



OPEN MEETING NOTICE

TOTAL TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Mayor Eric Mikkelson, Kansas Co-Chair
Mayor Leonard Jones, Missouri Co-Chair

There will be a meeting of MARC's Total Transportation Policy Committee on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. We encourage in-person attendance but virtual participation will also be available. This meeting will be held in the Board Room in the MARC offices at 801 Pennsylvania Ave in Kansas City, Missouri, 64105 and online via Teams.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Action items
 - a. Vote: September 15, 2026 Meeting Summary
 - b. Vote: 2026 4th Quarterly Amendment to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program
 - c. Vote: Release 2026 Special Amendment #4 to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for Public Review and Comment
 - d. Vote: Release Draft 2027 Unified Planning Work Program for Public Review and Comment
 - e. Vote: Release Draft Public Participation Plan for Public Review and Comment
 - f. Vote: 2026 Functional Classification System Change Requests
 - g. Vote: Approve FFY25-26 FTA Section 5310 Project Funding Recommendations
3. Reports
 - a. Report: Functional Classification Official Procedures Update Review
 - b. Report: Smart Moves - Upcoming Engagement Activities
 - c. Report: Housing & Transportation Coordination Plan
4. Other business
5. Adjourn

The meeting will be open to the public in person or via teleconference. Members of the public who wish to participate in the teleconference please email transportation@marc.org by Noon on Monday, October 19, 2026, for instructions.

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VOTE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 MEETING SUMMARY

1) Welcome/Introductions

Kansas Co-Chair Mayor Eric Mikkelsen confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order. Online guests were asked to introduce themselves in the chat, and self-introductions for in-person attendees followed. Attendance of this meeting is included at the end of this summary.

2) Action items

a. **Vote: July 21, 2026 Meeting Summary**

No changes were suggested for the meeting summary.

b. **Vote: Approve Planning Sustainable Places 2027 Funding Recommendations**

Planning Sustainable Places (PSP) Program Manager Beth Dawson reviewed the applications submitted for 2027 PSP funding. The Sustainable Places Policy Committee (SPPC) reviewed the applications received and developed funding recommendations for 11 studies total, including five Kansas studies, four Missouri studies, and two bi-state studies. Additional information is available on the PSP webpage.

c. **Vote: 2026 Suballocated Call for Projects - Updated Phase 1 Project Assessments**

Transportation Planning Director Martin Rivarola reviewed suggested changes to alignment assessments of Phase 1 suballocated transportation funding applications. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and TTPC previously approved these assessments, but TAC has reevaluated alignment status of projects and developed updated recommendations at the request of project sponsors. Mr. Rivarola reviewed actions taken by the TAC to address concerns about the initial assessments, and listed the reclassified projects.

d. **Vote: 2026 4th Quarter TIP Amendment to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program**

Transportation Programs Manager Marc Hansen briefly reviewed the quarterly update for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which includes 17 new projects and modifications to 7 existing projects. The amendment will be released for public review and comment.

Committee action:

Doug Wesselschmidt moved to approve agenda items 2a through 2d as presented. Jack Messer seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

3) Reports

a. **Report: Improve I-70 Kansas City Project Update**

Project Director James Pflum of MoDOT reviewed the upcoming work planned for I-70, that will lead to a partial closure of I-70 for 11 months beginning in January. Mr. Pflum detailed the current infrastructure, project goals and planned improvements, and process and approach to road closures.

The committee discussed coordination with area agencies, potential impacts on other projects, funding and labor/supply details, and potential transportation alternatives (such as trains or buses) to provide additional options for motorists. MoDOT has analyzed traffic scenarios for commuter traffic and interstate travelers, and provided options based on traffic patterns. However, Mr. Pflum notes the need for traffic management efforts to be nimble, and that the [project website](#), [email updates](#), and partnerships with way-finding apps can help respond to changing conditions, and encourages motorists to check traffic conditions regularly.

b. Report: Public Participation Plan Update

Transportation Planner Cy Splichal briefed the committee on the update to MARC's Public Participation Plan. Mr. Splichal identified challenges and opportunities to community engagement, and explained some of the federal requirements MARC must meet for its core transportation planning products. MARC's update of the plan also seeks to reframe and reassess how we use community engagement to make projects better and impact decision-making. Building relationships, storytelling, and trust were emerging themes in updating engagement strategies, and the plan seeks to reduce barriers and reach underserved voices. Mr. Splichal invited committee members to [complete a survey](#) to share feedback on how community engagement impacts their work on the MARC committees they serve.

c. Report: 2026 Suballocated Funding Report

Marc Hansen reviewed the annual process of August Redistribution, which allows states to apply for increased spending authority on transportation projects. Delayed implementation of projects and increases in balances can affect a state's ability to compete for a portion of the redistributed funds. Kansas and Missouri Departments of Transportation manage these balances differently, with KDOT requiring a "zero" balance at the end of each fiscal year, and MoDOT setting goals to obligate 100% of the annual allocation of funds, tracked by region. Mr. Hansen reviewed the current year's allocations and balances of each funding program by state, shortfalls in obligations, and additional funding received through August Redistribution.

d. Report: E-Mobility Model Policy

Transportation Planner Patrick Trouba presented the E-Mobility Model Policy, which MARC developed in coordination with the Johnson County Department of Health & Environment after reviewing existing regulations earlier this year. A major priority of the policy is to regulate behavior over device capabilities, and Mr. Trouba reviewed where and how devices can be used, classifications of devices, and age/licensing requirements for each type of device. MARC has model ordinance language for Kansas and Missouri available on its [website](#) for local governments interested in adopting their own policies.

4) Other Business

Committee members were informed of the meeting spaces available in the new MARC office, and were invited to tour the building after the meeting. Vacancies in membership were shared with the committee, and appointing authorities are encouraged to reach out to MARC staff with any updates on membership.

MARC's long time Executive Director David Warm is retiring at the end of September, and committee members were invited to attend his retirement reception on September 24, 2026. His replacement Geraldine Gardner will begin in October.

5) **Adjournment**

Co-Chair Mikkelsen adjourned the meeting.

Total Transportation Policy Committee Attendance September 15, 2026

Members and Alternates Present

Mayor Leonard Jones, Grandview, MO;
Member/Missouri Co-Chair
Mayor Eric Mikkelsen, Prairie Village, KS;
Member/Kansas Co-Chair
Javier Ahumada, FHWA - Kansas Division;
Member
Tristin Amezcua-Hogan, KCRTA; Alternate
Matt Bond, Smithville, MO; Member
Councilmember Eric Bunch, Kansas City, MO;
Member
Kyle Dieckmann, Overland Park, KS; Alternate
Heidi Eilers, WTS; Alternate
Kyle Elliott, Kansas City, MO; Alternate
AJ Farris, KCATA; Member
Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County,
KS; Member
Jeff Hardy, MoDOT; Member
Mary Jaeger, Olathe, KS; Member
Councilmember Jerry Kaylor, Blue Springs, MO;
Member
Lee Kellenberger, Johnson County, KS;
Alternate
Shane Krull, Miami County, KS; Member
Jill Lawlor, Kansas City, MO; Member
Uday Manepalli, Kansas City, MO; Alternate
Jack Messer, Overland Park, KS; Member
Mayor Eric Mikkelsen, Prairie Village, KS;
Member
Wes Minder, Platte County, MO; Member
Andrew Ngui, Kansas City, MO; Alternate
Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, MO;
Member
Tawn Nugent, WTS; Member
Michael Park, Lee's Summit, MO; Member
Trent Salsbury, Raymore, MO; Member
John Smedley, Platte Woods, MO; Member
Michael Spickelmier, Lansing, KS; Member
Councilmember Dean Vakas, Olathe, KS;
Member
Jason Waldron, Kansas City, MO; Member
Mayor Dana Webb, Oak Grove, MO; Member
Doug Wesselschmidt, Grandview, MO; Member
Chris Whiting, Jackson County, MO; Member
Lisa Womack, Johnson County, KS; Member
Beth Wright, Olathe, KS ; Alternate
Rui Xu, KS House of Representatives; Alternate

Others Present

Alysen Abel, Spring Hill, KS
Amanda Barch, MoDOT
Chad Bunger
A.J. Byrd, MoDOT
Joey Carley, Raytown, MO
Anthony Cunningham
Taylor Cunningham, Mission, KS
Gerri Doyle, FTA

Others Present (cont.)

Cara Elbert
Anna Faith
Arthur Gough
Bob Heim, Platte County, MO
Matt Henderson, Alfred Benesch & Company
Mark Hoppe, Affinis Corporation
Irvin Jackson, Unified Government of
Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
Krystal Jolly, MoDOT
Todd LaTorella, Kansas City, MO
Nick Lightner, Blue Springs, MO
Rayan Makarem, BikeWalkKC
Patrick Martin, Grain Valley, MO
JoLynne Martinez
Sherri McIntyre, Liberty, MO
Mac Milburn, Garver
Jonathon Moore, Wilson & Co
Davonna Moore-Edeh, CDM Smith
Councilmember Cameron Nave, Gladstone, MO
Eric Rogers, BikeWalkKC
Melissa Schmitz, MoDOT
Allison Smith, KDOT
Griffin Smith, Garver
Loren Snyder, Kearney, MO
Eric Stitt, Trinity Logistics
Pat Toby, KDOT
Mayra Toothman, Smithville, MO
Reginald Townsend, KCATA
David Valdiviezo, WSP
Matthew Volz
Juan Yin, MoDOT
Selina Zapata Bur, Kansas City, MO

MARC Staff Present

Ron Achelpohl
Megan Broll
Karen Clawson
Beth Dawson
Raymart Dinglas
Bobby Evans
Marc Hansen
Lynelle Haugabrook
Alicia Hunter
Tom Jacobs
Bob Pentuic
Martin Rivarola
Eric Rorstrom
Joshua Rubio
Cy Splichal
Patrick Trouba
Ray Webb
Eileen Yang
Lukas Yanni
Luis Zuniga

Total Transportation Policy Committee Roster September 15, 2026

Jurisdiction/Agency Represented	Member Name	Alternate Name
Independence, MO	John Perkins	Lisa Reynolds
Independence, MO	Kevin King	Matt McLaughlin
Kansas City, MO	Eric Bunch	Andy Savastino
Kansas City, MO	Jill Lawlor	Angie Laurie
Kansas City, MO	[Vacant]	Andrew Ngui
Kansas City, MO	Jason Waldron	Mark Montgomery
Kansas City, MO (Northland)	Jeff Martin	Uday Manepalli
Kansas City, MO (Northland)	Lindsay French	Kyle Elliott
Lee's Summit, MO	Donnie Funk	Michael Park
Olathe, KS	Dean Vakas	Nate Baldwin
Olathe, KS	Mary Jaeger	Beth Wright
Overland Park, KS	Jack Messer	Leslie Karr
Overland Park, KS	Lorraine Basalo	Kyle Dieckmann
Cass County, MO	Trent Salisbury	Travis Jones
Cass County, MO Municipalities	Norman Larkey	Steve Stephan
Clay County, MO	Jerry Nolte	Megan Thompson
Clay County, MO	Tom Degenhardt	Corey Alford
Clay County, MO Municipalities	Matt Bond	Randy Pogue
Jackson County, MO	Chris Whiting	Brian Gaddie
Jackson County, MO	Megan Smith	Stephen Arbo
Jackson County, MO	Leonard Jones	Doug Wesselschmidt
Jackson County, MO	Tina Spallo	Earl Newill
Jackson County, MO Municipalities	Mike McDonough	Michael Larson
Jackson County, MO Municipalities	Dana Webb	Jerry Kaylor
Johnson County, KS	Janeé Hanzlick	Adam Norris
Johnson County, KS	Ryan Sims	Scott Karagiorgas
Johnson County, KS	Justus Welker	Lisa Womack
Johnson County, KS	[Vacant]	Lee Kellenberger
Johnson County, KS Municipalities	Joe Johnson	Rui Xu
Johnson County, KS Municipalities	Eric Mikkelsen	[Vacant]
Leavenworth County, KS	Bill Noll	Joe McAfee
Leavenworth County, KS Municipalities	[Vacant]	Michael Spickelmier
Miami County, KS	Shane Krull	Eric Sandberg
Miami County, KS Municipalities	Randi Shannon	Michele Silsbee
Platte County, MO	Wes Minder	Scott Fricker
Platte County, MO Municipalities	John Smedley	Kathy Rose
Ray County, MO	Max Hockemeier	Bobby Don Davis
Ray County, MO Municipalities	Tonya Willim	[Vacant]
UG WyCo and KCK	Deryl Wynn	[Vacant]
UG WyCo and KCK	Andrew Kump	Angel Ferrara
UG WyCo and KCK	Troy Shaw	Sarah Shafer
UG WyCo and KCK Municipalities	Mark Mathies	Amber Vogan
HETF Wyandotte County	Matt Kleinmann	Gordon Criswell
Kansas City Regional Transit Alliance	Joshua Boehm	Tristin Amezcua-Hogan
Northland Regional Ch. Of Comm.	Sabin Yanez	Jenny Johnston
WTS	Tawn Nugent	Heidi Eilers
KCATA	AJ Farris	Chuck Ferguson
KCATA	Tyler Means	Leah Suttington
KC Streetcar Authority	Tom Gerend	Lauren Krutty
KDOT	Mike Moriarty	Cory Davis
MoDOT	Jeff Hardy	Greg Bolon
FHWA - Kansas Division (Non-voting)	Kevin Ward	Javier Ahumada
FHWA - Missouri Division (Non-voting)	Kevin Ward	Cecelie Cochran
FTA (Non-voting)	Carrie Butler	Jeremiah Shuler

VOTE: 2026 4TH QUARTER AMENDMENT 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 4th Quarter Amendment to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program includes 24 projects:

- 17 new projects to be added, including but not limited to:
 - #162008 - Lansing - Lansing Side Path & Main Street Crosswalk
 - #259219 - Unified Government - Bridge Network Prioritization Program
 - #280225 - KDOT - US-69 pavement replacement in Wyandotte County
 - #341005 - DeSoto - Sunflower Road Shared-Use Path Missing Link
 - #380269 - KDOT - I-35 and US-56/W 175th Street Interchange in Gardner
- 7 existing projects with modifications to the scope, schedule, or budget

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. One comment in support #162008 was received. The comment and a proposed response from MARC are included.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the 2026 4th Quarter Amendment to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program.

STAFF CONTACT

- Marc Hansen, Transportation Programs Manager

**2026-2030 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
2026 4TH QUARTER AMENDMENT
PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RESPONSES**

Comment #1 – Lansing Sidepath and Main St Crosswalk #162008

“The Lansing sidewalk path is seriously needed. Kids walk to school on the roadway every day. Allowing this project to move forward increases safety in that part of town.”

Response to Comment #1

Thank you for your recent comment regarding the proposed 2026 4th Quarter Amendment to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program. We shared your comments with the City of Lansing, the MARC Total Transportation Policy Committee, and the MARC Board of Directors for their consideration on the proposed amendment.

Expanded transportation options and improved safety are key goals of the region’s transportation plans. Notable among these plans is the recently completed Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP). Shaped by rigorous data analysis and informed by stakeholder and public engagement, the CSAP promotes a framework that focuses on safer design, safer speeds, safer vehicles, post-crash care, and education and enforcement strategies. The CSAP is available for review at

<https://www.marc.org/sites/default/files/2026-05/DS-Comprehensive-Safety-Action-Plan.pdf>.

We look forward to your continued participation in the regional transportation planning process and encourage you to review the [Guide to Transportation Decision Making](#). This guide is designed to help area residents understand the complex process of transportation decision making and learn how they can more effectively provide input.

Sincerely,

Marc Hansen, AICP
Transportation Programs Manager
Mid-America Regional Council

**VOTE: RELEASE 2026 SPECIAL AMENDMENT #4 TO THE 2026-2030
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT**

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 #4 to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program includes 6 projects:

- 2 new projects to be added, including but not limited to:
 - #725033 - Belton - Markey Parkway Phase 3
 - #970131 - MARC - I-29 Corridor Improvement Project
- 4 existing projects with modifications to the scope, schedule, or budget

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.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Missouri Programming Committee will review the scope modifications for TIP #420010, #611207, 611208, and #634085 at their meeting on October 13, 2026.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the release of 2026 Special Amendment #4 to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program.

STAFF CONTACT

- Marc Hansen, Transportation Programs Manager

TTPC AGENDA REPORT

October 2026
Item No. 2d

VOTE: RELEASE DRAFT 2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

BACKGROUND

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) 1) describes the transportation planning activities MARC and other agencies will undertake during the year; 2) documents the proposed expenditures of federal, state and local funds in support of applications for various planning grants; and 3) provides a management tool for MARC and the funding agencies in scheduling major transportation planning activities, milestones and products. A draft of the 2027 UPWP is available at: <https://www.marc.org/transportation/plans-and-studies/unified-planning-work-program>

Major Transportation Planning Initiatives proposed for 2027 include:

- Respond to planning provisions in the IIJA - Tasks 1.1, 2.2, 3.5, 3.6, 4.1, and 5.10
- Suballocated federal funds programming - Task 4.1
- Development of the 2028-2032 Transportation Improvement Program - Task 4.1
- Economic, Demographic and Travel Demand Forecasting - Tasks 2.1 and 3.1
- Performance Measures and Targets - Tasks 2.2, 3.6, and 4.1
- Regional Active Transportation Planning - Tasks 3.4 and 3.5
- Regional Transportation Safety Planning - Task 3.7
- Completion of the Housing and Transportation Coordination Study - Task 5.10
- Completion of the regional Activity-Based Travel Demand model- Task 3.1
- Completion of the 2026 Travel Patterns After Action Assessment - Task 5.11
- Completion of the Natural Hazard Transportation Risk Assessment Phase 2 - Task 5.12
- Metrogreen Network Assessment - Task 5.13
- Smart Moves KC Rail Planning Baseline Study - Task 5.14

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

None.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The Draft 2027 UPWP has been developed based on funding levels resulting from the passage of IIJA and the 2020 Census counts for urbanized area populations in Kansas and Missouri.

COMMITTEE ACTION

MARC hosted a virtual meeting on June 11, 2026, with its planning partners to coordinate development of the 2027 UPWP. An initial version of the 2027 UPWP was circulated among the planning partners for comment in September 2026.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the release of the draft 2027 Unified Planning Work Program for public review and comment.

STAFF CONTACT

- Marc Hansen, Transportation Programs Manager

VOTE: RELEASE DRAFT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

BACKGROUND

The Public Participation Plan (PPP) guides the public engagement processes and activities of the Mid-America Regional Council's Transportation and Environment Department. The PPP provides a framework that guides public involvement in transportation planning projects.

MARC staff have been developing an update of the plan over the course of 2026. This update process included internal workshopping and engagement, external engagement, and a peer review of participation methods utilized by other metropolitan planning organizations.

Key updates included in this iteration of the PPP include updated guidance on:

- Using social media for engagement
- Engaging committees
- Utilizing consulting firms for engagement
- Coordinating annual engagement workplans

A final draft of the plan has been reviewed by federal and state planning partners and is ready to be released to the public for comment and review. A 45-day comment period is required. Following the comment period, the PPP is due for approval by MARC's Board of Directors by December 2026.

Committee members can access the draft plan for review here:

<https://www.marc.org/public-participation-plan>

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.316, MPOs must create a Public Participation Plan that establishes requirements for engagement around core MPO products. Under this requirement, MPOs must allow for:

- adequate public notice of public participation activities;
- review and comment at key decision points in the development of the MTP and TIP;
- and multiple, accessible participation formats, including electronic and in-person.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the release of the Public Participation Plan for public review and comment.

STAFF CONTACT

- Cy Splichal, Transportation Planner

VOTE: 2026 FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM CHANGE REQUESTS

BACKGROUND

Functional classification is the process by which streets and highways are organized according to how they move vehicles across our transportation network. This designation is based on factors such as roadway volume and speed limit, among other criteria established by the Federal Highway Administration. Functional classification is used in transportation planning, roadway design, and is one factor in determining if a roadway project is eligible to receive federal funds.

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Kansas City Region, MARC is responsible for developing and maintaining the Functional Classification system of roadways within its planning boundaries through coordination with local cities, counties, and departments of transportation. MARC conducted one Call for Changes to the Functional Classification System. To ensure requests meet FHWA guidelines, coordination with neighboring jurisdictions and DOTs is required.

For the 2026 call, MARC reviewed and drafted recommendations for 46 new requests for functional classification changes from eight (8) jurisdictions/agencies. Draft recommendations were reviewed by the applicable DOT's and additional coordination with requesting jurisdiction occurred as needed. The requests were organized into the following five (5) recommendation categories.

- Approve: 40 requests
- Approve with Modification: 2 requests
- Approve, contingent upon consensus: 1 request
- Withdraw: 1 request
- Withdraw, unless documentation provided: 2 requests
 - Requests that are withdrawn are eligible to be resubmitted during a future call.

MARC coordinated with the corresponding Department of Transportation to review and develop a draft list of request change recommendations. See attachment Item No. 4-1, for the complete list of request changes and draft recommendations.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

In some cases, functional classification determines the eligibility of roadways to receive federal funds, most notably the STP funds that MARC's programming committees award every two years.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Review draft recommendations to change the functional classification system.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve draft recommendations, as discussed, for approval.

STAFF CONTACT

- Alicia Hunter, Transportation Planner

VOTE: APPROVE FFY25-26 FTA SECTION 5310 PROJECT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

BACKGROUND

The Federal Transit Administration provides funding for the Section 5310 Program that targets specific users and their mobility needs. Section 5310, also known as the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program, provides funding for vehicle purchases, capital projects and operations that address mobility solutions for older adults and persons with disabilities. More information can be found here:

<https://www.marc.org/transportation/funding/enhanced-mobility-older-adults-and-people-disabilities>

The competitive selection of Section 5310 projects is based on the FFY 2025 and 2026 urban area formula-based apportionment for the Kansas City urban area. As the Designated Recipient of the Kansas City Urbanized Area, the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) may submit Section 5310 applications for FFY 2025 and 2026 funding equivalent to the amount apportioned to the region by FTA. As outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two organizations, MARC manages the competitive selection process for the portions of the FFY 2025 & 2026 apportionments being released through that process.

The following chart represents the estimated region's funding allocation for the current cycle:

ESTIMATED 5310 Funds for KC Region in 2025 and 2026 (Apportionments)	
TOTAL	\$4,399,103
Admin (MARC)	\$153,969
Admin (KCATA)	\$285,942
TOTAL minus all Admin	\$3,959,193
Operations (45%)	\$1,583,677
Capital (55%)	\$2,177,556
Funds to be Programmed	\$2,177,556

A call for projects and project selection process occurred over the spring and summer of 2026. At the upcoming TTPC meeting, MARC staff will brief the committee on the review process and Mobility Advisory Committee recommendations. FTA Section 5310 funds award recommendations from this committee are illustrated in the attached table.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

These funds are integral to the advancement of the goals and strategies outlined in the federally required Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan (CPT-HST) and support regional mobility services for those with limited mobility.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

MARC and KCATA retain 3.5% and 6.5% respectively for program administration purposes.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Mobility Advisory Committee (MAC) oversees this process.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve selection of projects to be awarded Section 5310 program funds, as noted in this staff report.

STAFF CONTACT

- Lukas Yanni, Transportation Planner III

FTA Section 5310 MAC Funding Recommendation - KC UZA 2026

Applicant/Org	Project Title (Application)	Total Score	Total Project Cost	Total 5310 Request	Percent Funding Awarded	Recommended Scenario
Johnson County Mental Health Center	JCMHC Transportation Fleet Replacement and Expansion	48	\$369,324	\$295,459	70%	\$206,821
Eitas	Replacing Fleet Buses to Keep Eitas Riders Moving	44	\$1,612,800	\$1,280,000	41%	\$524,800
Heartland, Inc.	Heartland, Inc. Wheels: Door-Through-Door Transportation for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	44	\$423,390	\$339,000	60%	\$203,400
The Farmer's House	The Farmer's House Community Mobility for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities	44	\$326,200	\$250,000	60%	\$150,000
West Central Community Development Corporation	Expanding Mobility & Access in Cass County through New Growth Transit	44	\$223,861	\$177,316	60%	\$106,390
Greater KC LINC Inc. (LINC)	LINC Mobility Van for Palestine Older Adults	44	\$179,971	\$155,148	60%	\$93,089
Life Unlimited	Life Unlimited Enhanced Mobility Vans 2026	42	\$562,706	\$470,550	60%	\$282,330
Johnson County Transit	JCT 5310 Accessible Vehicle Replacement	40	\$254,500	\$216,325	58%	\$125,469
GoodLife Innovations, Inc.	GoodRide Mobility Management Project	40	\$208,472	\$152,250	60%	\$91,350
Inclusion Connections	Inclusion Connections Transportation	40	\$154,530	\$122,400	60%	\$73,440
The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society	Wheels to Wellness: Project Replacement Van	40	\$74,379	\$62,689	60%	\$37,613
AbleLight	AbleLight Kansas City Accessible Vehicle Replacement	40	\$70,595	\$59,500	60%	\$35,700
TNC Community	Accessible Transit Vans for TNC Community to Transport Individuals with Severe Developmental Disabilities for Healthcare and Community Integration	36	\$281,232	\$223,200	50%	\$111,600
Unified Government	ADA Paratransit Lift Upgrade: Replace 800-lb Lifts with 1,000-lb Capacity Lifts on Eight 2025 Vehicles	36	\$58,061	\$46,080	50%	\$23,040
Operation Stable Ground Foundation Inc.	Operation Stable Ground Accessible Community Mobility Initiative – Phase 1	34	\$131,100	\$110,000	50%	\$55,000
Unified Government Transportation Department	ADA Paratransit Vehicle Replacement Project	32	\$141,120	\$112,000	50%	\$56,000
				\$4,071,917		\$2,176,042

REPORT: FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION OFFICIAL PROCEDURES UPDATE REVIEW

BACKGROUND

Functional classification is the process by which the nation's network of streets and highways are categorized according to the type of service they provide. It represents the function of a roadway based on several factors, including volume of traffic and types of trips served.

Functional classification is used in transportation planning, roadway design and the allocation of federal roadway improvement funds. It was introduced by the Federal Highway Administration in the late 1960s, which developed federal guidelines for local governments and planning organizations to use in maintaining the functional classification system in their own jurisdictions.

MARC maintains official procedures for roadway classification (available at: <https://www.marc.org/sites/default/files/2022-04/Functional-Classification-Process.pdf>). This procedure document outlines information and the process for MARC to functionally classify roadways. The procedure document was last updated in July 2013. The process for submitting and processing functional classification change requests has changed over the last few years. These changes require an update to the official procedures.

MARC hosted a workshop in August 2026 with the Kansas and Missouri Departments of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration Divisions. This workshop was an opportunity to review draft changes and discuss additional updates needed to the procedures document. See attachment Item No. 6.1 to review the draft procedures changes.

MARC staff will present the key proposed changes to the document and seek comments or feedback from members. Deadline to submit comments to ahunter@marc.org is October 27, 2026. In November, MARC staff will seek a recommendation for approval of the final procedures document update.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Kansas City region, MARC is responsible for developing and maintaining the functional classification system of roadways within its planning boundaries through coordination with local cities, counties, and state departments of transportation.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Review the draft changes to MARC's Official Procedures for Roadway Functional Classification.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

None. Information only.

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REPORT: SMART MOVES - UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

BACKGROUND

MARC has advanced an update the Smart Moves plan (the long-range transit vision for the region) with a particular focus on developing investible implementation strategies rooted in local priorities, served by a range of service types that are regionally connected. This update delivers major re-prioritized Smart Moves service recommendations, including anticipated capital and operational costs. Potential local funding mechanisms have also been identified. The work has also included a benefit cost analysis.

With the plan in the final stages of completion, MARC staff will be conducting public outreach around the region with the aim to educate the public about the findings of the plan and what next steps look like. Upcoming events include:

- October 20 Transportation and Environment Open House at MARC
- November 3 Smart Moves Open House - Wyandotte County
- November 5 Smart Moves Open House - Johnson County
- November 9 Smart Moves Open House - Northland
- November 16 Smart Moves Open House - Jackson County
- Various meetings with Chambers of Commerce regionally - Scheduling in progress

For more information on the plan and upcoming events, please go to the project webpage here: <https://www.marc.org/transportation/transportation-plans-and-studies/smart-moves>

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Smart Moves supports goals and policies outlined in MARC's Connected KC 2050 Plan, Destination Safe, Planning Sustainable Places, Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan, and larger organizational goals.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Potentially purchase of social media promotion.

COMMITTEE ACTION

This information has been presented to the TAC. A report-back at a future TAC meeting following these outreach events will be provided to summarize the findings.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region covered by the Smart Moves plan.

RECOMMENDATION

None. Information only.

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REPORT: HOUSING & TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION PLAN

BACKGROUND

Following the addition of housing specific goals to the metropolitan transportation plan (MTP) Connected KC 2050, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has begun work on a Regional Housing and Transportation Coordination Plan. This study will offer a thorough, data-driven approach to better integrating transportation, housing, and economic development within MARC's planning efforts. It will analyze current conditions, regional challenges, and future opportunities to better integrate the region's housing network and transportation system.

MARC staff will present on the following tasks that are currently underway:

- Geospatial analysis of housing, transportation, and land use in the region
- Policy analysis of local land use plans and regulations
- Engagement with key stakeholders

Work on this plan began in April 2026 and will continue through Spring 2027. Oversight includes a Housing and Transportation Advisory Committee, MARC's transportation policy committees, and the Regional Housing Partnership's Coordinating Council.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The 2021 federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) allows the creation of "housing coordination plans" that could be associated with required short- and long-term transportation plans. This is only an eligible activity for MPOs representing Transportation Management Areas (TMAs), which are those with populations over 200,000.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

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