Source	Administration for Children and Families, Head Start and Early Head Start Core

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual-Delegates & Partners	$164,574
Other: printing cost and supplies	$41,965

COMMITTEE ACTION
This item was approved by the Policy Council and Advisory Committee on June 8, 2026 and June 9, 2026.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
Clay, Jackson, and Platte counties are impacted by this item.

RECOMMENDATION
Approve to expend MARC Head Start's FY2026 Cost of Living in the amount of $206,539 for Head Start and Early Head Start services.

STAFF CONTACTS
- Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director
- Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start

MARC Head Start & Early Head Start Funding - Core Operations

(November 1, 2025 to October 31, 2026)

	HS COLA	EHS COLA	Total COLA
Tier 1 Direct Service Providers			
Blue Springs School District	1,080	1,888	2,968
Excelsior Springs School District	2,160	-	2,160
Front Porch Alliance	-	1,548	1,548
Grandview School District	3,456	808	4,264
Learn-A-Lot Academy	2,632	5,208	7,840
Lee's Summit School District	2,499	800	3,299
Render's Hope	810	2,929	3,739
Tier 1 DSPs Subtotal	**12,637**	**13,181**	**25,818**
Tier 2 Direct Service Providers			
Center School District	5,400	-	5,400
EarlystART	4,230	1,416	5,646
Emmanuel Family & Child Dev Center	4,455	7,104	11,559
Guadalupe Centers ECE	6,120	2,544	8,664
Mattie Rhodes	9,960	-	9,960
Raytown School District	4,980	-	4,980
The Family Conservancy	1,620	4,860	6,480
Tier 2 DSPs Subtotal	**36,765**	**15,924**	**52,689**
Tier 3 Direct Service Providers			
Independence School District	18,469	4,708	23,177
KCPS School District	39,026	2,256	41,282
Operation Breakthrough, Inc.	14,400	7,208	21,608
Tier 3 DSPs Subtotal	**71,895**	**14,172**	**86,067**
Total All DSP Partners	**121,297**	**43,277**	**164,574**
MARC - Personnel Costs	-	-	-
MARC - Non-Personnel Costs	31,988	9,977	41,965
MARC Subtotal	**31,988**	**9,977**	**41,965**
Grand Total	**153,285**	**53,254**	**206,539**

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 7g
Quality Early Learning

VOTE: Authorize grant submission to the Administration for Children and Families for the continued support of the Mid-America Regional Council Head Start program.

BACKGROUND
On May 5, 2026, the Administration for Children and Families announced $33,125,391 for the fourth year of the non-competitive five-year grant award continuation of the Head Start Preschool Program. Although next year's grant is non-competitive, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Head Start is required to submit the grant application and update budget for the period of November 1, 2026 to October 31, 2027.

In March 2026 the Policy Council and Advisory Committee approved a change in scope reducing MARC Head Start's overall enrollment from 2,350 children to 2,331 in order to accommodate more full-time child care slots. The summary below of funding includes COLA and the change in scope reduction for a full year. Due to pending approval from the Office of Head Start services will continue at the funding level of children until approval is received. MARC Head Start supports 17 direct service providers (DSPs) in Clay, Jackson and Platte counties and passes through the funding to the DSPs.

Individual contracts with the DSPs are reimbursed at an annual per-child rate based on their level of service (Tier 1, 2, and 3) and program options (HSP and/or EHS, as well as center-based or home- based). The total amount of annual funding available is $33,125,391. Included in the total are funds to support program operations, training, and technical assistance. MARC non-personnel costs are budgeted to support contracts for specialized services for staff and families covering mental health and disabilities, education, health and nutrition, professional development, and family engagement services.

The chart on the following page describes the allocation of funding for each agency and MARC:

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

REVENUES	
Amount	$33,125,391
Source	Administration for Children & Families

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, indirect, rent)	$3,637,241
Pass-Through	$26,405,526
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	$3,082,894

COMMITTEE ACTION
This item was approved by the Policy Council and Advisory Committee on June 8, 2026, and June 9, 2026.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
Clay, Jackson, and Platte counties in Missouri are impacted by this item.

RECOMMENDATION
Approve Mid-America Regional Council on behalf of Mid-America Head Start to apply, accept, and expend Head Start funding for programming.

STAFF CONTACTS
- Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director
- Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start

MARC Head Start & Early Head Start Funding - Core Operations

(November 1, 2026 to October 31, 2027)

	HS Slots	Head Start	HS COLA	HS Training	EHS Slots	Early Head Start	EHS COLA	EHS Training	Grand Total Head Start & Early Head Start
Tier 1 Direct Service Providers									
Blue Springs School District	20	171,240	1,080	4,033	16	297,920	1,888	6,891	483,052
Excelsior Springs School District	40	342,440	2,160	6,718	-	-	-	-	351,318
Front Porch Alliance	-	-	-	-	36	241,740	1,548	2,933	246,221
Grandview School District	64	546,560	3,456	8,599	8	127,832	808	2,528	689,783
Learn-A-Lot Academy	47	414,493	2,632	7,793	42	819,504	5,208	14,556	1,264,186
Lee's Summit School District	34	290,326	1,836	3,693	20	125,580	800	1,719	423,954
Render's Hope	15	128,100	810	1,347	29	463,391	2,929	5,091	601,668
Tier 1 DSPs Subtotal	**220**	**1,893,159**	**11,974**	**32,183**	**151**	**2,075,967**	**13,181**	**33,718**	**4,060,182**
Tier 2 Direct Service Providers									
Center School District	90	847,530	5,400	14,296	-	-	-	-	867,226
EarlystART	78	734,526	4,680	12,280	12	223,440	1,416	3,757	980,099
Emmanuel Family & Child Dev	78	734,526	4,680	11,151	64	1,124,352	7,104	13,144	1,894,957
Guadalupe Centers ECE	102	960,534	6,120	16,662	24	402,864	2,544	4,212	1,392,936
Mattie Rhodes	166	1,563,222	9,960	14,907	-	-	-	-	1,588,089
Raytown School District	83	781,611	4,980	12,446	-	-	-	-	799,037
The Family Conservancy	30	255,150	1,620	3,364	90	765,450	4,860	7,585	1,038,029
Tier 2 DSPs Subtotal	**627**	**5,877,099**	**37,440**	**85,106**	**190**	**2,516,106**	**15,924**	**28,698**	**8,560,373**
Tier 3 Direct Service Providers									
Independence School District	253	2,918,608	18,469	47,349	44	740,740	4,708	15,954	3,745,828
KCPS School District	494	6,130,046	39,026	40,919	16	356,976	2,256	6,797	6,576,020
Operation Breakthrough, Inc.	180	2,264,400	14,400	22,387	53	1,133,988	7,208	20,470	3,462,853
Tier 3 DSPs Subtotal	**927**	**11,313,054**	**71,895**	**110,655**	**113**	**2,231,704**	**14,172**	**43,221**	**13,784,701**
Total All DSP Partners	**1,774**	**19,083,312**	**121,309**	**227,944**	**454**	**6,823,777**	**43,277**	**105,637**	**26,405,256**
MARC - Personnel Costs	-	2,750,897	17,468	-	-	863,393	5,483	-	3,637,241
MARC - Non-Personnel Costs	-	2,305,153	14,508	50,696	-	699,220	4,494	8,823	3,082,894
MARC Subtotal	**-**	**5,056,050**	**31,976**	**50,696**	**-**	**1,562,613**	**9,977**	**8,823**	**6,720,135**
Grand Total	**1,774**	**24,139,362**	**153,285**	**278,640**	**454**	**8,386,390**	**53,254**	**114,460**	**33,125,391**

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 7h
Quality Early Learning

VOTE: Approve contracts for program year 2026 – 2027 Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start support services.

BACKGROUND
Since 2018, Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Head Start has been supporting Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start programs through contracts with individuals and agencies who provide a variety of support services for fourteen Tier 1 and Tier 2 programs serving a total of 1,207 children. Each contractor/agency was selected through an individual Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process conducted as the need arises. MARC Head Start is requesting to continue these contracts for another 12 months from November 1, 2026, through October 31, 2027.

Contracted services include mental health services for classrooms and therapeutic services for children and families, early intervention services for children with special needs and diagnosed disabilities and translation and interpretive services for Early Head Start and Head Start Preschool services.

The chart on the following page indicates that name of the individual or agency, the type of service to be provided, the hourly rate of service, total hours for the total 12-month period and the total dollar amount not to exceed $349,357.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

REVENUES	
Amount	$33,125,391
Source	Administration for Children & Families

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	$349,357

COMMITTEE ACTION
This item was approved by the Policy Council and Advisory Committee on June 8, 2026, and June 9, 2026.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
Clay, Jackson, and Platte counties in Missouri are impacted by this item.

RECOMMENDATION
Approve individual and agency contracts for on-site support services at MARC Head Start programs as outlined in the attachment from November 1, 2026, through October 31, 2027, for a total amount not to exceed $349,357.

STAFF CONTACTS
- Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director
- Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start

Detail of On-Site Contracted Support Services for Head Start and Early Head Start Programs 2026-2027

Mental Health Consultants: individuals / agencies with licensed mental health professionals who provide on-site mental health. Support for teaching staff in Tier 1 and 2 programs as well as individual therapeutic mental health services for all children and families.

Name of Contractor	Hourly rate	Total hours	12-month total
Cultivating Potential	$105.60	691	$72,970.00

Early Intervention Contractor: this individual provides support services for children with suspected or diagnosed disabilities that includes on site observation and support for teachers and parents along with referrals and support in the implementation of Individualized Education Plans and Individualized Family Service plans.

Name of Contractor	Hourly rate	Total hours	12-month total
Karen Osborn	$47.52	1,144	$54,363.00
*Alyssa Howk	$47.52	1,136	$54,024.00

*****Alyssa Howk has an additional contract with MARC Head Start that provides support to the eligibility team in the amount of $14,985 with a total contract of $69,009.

Translation and Interpretive Services Contractor: this contract supports primarily telephonic translation for a wide variety of languages, supports the central intake and application process, and provides onsite interpretation services when needed.

Name of Contractor	Hourly rate	Total hours	12-month total
Propio	Varies	n/a	$70,000.00

Mental Health Consultants: Agency with licensed mental health professionals who provide on-site mental health support for teaching staff in Tier 1 and 2 programs as well as individual therapeutic mental health services for all children and families. **Professional Development**: Two professional development training courses for Tier 1 and 2 programs. Funds will cover a one-day conference in the spring of 2024 for up to 100 participants focused on wellness and cultural competence and a one-day pre-service conference for up to 200 participants in August of 2024.

Name of Contractor/Serv Provided	hourly rate	# of hours	12-month total
Futures First			
Mental Health Services	$100.00	450	$30,000.00
Prof. Development			$68,000.00
Total			$98,000.00

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 7i
Quality Early Learning

VOTE: Approve action items at the June 2026 Head Start Advisory Committee meeting.

BACKGROUND
The Head Start Advisory Committee reviewed and approved the following program information reports at its June meeting:

- Approval of May 2026 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS
None

COMMITTEE ACTION
The Head Start Advisory Committee considered this information at its June 9 meeting and recommended MARC Board approval.

EXHIBITS
May 2026 Advisory Committee packet

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
This item impacts Clay, Jackson and Platte counties in Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION
Approve the actions taken at the June 9 Head Start Advisory Committee meeting.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 7j
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

VOTE: Approve a contract with High Street Consulting to develop a data-driven transportation resilience plan and decision-support tool.

BACKGROUND
The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is initiating Phase 2 of the Transportation Resiliency KC study to strengthen the region's ability to withstand and recover from increasingly frequent and severe natural hazards. The Kansas City region has experienced growing risks from flooding, drought, extreme heat and other weather-related events that threaten transportation infrastructure, disrupt mobility and impact public safety and the economy. Phase 1 of this effort established a foundational framework, including stakeholder engagement, initial risk concepts and a preliminary screening and prioritization approach. Phase 2 will build on that work by advancing a more detailed, data-driven assessment of the region's multimodal transportation system.

The primary goal of this study is to develop a comprehensive regional transportation resilience improvement plan (RIP). This includes assessing risks under current and future extreme weather conditions, identifying vulnerable transportation assets and evaluating the economic, operational and social consequences of disruptions.

A key component of the study is the development of analytical tools and decision-support resources that enable MARC and its regional partners to better understand risks and prioritize investments. The plan will provide actionable recommendations for infrastructure improvements, emergency preparedness and long-term strategies that can be integrated into existing planning processes such as the Transportation Improvement Program, Connected KC 2050 and local planning initiatives.

Ultimately, this effort aims to guide strategic investments and policy decisions that enhance long-term resilience across the Kansas City transportation system.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS
This effort advances Connected KC and the Kansas City Regional Climate Action Plan by integrating extreme weather impacts into transportation planning, identifying vulnerable assets and prioritizing investment to further support informed funding decisions and implementation of strategies that address flooding, heat and other extreme weather impacts on the regional transportation system.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS
A contract amount not to exceed $450,000 will be negotiated with High Street Consulting. This funding is sourced from Kansas PROTECT funding, MARC planning funds and transportation reserves.

REVENUES	
Amount	$450,000
Source	Kansas PROTECT, CPG (Transportation Planning funds), Transportation Reserves

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	$450,000

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION
Approve a contract with High Street Consulting in an amount not to exceed $450,000 to develop a data-driven transportation resilience plan and decision-support tool that will inform prioritized resilience investment for the Kansas City region's transportation system.

STAFF CONTACTS
- Karen Clawson, Air & Mobility Programs Manager
- Tom Jacobs, Environmental Programs Director

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 7k
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

VOTE: Approve the regional Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Performance Measure Target.

BACKGROUND
The Federal Transit Administration requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations to adopt regional targets for the performance measures included in Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP). These measures cover a wide range of safety-related metrics. The "rates" noted are calculated per 100,000 Vehicle Revenue Mile (VRM).

Public Transit Agency Safety Plan Targets, 2026

Measure	Safety Performance Measure	Fixed Route Bus Target	Non-Fixed Route Bus Target	Rail Target
Measure 1a	Major Events	9	0	20
Measure 1b	Major Event Rate	2.5	0.0	4.440
Measure 1.1	Collision Rate	2.0	2	3.55
Measure 1.1.1	Pedestrian Collision Rate	0.1	0	0.22
Measure 1.1.2	Vehicular Collision Rate	1.8	3.6	2.88
Measure 2a	Fatalities	2	0	0
Measure 2b	Fatality Rate	0.1	0	0
Measure 2.1	Transit Worker Fatality Rate	0	0	0
Measure 3a	Injuries	24	2	4
Measure 3b	Injury Rate	4.5	0.14	0.880
Measure 3.1	Transit Worker Injury Rate	4.5	0	33
Measure 4a	Assaults on Transit Workers	30	0	33
Measure 4b	Rate of Assaults on Transit Workers	2.7	0.0	7.330
Measure 5	System Reliability	230,000	4,084,085	12,500

These measures apply separately to each mode. The modes in the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) region include Fixed Route Bus, MicroTransit, and Streetcar.

MARC staff consulted KCATA, Johnson County Transit, KC Streetcar, and Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas PTASP reports to develop these targets. For modes where only one transit agency operates in the region (e.g. streetcar) staff recommend adopting the agency's targets. For modes where more than one transit agency operates in the region, staff have developed regional targets that accommodate all agencies' targets.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS
Federal regulations require MARC to adopt Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Performance Measure Targets

COMMITTEE ACTION
The Technical Advisory Committee reviewed and approved PTASP targets on June 3, 2026. The Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) took action on this item at their June 16, 2026 meeting.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
This item impacts all counties with transit service in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION
Approve the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Performance Measure Targets as presented.

STAFF CONTACT
- Bobby Evans, Principal Planner

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 7l
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

VOTE: Approve the Critical Urban Freight Corridors priority list for submission to the Kansas Department of Transportation to update the Kansas State Freight and Rail Plan.

BACKGROUND
Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCs) are important corridors that provide critical connectivity to the Nation Highway Freight Network (NHFN). By designating these important corridors, States and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) can strategically direct resources towards improved performance and efficiency of goods movement.

By securing this status, local and state authorities can access federal funding for these corridors through the National Highway Freight Program. Additionally, these designations help prioritize infrastructure repairs, increase coordination between local, state, and federal transportation planning, and improve the overall efficiency of regional supply chains.

In urbanized areas with a population of 500,000 or more individuals, the MPO may designate CUFCs in consultation with the State. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) designates the CUFCs in the Kansas City urbanized area in coordination with the Kansas and Missouri Departments of Transportation. All MARC counties are reviewed, however, given eligible corridors must be within the urbanized area, many parts of Miami and Leavenworth County are not eligible. In addition, a public road designated as a CUFC must meet one of more of the following elements:

a) Connects an intermodal facility to:
    a. the PHFS;
    b. the Interstate System; or
    c. an intermodal freight facility;
b) Is located within a corridor of a route on the PHFS and provides an alternative highway option important to goods movement;
c) Serves a major freight generator, logistic center, or manufacturing and warehouse industrial land; or
d) Is important to the movement of freight within the region, as determined by the MPO or the State.

Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has asked MARC to review the CUFCs in the Kansas City urban area to incorporate into an update of the Kansas State Freight and Rail Plan. Staff presented an overview of this information in May.

MARC staff developed a list of prioritized corridors based on projects identified in existing plans and programs, including MARC's long-range transportation plan Connected KC 2050, suballocated call for projects for Surface Transportation Block Grants (STBG), and MARC's regional freight plan Connected Freight KC 2050.

This list was reviewed by city staff from identified jurisdictions and prioritized into three tiers based on scoring and alignment with MTP and local priorities. MARC's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) voted to recommend approval of the following list of CUFCs in the Kansas counties of the Kansas City urbanized area:

Tier 1

Jurisdiction	Route	Start Point	End Point	Miles
Olathe, Johnson County	Lone Elm	175th	159th	4
Olathe/Gardner, Johnson County	175th Street	I-35	US 169	3.25
Gardner, Johnson County	US-56 (New Century & I-35 Interchanges)	Moonlight Rd	I-35	1.5
Unified Government, Wyandotte County	Bridge Replacement Kansas Ave. Bridge	Berger Ave	MO State Line	0.5
De Soto, Johnson County	83rd St. Bridge over BNSF & US Army RR			0.25
Merriam, Johnson County	Shawnee Mission Parkway/I-35 Interchange and Corridor	Mastin St.	Craig St.	1.5

Tier 2

Jurisdiction	Route	Start Point	End Point	Miles
Shawnee, Johnson County	Shawnee Mission Pkwy	Pflumm Rd	I-435	2.5
Shawnee, Johnson County	Shawnee Mission Pkwy	I-435	K-7	3.75
Unified Government, Wyandotte County	Turner Diagonal	K-32	Leavenworth Rd	4
Olathe, Johnson County	167th	Hedge	US 169	2
Olathe, Johnson County	159th Street	North Loop (NCA)	Ridgeview	4.8
Johnson County	K-10	I-435	Cedar Creek Rd (UZA Boundary)	7.4

Tier 3

Jurisdiction	Route	Start Point	End Point	Miles
Unified Government, Wyandotte County	I-435/State Ave Interchange			1
Lenexa, Johnson County	95t St	Renner	Loiret	1
Lenexa, Johnson County	Lackman	101st	105th	0.35
Olathe, Johnson County	K-7 (Old 56 and Harrison)	K-10	175th	10.2

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS
MPOs are responsible for designating public roads for the CUFCs in accordance with section 1116 of the FAST Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act section 11114 (23 U.S.C. 167(f)). State and MPO designation of the CUFC is limited to a maximum of 150 miles of highway or 10 percent of the PHFS mileage in the State, whichever is greater.

COMMITTEE ACTION
The Technical Advisory Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the Kansas CUFC priority list on June 3, 2026. The Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) took action on this item at their June 16, 2026 meeting.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
This item impacts the Kansas counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION
Approve the Kansas Critical Urban Freight Corridor priority list as presented.

STAFF CONTACT
- Cy Splichal, Transportation Planner II

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 7m
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

VOTE: Approve the transportation project alignment assessments for FFY 2029-2030 suballocated funds.

BACKGROUND
One of the Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) fundamental roles as Metropolitan Planning Organization is to facilitate processes for cooperative decision-making about the use of federal transportation dollars for projects and programs in the Kansas City area. 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) programs was conducted and closed in March of 2026.

MARC conducts the 2026 call for projects in two phases. The first phase (ongoing) assesses 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. MARC staff conducted an assessment of all projects submitted in response to this call for projects. Projects were categorized into 3 'buckets': "Highly Aligned", "Aligned" or "Not Aligned" with goals and policies of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Kansas City region, Connected KC 2050 (CKC2050). This draft project categorization was released in advance to all project sponsors for review.

These project assessments were then released to members of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for review, concurrence and additional feedback via an interactive survey. Members of the TAC provided invaluable feedback and jointly reviewed all projects submitted for consideration. Committee members mostly concurred with MARC staff assessments of submitted projects (95% concurrence rate in survey). Some questions were raised about a few projects and these were elevated to the full TAC for discussion and consideration. In its meeting of June 3, 2026, the TAC reviewed staff assessments, committee responses and feedback, and revised project categorization of 14 of the 101 candidate projects included for consideration. The TAC forwarded a recommendation to the TTPC for completed Phase 1 project assessments. TTPC concurred with the TAC recommendation and approved Phase 1 project assessments as recommended by the TAC.

Upon conclusion of the committee evaluation projects, distribution of projects in terms of alignment with the Connected KC 2050 plan are as follows:

- Highly Aligned Projects: 30
- Aligned Projects: 56
- Not Aligned Projects: 15

The project categorizations as a result of Phase 1 is advisory in nature and will be taken into account in committee considerations post the Phase 2 call for projects. Project sponsors will be provided feedback out of Phase 1 and can modify/adjust scope of projects and application narratives in order to address staff/committee comments. Recategorization of projects during Phase 2 will then be considered as needed and on a case by case basis.

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.

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 Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) took action on this item at their June 16, 2026 meeting.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION
Recommend approval of project alignment assessments.

STAFF CONTACT
- Martin Rivarola, Transportation Planning Director

HIGHLY ALIGNED PROJECTS

Project #	Project Title	Sponsor Agency
71	Basehor Town Center Trails Phase II	Basehor, KS
77	Basehor Boulevard Multimodal Corridor Extension	Basehor, KS
84	155th Street Improvement Extension	Basehor, KS
142	155th Street & Leavenworth Road Trail Connector	Basehor, KS
15	98th Street Phase 3	Edwardsville, KS
19	167th Street Improvements, Kill Creek to Waverly *	Gardner, KS
14	Byars Road from Highgrove Road to MO 150 Highway *	Grandview, MO
29	Blue Ridge Boulevard from Grandview Rd to West Frontage Rd *	Grandview, MO
34	15th Street Intersections Improvements (Main St to Goode Ave) *	Grandview, MO
44	135th Street Multipurpose Trail *	Grandview, MO
109	Norby Road Multi-Purpose Path *	Grandview, MO
129	I-670/Truman Road Corridor Project	Kansas City, MO
101	Fast and Frequent Service for the 101 State Avenue Project	Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA)
127	Regional Replacement Clean Vehicles	KC Area Transportation Authority (KCATA)
141	Regional Alternate Fuel Buses, Charging Infrastructure & Training	KC Area Transportation Authority (KCATA)
53	Nation Road Complete Street	Kearney, MO
85	4th Street Arborway and Safety Improvement Project *	Leavenworth, KS
33	Independence Phase 1 - Chipman to 2nd *	Lee's Summit, MO
49	Lakewood Way Phase 2	Lee's Summit, MO
81	3rd Street at US50 Interchange Improvements *	Lee's Summit, MO
112	Route 9 Corridor Complete Streets Improvements (Downtown Triangle)	Parkville, MO
128	AA/Waukomis Drive Phase 2 Complete Street Reconstruction	Platte County, MO
131	Route 45 and 435 Interchange Trail Connector	Platte County, MO
132	Brush Creek Trail within McHenry Park	Platte County, MO
134	Leavenworth-Weston Bluff Connector Segment 2	Platte County, MO
135	Platte City Downtown PSP Phase 1 *	Platte County, MO
136	Platte City Downtown PSP Phase 2 *	Platte County, MO
138	NW 56th Street*	Platte County, MO
140	Leavenworth-Weston Bluff Connector Segment 1	Platte County, MO
26	47th St Complete Street Improvements, Phase 2 - Elledge Dr to Mission Rd *	Roeland Park, KS

* Adjusted at 6/3/2026 TAC Meeting. Approved by TTPC on 6/16/2026.

ALIGNED PROJECTS

Project #	Project Title	Sponsor Agency
80	187th street Bridge Replacement	Belton, MO
73	Missouri Bike Share Program	BikeWalkKC
95	Kansas Safe Routes to School Program	BikeWalkKC
119	Missouri Safe Routes to School Program	BikeWalkKC
143	Walnut Street	Blue Springs, MO
32	STBG Set-aside / Clay County	Clay County, MO
67	83rd and Kill Creek Intersection Improvements	De Soto, KS
43	Grandview Community Walking Loop	Grandview, MO
47	Grandview Hwy 150 Connector Trail	Grandview, MO
96	Jefferson Parkway from Waters Road to Locust Street Project	Harrisonville, MO
113	EV Charging Stations	Harrisonville, MO
121	Entrance Sign Marker	Harrisonville, MO
123	Commercial Ave Pavement Improvement - M-291 to Independence Street	Harrisonville, MO
25	Independence Square Streetscape - Phase 2	Independence, MO
28	23rd St Complete Streets - Phase 2B	Independence, MO
124	Indian Creek Trail - Hampton Park to 167th St.	Johnson County , KS
12	Martin Luther King Boulevard	Kansas City, MO
41	I-35 Chouteau Levee Trail	Kansas City, MO
57	N. Coventry Ave/NW 76th St from NW 68th St to North Platte Purchase Dr	Kansas City, MO
58	N. Broadway Street from Gladstone City Limits to NE Berry Road	Kansas City, MO
59	Front Street from Universal Avenue to N Topping Avenue	Kansas City, MO
60	The Paseo from E 17th Street to the railroad bridge to the south	Kansas City, MO
61	Prospect Avenue from 59th Street to 63rd Street	Kansas City, MO
63	Holmes Road from Blue Ridge Boulevard to 135th Street	Kansas City, MO
64	Trolley Trail Phase II from 63rd Street to Meyer Boulevard	Kansas City, MO
65	Trolley Trail Bridge at 69th Street	Kansas City, MO
66	Vision Zero High-Injury Network Road Safety Audit Improvements	Kansas City, MO
97	NE 96th Street from N Oak to Maplewoods Parkway	Kansas City, MO
38	KCATA Bus Stop Improvements	Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA)
118	4H & DeSoto Roundabout & Trail Project *	Lansing, KS
116	Mission Road (143rd to 151st)	Leawood, KS
50	Bailey Road Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements	Lee's Summit, MO
114	291 City Park Sidewalk to Murray Road	Liberty, MO
126	Intersection MO-291 and S. Leonard St.	Liberty, MO
56	5th Street Realignment - Oak Grove	Oak Grove, MO

Project #	Project Title	Sponsor Agency
98	Coffee Creek Trail Phase I	Olathe, KS
24	Merriam Drive - Antioch Road to Johnson County Line	Overland Park, KS
137	Second Creek Trail	Platte County, MO
69	Gregory Boulevard Transportation Accessibility Improvements	Raytown, MO
82	55th Street Multiuse Pathway	Raytown, MO
99	Blue Ridge Boulevard Historic Trail Retracement	Raytown, MO
125	63rd Street Bikeway Connectivity	Raytown, MO
27	Skyline Dr Roadway Improvements - Roe Blvd to Roland Park Community Center *	Roeland Park, KS
25	Roe Blvd Street Maintenance - Johnson Drive to N City Limits *	Roeland Park, KS
78	Downtown Shawnee Pedestrian Safety Improvements	Shawnee, KS
83	Woodland Road Complete Street Improvements	Shawnee, KS
91	Clare Road - Clear Creek Parkway to 71st Street	Shawnee, KS
115	Rail Creek Park Trail	Shawnee, KS
22	Smithville Downtown Streetscape Phase IV	Smithville, MO
21	Eagle Parkway Trail Phase I	Smithville, MO
130	Spring Hill Multimodal Corridor & Growth Strategy	Spring Hill, KS
74	Leavenworth Road Complete Street - Hutton Rd. to 128th Street	UG of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
92	Marshal Creek Bridge Replacement & Multimodal Access Improvement Project	UG of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
94	Central Ave. and Grandview Blvd. Intersection Safety Improvements	UG of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
117	N. 72nd Street Complete Street Improvements - Parallel Pkwy. to Leavenworth Rd.	UG of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
122	KCK Levee Trail Trailhead Access & Connectivity Improvements	UG of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS

* Adjusted at 6/3/2026 TAC Meeting. Approved by TTPC on 6/16/2026.

NOT ALIGNED PROJECTS

Project #	Project Title	Sponsor Agency
9	Mt. Pleasant Rd District	Cass County, MO
75	W 8th Street- W Braun Street to South City Limits	Edgerton, KS
88	Independence St and South St Intersection (MO Hwy 2)	Harrisonville, MO
110	East Elm Steet (Widening), from Missouri Hwy 7 to Lincoln Road	Harrisonville, MO
36	Noland Road Neighborhood Link Project	Independence, MO
79	Winner Rd Bridge over CPKC	Independence, MO
55	NE Shoal Creek Parkway from Maplewoods Parkway to Staley Roadway *	Kansas City, MO
35	Scherer Parkway - Sampson Rd to Ward Rd	Lee's Summit, MO
51	Langsford Road - 291 Hwy to East City Limits & 5th Terrace	Lee's Summit, MO
100	Lone Elm Rd, 159th St to 167th St Improvements	Olathe, KS
37	175th St & Pflumm Roundabout	Overland Park, KS
54	179th Street - Switzer Road to Antioch Road	Overland Park, KS
111	Peculiar Drive/YY	Peculiar, MO
93	I-435 and Johnson Drive Intersection Improvements	Shawnee, KS
76	191st Street & Ridgeview Corridor Safety Improvements	Spring Hill, KS

* Adjusted at 6/3/2026 TAC Meeting. Approved by TTPC on 6/16/2026.

June 2026
Item No. 7n
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

VOTE: Approve amendment #2 to ConnectedKC 2050 metropolitan transportation plan for replacement of Central Avenue bridge in Wyandotte County.

BACKGROUND
The Central Avenue River bridge was closed to traffic in 2021 because of safety and structural conditions. The closure of this bridge imposed significant impacts on travelers, freight movement, surrounding industry and local businesses, emergency services, and residents in the region. The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the Unified Government/Kansas City, Kansas (UG/KCK) partnered to study and evaluate bridge replacement alternatives and determined a preferred alternative. Following a river crossing study initiated by the UG/KCK, KDOT determined that an on-alignment alternative for the Central Avenue bridge over I-70 and the UPRR is not only viable, but preferable.

On January 22, 2026, Governor Kelly announced a $135 million federal award to aid in the replacement of the Central Ave. bridge and other bridges in adjoining interchanges. The project spans approximately 3,900 feet between 6th and James streets and includes full reconstruction of the bridge complex. The project will include replacement of the interchange and bridge over I-70, a new bridge crossing over Union Pacific Railyard, improvements to the I-670 WB exit ramp and I-670 EB entry ramp. Replacement of the steel truss bridge over the Kansas River on existing alignment, added benefit of allowing for a bicycle/pedestrian facility along Central Ave where none exists.

KA-6842-03

	Federal/State AC Amount	Source	Year	State	Local	Total	AC Amount	AC Conversion - Year Source
Eng	5750.7	ACBRF	2026	1437.7	0	7188.4	5750.7	2030 BRF
Row	0	--	2027	479.2	0	479.2	0	--
Util	191.7	ACBRF	2028	47.9	0	239.6	191.7	2030 BRF
Cons/ce	44088.7	AC8RF	2029	11022.2	0	55110.9	44088.7	2030 BRF
Total	50031.1	--	--	12987	0	63018.1	50031	--

Location: Wyandotte County: Central Avenue bridge over the Kansas River located just east of the I-70/I-670/Central Avenue Intersection in Kansas City
Scope: Bridge Replacement
Note: Program Addition

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	Federal/State AC Amount	Source	Year	State	Local	Total	AC Amount	AC Conversion - Year Source
Eng	11595.8	ACBRF	2026	1288.4	0	12884.2	11595.8	2031 BRF
Row	0	--	2028	7157.9	0	7157.9	0	--
Util	3221.1	ACBRF	2029	357.9	0	3579	3221.1	2031 BRF
Cons/ce	140438.9	ACBRF	2030	15604.2	0	156043.1	140438.9	2031 BRF
Total	155255.8	--	--	24408.4	0	179664.2	155255.8	--

Location: I-70 and I-670 interchanges with Central Avenue: bridges #027, #289, #290, #247, and local structure over I-70, Union Pacific Railroad, and local streets
Scope: Bridge Replacements and interchange reconfiguration
Note: Program Addition

Note post May 2026 TTPC Meeting: At the TTPC meeting of May 2026, committee members asked for clarification on bike/ped elements included in the project scope. KDOT and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas indicate that the project scope does indeed include a 10-foot pathway on the bridge (northern side). It is the project sponsors' intent to construct these facilities as part of this bridge replacement project. The funding package for completion of these improvements is not yet complete, but active work continues to secure needed funds via discretionary grant funding opportunities.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS
Major River Crossings Policy: This project, as proposed, conforms with this policy by providing bicycle /pedestrian accommodations.

Financial Constraint: There is financial capacity in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for this project's budget, as stated.

CKC2050 System Preservation and System Efficiency Goals: This project conforms with the System Preservation goal in CKC2050 to replace a key is a transportation connection.

Regional Bikeways and Trails: The scope of this project does not allow for direct connection to existing or planned regional bikeways or trails. However, the provision of pedestrian and bike accommodations across the bridge creates an opportunity for future connections.

COMMITTEE ACTION
The Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) took action on this item at their June 16, 2026 meeting. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed this MTP Amendment Request on May 6, 2026 and forwards a recommendation of approval to the TTPC. TTPC released the project for review and comments. Received comments and proposed responses are included following this staff report.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
UG/Wyandotte County. Bridge connects to nearby transportation system in Kansas City, MO.

RECOMMENDATION
Recommend approval of ConnectedKC 2050 MTP Amendment #2.

STAFF CONTACT
- Martin Rivarola, Transportation Planning Director

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 7o
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

VOTE: Approve special amendment #2 to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program.

BACKGROUND
The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the region's short-range program, identifying projects to receive federal funds and projects of regional significance to be implemented over the next three to five-year period. MARC amends the TIP on both a quarterly cycle and as needed to accommodate changes to projects in the TIP.

The proposed 2026 Special Amendment #2 to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program includes 5 projects:

- 2 new projects to be added:
  - #280220 – KDOT – Wyandotte County: Central Avenue bridge over the Kansas River
  - #280221 – KDOT – I-70 and I-670 interchanges with Central Avenue Bridge Replacements

- 3 existing projects with modifications to the scope, schedule, or budget
  - #344035 – Leawood – State Line Road (81st Street to 95th Street) Signal Improvements
  - #530003 – Smithville - Riverwalk Park - Phase 1
  - #530005 – Smithville – Bridge Street Roundabout

Details of these projects are available for review on the Internet at: www.marc.org/TIP.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS
MARC's Public Involvement Plan requires that amendments to the TIP be released for public review and comment prior to adoption. Comments received are addressed in the ConnectedKC 2050 Amendment #2 report.

COMMITTEE ACTION
The projects in this amendment were approved by the Technical Advisory Committee on May 6, 2026, the Kansas Programming Committee on May 7, 2026, and the Missouri Programming Committee on May 12, 2026. The Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) took action on this item at their June 16, 2026 meeting.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
This item impacts Clay, Johnson, and Wyandotte counties.

RECOMMENDATION
Approve Special Amendment #2 to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program.

STAFF CONTACT
- Marc Hansen, Transportation Programs Manager

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 7p
Healthy Environment

VOTE: Authorize the executive director to execute a service contract with consulting firm Vireo to develop a streamside restoration best practices manual.

BACKGROUND:
In August 2022, Kansas City, Missouri was awarded a $5 million ARPA grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The grant included $300,000 to support two Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) initiatives for the finalizing of the MARC-American Public Works Association 5600 Stormwater Standards development and to develop and host a variety of training programs focused on riparian restoration. The funds allocated $55,000 for the creation of a MARC manual focusing on streamside restoration in the Kansas City region.

An RFP was issued, with one response from a consulting team of Vireo, Habitat Architects, Heartland Conservation Alliance and the University of Kansas. The submission was scored by staff from Johnson County Parks and Recreation and Bridging the Gap along with MARC staff. This Riparian Restoration Manual will provide best practices for a variety of streambank types and conditions common in the Kansas City region. The manual will support the professional development of a growing cohort of restoration and management professionals within local government public works and parks departments.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

PROJECTED REVENUES	
MDNR ARPA Grant awarded to KCMO (approved August 2024)	$55,000

EXPENSES	
Consultant expenses	$55,000

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:
This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION:
Authorize the executive director to execute a service contract with consulting firm Vireo for $55,000 to develop a riparian restoration best practices manual.

STAFF CONTACT:
- Tom Jacobs, Environmental Programs Director

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2026
Item No. 7q
Quality Early Learning

VOTE: Approve agreement with Kids Win Missouri to support the Child Care Works program.

BACKGROUND
Kids Win Missouri was awarded $1,519,885 for a three-year project grant from the Ewing Marrion Kauffman Foundation. The project seeks to scale Child Care Works (CCW), a childcare cost-sharing model, to expand access to affordable, quality childcare for modest- and middle-income families in Kansas City and across Missouri. It aims to increase workforce participation and economic mobility by leveraging public, private, and philanthropic investments and strengthening the early childhood system. Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Early Learning department will lead implementation efforts in Kansas City.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS
The funding is over a three-year period and ends June 30, 2029, and supports personnel, operation and meeting costs over that period.

REVENUES	
Amount	$624,790.33
Source	Kids Win Missouri via the Ewing Marrion Kauffman Foundation
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	$609,790.33
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	$15,000

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
This item impacts all Missouri counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION
Approve agreement with Kids Win Missouri for $624,790.33 to support the Child Care Works program.

STAFF CONTACTS
- Toni Sturdivant, Ph.D.; Director of Early Learning