



OGL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 24, 2022, 1:30 PM
Web/Phone Conference Meeting

Members Present	MARC Staff Present	Non-Members Present
Derek Olson, MoDOT	Ray Webb	Addison Miller, Affinis Corp
Steve Schooley, Lenexa	Barry Viss	Christos Achillides, Iteris
Noel Forrester, Olathe, Vice Chair	Scott Cutshall	Lindsay Francis, WSP
Michael W. Spickelmier, Lansing	Cedrick Owens	Blake Hansen, Olsson
Joseph Mulnik, KDOT	Chris Jenkins	Mike Mckenna, Affinis
Mark Green, Independence	Ron Achelpohl	Lee Bayer, Merge Midwest
Adam Hilgedick, Blue Springs	Amanda Horner	
Chris Sandie, Blue Springs, Chair	Marc Hansen	
Brian Scovill, Leawood		
Brian Faust, Leavenworth		
Brian Shields, Overland Park		
John Sullivan, Westwood		
David LaRoche, FHWA Kansas		
Thomas Northup, KDOT		
Dave Northup, KDOT		
Jeff Bryan, KCMO		
Jackie White, Grandview		
Andrew Morrow, Overland Park		

Welcome

The meeting started at 1:30. Chris Sandie, Chair, welcomed all.

- 1. Passing of the gavel and OGL program bylaws review** – Chris Sandie is moving from Vice-Chair to the position of Chair being vacated by Andrew Morrow. Noel Forrester, elected at the October 2021 meeting, will be taking the position of Vice Chair for 2022. Andrew was thanked for his service. Chris asked the committee to review the OGL bylaws, specifically section 1.5 paragraph 3. At the next meeting this section will be discussed for possible changes.
- 2. October 25, 2021, committee minutes** – Andrew Morrow made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was supported and approved unanimously.
- 3. Signal timing contract extension** – The contract with Olsson is proposed to be extended in money and time by one year, as allowed by the contract, to March 2023. This is the one extension allowed in the contract. Steve Schooley made a motion to approve the contract extension. The motion was supported and approved unanimously.
- 4. Agency roundtable updates** – Noel informed the committee that Olathe’s work with Etalyc has been going well. The operation Etalyc has recommended will be evaluated and Noel can report on the results at the next meeting. Mark Green described the traffic impacts of the recent opening of Whataburger in Independence. The first location that opened in Lees Summit did cause serious traffic delays in the area until they diverted the restaurant traffic around the block to get their queue away from main corridor and interchange traffic. Ray said the project to replace the US-50 bridge over Chipman has been bid. OGL staff

anticipate assisting with traffic signal operations in the area in response. Steve Schooley shared that two large projects are coming in Lenexa and Shawnee: a full closure of 75th & Quivira for water department work, and an extended closure for replacement of the Renner bridge over I-435, perhaps in March.

5. **Regional crash data trends** – Amanda Horner, MARC’s safety and new mobility planner, presented crash data from 2020. While volumes were down due to COVID, and total crashes decreased, serious injuries and fatalities increased, especially those in which speeding was identified as a factor. Also concerning is the large number of pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries at intersections.
<https://www.marc.org/Transportation/Programs/Destination-Safe/Regional-data>
6. **CMAQ signal infrastructure project** – Addison Miller updated the committee on the CMAQ project being designed. PS&E is being submitted this week. The plan is to let the project out for bid in May. Agreements for local agencies’ match funds are in progress, to be in place prior to the letting.
7. **MARC regional call for projects** – Marc Hansen updated the committee on the timeline of the upcoming STP and CMAQ call for projects this spring. Phase 1 is due April 1 and Phase 2 is due July 22, 2022.
8. **Regional arterial future project list** – Ray is still looking for a few committee members to assist with refining and prioritizing the project list in anticipation of possibly applying for additional funds for a capital improvement project. A regional project carried by OGL will need local agency buy-in. Andrew Morrow, Noel Forrester and Steve Schooley volunteered to help work on the list and get agency input. It was requested that a survey be developed and sent to the committee to help solicit input.
9. **Quarterly operations report** – The operations report was included in the meeting packet. Chris Jenkins pointed out one critical communications incident: the UPS at KCMO City Hall failed and was replaced. New signal timing plans were installed on North Oak Trafficway as well as Kansas Ave and K-32 corridors in KCK. Chris continues to upgrade OGL servers to the newest Windows operating system. Barry Viss updated the committee on the status of the traffic responsive operation on US-71 and Prospect corridors. There will be a final report describing the efforts in detail.
10. **Quarterly budget report** – Ray highlighted a few things from the budget report. At the end of the quarter, we had a balance of \$108,739 in local funds. Several years ago, this was a much larger balance leading to the lowering of the agency local match funds to \$600 per signal per year. Now that the balance is back down the match will need to go back up to \$800 per signal per year starting in 2023. Invoices for 2022 will be sent out soon. New federal funds will be available October 1, 2022.
11. **MARC conflict of interest & whistleblower policies** – These policies were included in the meeting packet for agency review.

Next meeting dates: April 25, July 25, and October 24.

Adjournment – Andrew Morrow moved to adjourn. The motion was supported and approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.