



## OGL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 22, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

Virtual meeting online via Microsoft Teams

| Members Present                   | MARC Staff Present | Non-Members Present                 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Athena Huynh, Grandview           | Barry Viss         | Cliff Adams, WSP                    |
| Ericka Ross, MODOT, Vice-Chair    | Ray Webb           | Janelle Clayton, Merge Midwest      |
| Thomas Northup, KDOT              | Chris Jenkins      | Blake Hansen, Olsson                |
| Shawn Gotfredson, Overland Park   | Cedrick Owens      | Kurt Roterling, Olsson              |
| Sol Moinuddin, KCMO               | Scott Cutshall     | Lisa Seymour, TCC                   |
| Steve Schooley, Lenexa            |                    | Christos Achilides, Iteris          |
| Brian Shields, Overland Park      |                    | Jeff Bryan, Affinis                 |
| John Findlay, Liberty             |                    | Mark Sommerhauser, KC Scout         |
| Kristofer Finger, KCK             |                    | Taylor McHenry, HDR                 |
| Mark Green, Independence          |                    | Melissa Schmitz, MODOT              |
| Dave Northup, KDOT                |                    | John Miller, FHWA                   |
| Kieth Bredehoeft, Prairie Village |                    | Alex Preston, Transcore             |
| Sherri McIntyre, Liberty          |                    | Randy Johnson, KC Scout             |
| Brian Scovill, Leawood            |                    | Soma San, Leavenworth County        |
| Donnie Scharff, Roeland Park      |                    | Addison Miller, Affinis             |
| Cody Harris, Olathe               |                    | Thomas Robinson, Rhythm Engineering |
| Stephanie Boyce, Mission          |                    |                                     |
| Tom Degenhardt, Blue Springs      |                    |                                     |
| Erin Ralovo, Lees Summit          |                    |                                     |
| John Sullivan, Westwood           |                    |                                     |
| Robinson Camp, Raytown            |                    |                                     |

### Welcome

The meeting started at 1:30 p.m. Ericka Ross, Vice-chair, welcomed all and introductions were made.

- Agency updates** – Cody Harris explained that Olathe is working with Etalyc, almost ready to have performance measures from their system. Also in Olathe, the Santa Fe bridge over I-35 will be rebuilt in the next few years, which will have big impacts on traffic in the area. Ericka explained that northbound traffic will be shifting to the new Buck O’Neil bridge in the near future. Also there will be a long-term project at the intersection of M-350 & Noland Rd that will have big impacts on traffic in the area. OGL staff are looking to update their emergency contact list for each agency. Robinson Camp explained that the City of Raytown will be joining OGL again at a few locations. Erin Ralovo explained that utility work will be closing Chipman Rd between Douglas and Ward Rd for about 6-8 weeks. Kris Finger mentioned that KDOT will be closing I-635 briefly, likely at night, for sign replacement.
- October 23, 2023, committee minutes** – Steve Schooley made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was supported and approved unanimously.
- Field network contractor selection** – ETI was the only contractor to submit a proposal to assist OGL with our field network efforts. Ray confirmed that the team is pleased with ETI’s performance and recommends continuing with them. Receiving only one bid is not ideal, but if that bid’s price is satisfactory and it meets all requirements, it is acceptable to proceed due to the specialized nature of the work. The recommendation

will be taken to the February MARC Board of Directors Meeting. Steve Schooley made a motion to enter a contract with ETI. The motion was supported and approved unanimously.

4. **2027/2028 OGL budget** – Ray Webb explained the information included in the meeting packet. For federal funding for 2027/2028 OGL needs to have a proposed budget by January 26 as the items that come off the top of the STBG program need to be known before MARC can calculate the funds that will be available to the call for project. As the budget grows, if local funding does not grow the percentage split between federal and local shifts more heavily toward federal, which may not be desirable. Our target used to be 50% of each. A large additional budget item has also been added for crowd-sourced performance measures. The local portion of this budget should be discussed and can be adjusted later. Erin Ralovo made a motion to accept the proposed budget. The motion was supported and approved unanimously.
5. **Hot topic – KC Scout update** – Randy Johnson informed the committee about recent efforts by KC Scout, including coordinating work with OGL signal management to improve safety and reliability. The Scout TOC staff along with motorist assist respond to a large number of incidents on metro highways and provide information and services to the region. Quick clearance is a high priority for them. Count and speed data from their detectors can be accessed by anyone from their new dashboard on their website.
6. **SMART grant work update** – Blake Hansen updated the committee on the progress of the SMART grant project to evaluate crowd sourced signal performance measures systems. Olsson is under contract to assist the region with administering the project. An RFP for vendors was posted Friday, January 19. Up to 4 vendors will be selected for simultaneous evaluation. This will hopefully lead to a long-term use of one or more systems region-wide. Vendor bids are due February 21. There is a sub-committee assisting with guiding the project, but all agencies are asked to help with evaluating the systems once they are available. Vendors will not be getting into cabinets or installing infrastructure. Other than probe data, the only other data they might make use of would be feeds taken from the ATMS software.
7. **2027/2028 federal funding call for projects** – Ray asked if the committee was interested in OGL sponsoring any regional signal project applications. One option might be to apply for the portion of the scope of work that had to be cut from the 2023/2024 projects. KCMO and KCK expressed interest in participating. If any other agencies are interested, they should contact Ray. If the project(s) are not multi-jurisdictional it may not make sense to have OGL apply. The call for projects will be released sometime in late February, with applications due usually in a month or two. OGL will need to know of agencies' interest ASAP as it will take time to develop scope and costs to be prepared for the application.
8. **MO and KS CMAQ construction project updates** – Cedrick updated the committee. The KS project is complete. The MO project will be rebid a 3<sup>rd</sup> time with a reduced scope and add/alternates in order to try to get a project that matches up with the funding available. The RFP was released on Friday, January 19 with bids due February 13.
9. **Quarterly operations report** – Chris Jenkins highlighted a few items from the report which was included in the meeting packet. Notably, OGL has been working with KC Scout to restore communication that was disabled with an equipment upgrade.
10. **Quarterly budget report** – The quarterly budget report was included in the meeting packet. Invoices for operations will be sent to agencies in February. MARC would appreciate payment as soon as possible since the current local funds are low. The local funds balance is at \$86,324 as of the end of November. The regional ATMS enhancements project with TransCore is also underway, all agencies will have a local match due for that project, and some of the larger invoices for that may need to be sent soon to assist MARC with cash flow through the life of the project.

**11. Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower Policies** – These policies were included in the meeting packet for agency review.

**Other business**

- Ray reminded the committee of some of the products and services available through Kansas City Regional Purchasing Cooperative (KCRPC).  
<https://www.marc.org/local-government/cooperative-purchasing>
- Ray welcomed any agency staff to join the regional ATMS software development meetings at 1:00 PM and the informal agency meetings at 10:00 AM, both held virtually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Contact the OGL team if you are not already a part of these and would like to participate.

Next meeting dates: April 22, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

**Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.