



## Meeting Summary: TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 3, 2026

9:30 AM

MARC Board Room

### AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. **Vote:** Approval of May 6, 2026 meeting minutes
  - **Motion:** Lisa Womack
  - **Second:** Mait Mehlhaff
  - **Passed Unanimously**
3. **Vote:** Approval of Suballocated Phase 1 Project Assessments

Transportation Director Martin Rivarola covered the process of TAC member commentary on MARC staff Phase 1 analysis of Suballocated Funding Requests. He then gave a detailed breakdown of TAC member commentary on MARC staff analysis. Mr. Rivarola presented a staff recommendation of project assessments for consideration and approval by the committee. Mike Spickelmeyer, City of Lansing, Kansas, requested that his project application be classified as “aligned” instead of the MARC Staff designation of “not aligned.” Mr. Spickelmeyer detailed several reasons for this request. Co-Chair Dean Vakas, Mayor Pro-Tem of Olathe, KS asked about the ramifications of the alignment designations going forward in the application process.

A motion was made to modify the alignment status of the City of Lansing, Kansas’s project funding application for the 4H/De Soto Rd Roundabout from “not aligned” to “aligned”.

- **Motion:** Michael Spickelmeyer
- **Second:** Wes Minder
- **Passed Unanimously**

A subsequent motion was made to approve the Suballocated Phase 1 Project Assessments as recommended by MARC staff, including the adjustment made to the City of Lansing, Kansas’s application.

- **Motion:** Sherri McIntyre
- **Second:** Maddie Bouton
- **Passed Unanimously**

4. **Vote:** Approval of Critical Urban Freight Corridors Plan

Cy Splichal, MARC Staff, gave an overview of the Critical Urban Freight Corridors Plan and the process for designating corridors to their respective tiers. Mr. Splichal presented a recommendation for CUFC for consideration and approval by the committee.

- **Motion:** Mait Mehlhaff
- **Second:** Lisa Womack
- **Passed Unanimously**

#### 5. **Vote:** Approval of Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Targets

Bobby Evans, MARC Staff, described the requirements and process associated with PTASP Target setting. He detailed the safety categories, consolidation of modes of transportation into three categories, and the process by which MARC sets regional targets for various transit agencies based on their unique PTASP plans and a recommendation for consideration and approval by the committee.

- **Motion:** Doug Wesselschmidt
- **Second:** Lisa Womack
- **Passed Unanimously**

#### 6. Smart Moves Plan Update

Lukas Yanni, MARC Staff, provided a timeline of the previous iterations of the Smart Moves Plan – and their associated scopes – as they relate to the current ongoing version. He then detailed the “Four Pillars” of the Smart Moves Plan and the updated objectives for the plan update. Lukas then discussed the updated plan findings including the financial analysis, sales tax analysis, and peer regions transit report. Lukas finished by listing the public engagement work done for the plan and the detailed financial analysis associated with the draft plan recommendations.

Doug Wesselschmidt asked a question about the Kansas City Regional Transit Alliance (KCRTA) and their collaboration and corroboration of the Smart Moves Plan Findings. Lukas related that there was ongoing communication and alignment with KCRTA throughout the planning process to date.

Sherri McIntyre asked about if the structure of the KCATA Board of Directors was a subject of the Smart Moves Update plan recommendations. Wes Minder spoke in agreement with Sherri, echoing a desire for change. Ron Achelpohl, MARC Director of Transportation and Environment, weighed in noting that changes to the KCATA board must be done at the State Government level for both Kansas and Missouri. He noted that the Smart Moves Plan Update was aligned, from the beginning, to achieve improvements to the regional transit system without changes to State Legislation. He mentioned that there was no single mechanism for increasing transit funding and that funding increases must be done at a county-by-county level.

#### 7. System Performance Report Target Setting Methodology: Transit Accessibility

Bobby Evans, MARC Staff, covered the process for analyzing transit access – in terms of population and jobs – for this performance measure. He detailed the proposal to use the

forthcoming Smart Moves Update recommended transit network as the basis for target setting later in 2026 using the same methodology.

Bobby then asked for a critique of the methodology presented and the proposal to use the Smart Moves network – either the 10 or 20 year horizon – as the basis for target setting

Ryan Makarem asked why population and job access to transit decreased over the past two years. Bobby responded that this was the outcome of service cuts to transit.

Sherri McIntyre said that she preferred using the Smart Moves 10-year horizon recommended network for target setting.

Selina Zapata-Bur noted that she likes using the Smart Moves network as the basis for transit access target setting.

#### 8. Activity Based Model Development Update

Eileen Yang, MARC Staff, discussed the process and methodology of transportation modeling with particular emphasis on how this work had been performed by MARC Staff. She then detailed the changes to the MARC transportation model with the advent of the activity based model. Eileen also discussed how the MARC transportation model results were used in various plans, studies, and programs run by MARC but also jurisdictions throughout the MARC region.

#### 9. Other Business

Mait Mehlhaff noted that a bill in the Missouri State Legislature approving a process called “Progressive Design-Build” was up for consideration. He noted the many benefits of the Progressive Design-Build process and that this type of work was already allowed in the Kansas. He advocated for the passage of this bill and noted that it has the opportunity to bring down construction costs and aide in faster, more efficient real estate development.

Co-Chair Dean Vakas, Mayor Pro-Tem City of Olathe, KS announced that the July TAC meeting would be cancelled and that the August meeting would be held virtually. He stated that there would be an attempt to hold the meeting in a hybrid (in-person and virtual) manner.

#### 10. Adjournment

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