



OPEN MEETING NOTICE

AVIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Larry Peet, Kansas Co-Chair
Open, Missouri Co-Chair**

There will be a meeting of MARC's Aviation Committee on **Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.**
MARC's Westview Room and Zoom

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of July 8, 2021, Meeting Summary
3. **Missouri Co-chair*** – Committee
 - Chairs serve one-year term and there are no term limits. The chairs oversee meetings, and work with MARC staff to build agendas, work plans and work groups.
 - Quorum is 5 current members
4. 2015 Regional Aviation system Plan – Committee Discussion
 - Is it time to update?
 - <https://www.marc.org/Transportation/Plans-Studies/Transportation-Plans-and-Studies/Regional-Aviation-System-Plan>
5. “Regional Unmanned Aircraft Systems Strategic Framework” – Committee Discussion
 - Aviation Committee to take responsibility UAV planning and/or possible next steps
 - <https://www.marc.org/Regional-Planning/Innovation/Transportation-Innovation/Drone-Framework>
6. Review MARC Conflict of Interest Policy & Whistle Blower – Darryl Fields, MARC
 - <http://marc.org/About-MARC/pdf/WhistleblowerPolicy>
 - <http://marc.org/About-MARC/pdf/Conflict-of-Interest-Boards>
7. Other Business and Airport Update roundtable – Committee Discussion
8. Adjournment.

Action Item *

Parking: Free parking is available when visiting MARC. Visitors and guests should park on the upper level of the garage. To enter this level from Broadway, turn west into the Rivergate Center parking lot. Please use any of the available spaces on the upper level at the top of the ramp.

Special Accommodations: Please notify the Mid-America Regional Council at (816) 474-4240 at least 48 hours in advance if you require special accommodations to attend this meeting (i.e., qualified interpreter, large print, reader, hearing assistance). We will make every effort to meet reasonable requests.

MARC programs that receive federal funding may not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, color or national origin, according to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Aviation Committee July 8th, 2021 Meeting Summary

Members Present

- Don Whitney- KSWG, Civil Air Patrol
- Lesley Mix, Assistant Manager, Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport
- Melissa Cooper, Manager, Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport
- Dave Hadel, Manager, Aviation Services Burns & McDonnell
- Larry Peet, Deputy Director, Johnson County Airport
- Rod DeWinkler, Assistant Airport Operations Manager, Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport

MARC STAFF

- Darryl Fields, Principal Planner, MARC
- Alex Rotenberry, Complete and Green Streets Planner, MARC
- Chris Upchurch, Technical Project Manager, MARC
- Patrick Trouba, Transportation Planner I, MARC
- Jerome Rouser, Transportation Planning Intern, MARC

Agenda Item I: Welcome and Introductions

Meeting was called together via zoom with welcomes and introductions.

Agenda Item II: MARC Corridor Infrastructure Project Overview

Alex Rotenberry began the presentation by giving an overview of the Complete Streets initiative. Complete streets improve public safety, promotes good health, provides economic benefits, enhances environmental quality, and ensures long-term savings. The Complete Streets analysis is being done to influence transportation investments in our region by creating a set of corridors that can be used for future planning projects.

Agenda Item III: Nomination of Missouri Co-Chair

Melissa Cooper recommended Mike Waller to be the Missouri Co-Chair. Nomination was delayed until the next meeting due to a lack of participants.

Agenda Item IV: Future Meeting Process

MARC will be going back to in-person meetings in mid to late August. MARC is working to allow hybrid meetings or switching between in person and virtual. The next meeting will be hybrid.

Agenda Item V: Member Roundtable & Lesley's Big Day

There are 4-5 construction projects beginning in August at the Downtown Airport. The Downtown Airport honored Brigadier General Charles McGhee who was a Tuskegee Airman. The Johnson County Airport completed the north half of the taxiway and began construction on the south half. The airport received a grant for the taxiway bravo project that will begin next summer. New Century Airport will be going in front of Johnson County Commissioners for approval of the Master Development Plan for expanding the East Side Business Park. Civil Air Patrol in Kansas has been doing a lot of mercy missions for the Red Cross.

Agenda Item 3*

Aviation Advisory Committee MO Co-Chair*

Chairs

The committee will have two co-chairs approved by TTPC from each member state (KS-MO). The chairs can be nominated by MARC staff for approval by TTPC. Voting members of the committee can notify MARC staff if they are interested in a vacant co-chair seat if they are interested in being nominated. If multiple members are interested in a co-chair seat then a majority vote will occur. The chairs are to serve one-year terms and there are no term limits. The chairs oversee meetings, and work with the MARC staff to build agendas, work plans and work groups.

- Committee meets the 2nd Thursday of every other odd numbered month
- Melissa Cooper recommended Mike Waller to be the Missouri Co-Chair. Nomination was delayed until a meeting quorum.

Agenda Item 4

2015 Regional Aviation system Plan

<https://www.marc.org/Transportation/Plans-Studies/Transportation-Plans-and-Studies/Regional-Aviation-System-Plan>

With Federal Aviation Administration funding, the Mid-America Regional Council, Kansas Department of Transportation, and Missouri Department of Transportation updated the Regional Aviation System Plan (RASP) for Greater Kansas City. The study focused on 13 **general aviation** airports that serve MARC's nine-county jurisdictional area. While Kansas City International Airport was included, this airport was considered only for the role it plays in supporting general aviation demand. General aviation refers to all segments of the aviation industry that are not related to commercial or military operations.

The system plan provides insight into how airports could be improved to best meet the air transportation needs of the region. This plan provides information to help MoDOT, KDOT, and the FAA set priorities that best support the general aviation needs of the Kansas City Metropolitan Area. The study area spans two states, and the system plan bridges state airport system plans prepared by both MoDOT and KDOT. Further, it informs the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS), the FAA's national airport system plan. NPIAS airports are eligible to compete for FAA funding. As the map on page 1 shows, most but not all study airports are included in the NPIAS.

FRAMEWORK GOALS:

The regional aviation system plan was guided by three overarching framework goals. These goals were used to evaluate how well airports in the system are currently performing and to determine where improved airport compliance with the goals could enhance the regional airport system.

- Enhance Financial Performance by increasing airport revenue streams
- Enhance Environmental Performance by improving land use compatibility in the airport environs, having plans in place to protect the environment, and by taking actions to promote sustainability
- Enhance Social Performance by increasing user accessibility and by broadening community communication and outreach

Agenda Item 5

Regional Unmanned Aircraft Systems Strategic Framework

In May, June and July 2018, the Mid-America Regional Council hosted a series of facilitated planning meetings to discuss the development of a regional unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) framework. Participants represented a blend of city and county managers, information technology specialists, university representatives, local airport officials, public works employees, public safety and zoning/codes administrators, attorneys and legal experts.

The resulting framework outlines actionable steps to address opportunities and challenges associated with UAS. It sets out the following vision:

“The Kansas City region is drone-friendly and a proactive leader in the safe operation of unmanned aircraft systems. Through strong partnerships with public and private agencies, the region strives to create a policy and regulatory environment for UAS that supports high quality economic development, urban planning, emergency services, public safety and related public services. The region actively promotes innovation, training and education for professional UAS operators and general guidance for recreational users.”

Agenda Item 6

MARC's Whistleblower and Conflict of Interest Policies

Whistleblower Policy: <https://www.marc.org/sites/default/files/2022-07/Whistleblower-Policy.pdf>

The policy is intended to:

- Encourage individuals to bring ethical or legal violations to the attention of an internal or external authority so that action can be taken to resolve the problem.
- Establish guidance and procedures for staff (paid and volunteer) or others to report illegal, unethical or inappropriate behaviors or practices, in good faith, without fear of retribution.
- To provide a constructive process for individuals to report issues of concern.
- Emphasize the importance of adherence to MARC's standards of conduct.

Conflict of Interest Policy: <https://www.marc.org/sites/default/files/2022-07/Conflict-of-Interest-Policy.pdf>

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that participants on the MARC board and committees have clear guidance when a participant in any MARC decision-making process that could have a conflict of interest and what the appropriate action would be in those circumstances.

Agenda Item 7

Other Business & Airport Roundtable