



Board of Directors MEETING NOTICE

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August 24, 2021
Board Member Meeting: 12:00 p.m.
Remotely via Zoom

- **Members of the public who wish to participate in this meeting: please email Karina Bielecki at kbielecki@marc.org by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 for instructions to join the teleconference.**

AGENDA

1. Introductions and Board Sharing Time
2. REPORT: Update on Regional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Initiatives
 - Delta Variant and Hospital Capacity
 - Vaccination and Communication Strategies
 - Recovery Planning
3. EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION AND QUALITY PLACES
 - a. REPORT: Update on Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act Recommendations
 - i. VOTE: Approve the Use of Missouri Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act Funds to Establish a Roadway Preventive Maintenance Program
 - b. REPORT: Transit Zero Fare Impact Analysis
4. COMPETITIVE ECONOMY
 - a. REPORT: A First Look at Data from the 2020 Census
5. THRIVING OLDER ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES
 - a. REPORT: Update on Double Up Food Bucks Heartland Program Expansion
 - i. VOTE: Authorize an Agreement with the University of Missouri and the Addition of Funds for the University of Kansas Medical Center to Expand the Double Up Food Bucks Heartland Program
6. BRIEF REPORTS:
 - a. REPORT: Update on the Regional Housing Partnership
 - i. VOTE: Accept a Grant from the Bloch Charitable Foundation to Support the Regional Housing Partnership
 - b. REPORT: Update on Federal Infrastructure Legislation
 - c. REPORT: Briefing on 2021 USDOT Certification Review

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

7. VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve Minutes of the June 22, 2021 Board Meeting



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- b. Authorize an RFP Release, Contract Extensions, and Purchases to Support Community Home-Delivered Meals
 - c. Authorize an Application for a Safety Net Grant from Health Forward Foundation to Support the Community Health Worker Program
 - d. Approve an Annual Contract with ChildPlus Software to maintain Head Start Records for the 2021-2022 Grant Year
 - e. Approve the Purchase of Technology Equipment and Supplies for Head Start Direct Service Providers
8. VOTE: Authorize Administrative Actions Included in Memorandum Sent to the Board of Directors on July 29, 2021 (Other than those Included in Above Agenda Items)
- a. Approve the 2021 3rd Quarter Amendment to the 2020-24 Transportation Improvement Program
 - b. Authorize an Amendment to the Contract with Kansas State University to Support Double Up Food Bucks
 - c. Authorize Acceptance of a Grant from Anthem to Support Double Up Food Bucks
 - d. Authorize Acceptance of Pass-Through Funds from Everytown to Support Aim 4 Peace
 - e. Approve a Change Order to Purchase Radio Equipment for Upgrading the Microwave Network
 - f. Approve the Purchase of Call-taking Hardware for Regional Workstations
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

MARC Board of Directors — Members and Alternates

Name	Jurisdiction	Title
Allen, Perry**	MoDOT	Asst. District Engineer
Alvey, David	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Mayor/CEO
Bacon, John	City of Olathe	Mayor
Baird, Bill	City of Lee's Summit	Mayor
Boehm, Mike	City of Lenexa	Mayor
Boley, Damien	City of Smithville	Mayor
Bunch, Eric	City of Kansas City	Councilmember
Burnett, Scott	Jackson County	Legislator
Culbertson, Jeff	Leavenworth County	Commissioner
Eilert, Ed	Johnson County	Commission Chairman
Ellington, Brandon	City of Kansas City	Councilmember
Fields, Vernon	City of Basehor	Councilmember
Gallagher, Danny	Miami County	Commissioner
Gerlach, Carl	City of Overland Park	Mayor
Hall, Heather	City of Kansas City	Councilmember
Hanzlick, Janeé	Johnson County	Commissioner
Harrington, Jeff	City of Bonner Springs	Mayor
Hobart, Dan	City of Independence	Councilmember
Huston, Bob	Cass County	Presiding Commissioner
Jarrold, Dick**	KCATA	Vice President
Johnson, Harold	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
Johnson, Ryan	Cass County	Commissioner
King, Bob	Ray County	Presiding Commissioner
Koehn, Leroy**	KDOT	District Engineer
Lucas, Quinton	City of Kansas City	Mayor
Lopez, Beto	City of Lee's Summit	Mayor Pro Tem
Makinen, Robbie**	KCATA	President/CEO
Markley, Angela	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
McDonough, Mike	City of Raytown	Mayor
McKiernan, Brian*	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
McTaggart, John	City of Edwardsville	Mayor
Moriarty, Michael**	KDOT	Chief of Transportation Planning
Nolte, Jerry	Clay County	Presiding Commissioner
Pogue, Randy	City of Kearney	Mayor
Preisinger, Mark	City of Leavenworth	City Commissioner
Roberts, Rob	Miami County	Commission Chairman
Ross, Carson	City of Blue Springs	Mayor
Schieber, Ron	Platte County	Presiding Commissioner
Schwach, Paula	City of Westwood Hills	Mayor
Shute, Steve	City of Gardner	Mayor
Silvester, David**	MoDOT	District Engineer
Skoog, Curt	City of Overland Park	Councilmember
Smith, Doug	Leavenworth County	Commission Chairman
Spears, Fred	City of Overland Park	Councilmember
Turnbow, Kristofer	City of Raymore	Mayor
Vogt, Marge	City of Olathe	Councilmember
Walker, Rick	City of De Soto	Mayor
Walters, Jim	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
Weir, Eileen	City of Independence	Mayor
White, Frank	Jackson County	County Executive
Wood, Dagmar	Platte County	Commissioner

*Public Transit Representatives (Voting) **Public Transit Advisory Representatives (Non-Voting)

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August 2021
Item No. 1

ISSUE:

Introductions and Board Sharing Time

BACKGROUND:

Time has been reserved on the agenda for introductions and items of interest to Board members. The Board Chair encourages board members to raise matters for discussion at future meetings or other issues of general concern or interest.

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ISSUE:

REPORT: Update on Regional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Initiatives

BACKGROUND:

MARC staff will give short updates on regional efforts in which we are engaged to support and coordinate regional response and recovery to the COVID-19 crisis, including:

COVID-19 General Updates

- MAC-G Meeting and CMO Presentation on July 13
 - Increased concern regarding delta variant
 - Increase in hospitalizations and reduced hospital capacity
- Local Public Health Actions
 - Mask requirements
- Vaccination and Communications Strategies
- Recovery Planning

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel
Jennifer Sutherlin

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August 2021
Item No. 3-a-i
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

REPORT: Update on Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act Recommendations

BACKGROUND:

Title IV of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act 2021 (CRRSAA), enacted on December 27, 2020, appropriated \$10,000,000,000 to provide funding to address COVID-19 impacts related to transportation programs.

A portion of the funding appropriated by the CRRSAA was suballocated to urbanized areas with a population over 200,000 in the same manner as the Surface Transportation Program (STP) Block Grant funds. MARC has the responsibility of determining funding priorities for the Kansas City metropolitan area.

The Kansas STP Priorities committee recommended using the Kansas allocation of these funds for two projects submitted for FFY 2023-2024 STP funding in the 2020 call for projects:

- \$1,002,644 to fully fund the city of Edwardsville's 98th Street Corridor roadway capacity project, previously approved for partial funding through STP, and
- \$4,314,032 to partially fund Overland Park's 167th Switzer Road to Antioch Road roadway operations project.

The Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) recommended approval of these projects in June and they are included in the 2021 3rd Quarter amendment of the *Transportation Improvement Program*.

The Missouri STP Priorities committee explored options under the Special Authority provisions of CRRSAA for preventive maintenance activities on local roadways to address deferred maintenance needs for area cities and counties. A special sub-committee met on May 25 and June 29 to consider strategies for fund allocation and program design for a roadway preventive maintenance program in FFY 2023.

The subcommittee considered allocating funds to counties and cities above 5,000 population proportional to population or a "minimum-allocation" approach for cities with populations between 5,000 and 10,000. Because the population-based approach would provide only token funding to smaller communities, the subcommittee recommended providing a minimum of \$50,000 to each community between 5-10k population with the remaining funds to be distributed based on population.

The subcommittee also discussed and recommended other considerations for the program, including:

- Designing the program to maximize federal funds at 100% participation to the extent possible, with provisions for local governments to cover the costs of any change orders or overruns.
- Using CRRSAA funds for program administration, preliminary engineering, and construction engineering.
- Focusing on local roadways not on the Federal Aid Highway system to provide maximum flexibility in implementing the program.
- Focusing on routes that connect neighboring jurisdictions, where practical.

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- Avoiding routes that will trigger costly retrofits under Americans With Disabilities Act requirements or completing ADA upgrades on existing locally funded projects prior to federally funded work.
- Avoiding routes that will require extensive base or pavement repair prior to any preventive maintenance work.
- Grouping multiple jurisdictions' roadways into a small set of consolidated preventive maintenance contracts for economies of scale balanced with the opportunity for more firms to compete for the work.
- Using common specifications and mix designs to reduce cost and complexity of the program.
- Offering options for both Mill & Overlay contracts and Micro Surfacing contracts as needed.

If approved, MARC will:

- Work with MoDOT to secure funding for administration, preliminary engineering, construction inspection, and preventive maintenance contracts,
- Work with MoDOT and member jurisdictions to procure engineering services,
- Negotiate local agreements to cover program terms and costs,
- Manage project development activities and requirements,
- Conduct project lettings, and
- Manage construction inspection and federal grant reporting as needed.

TTPC recommended approval of this program at their July meeting.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

If approved, MARC would receive up to \$8,393,333 in Missouri CRRSAA funds to support administrative costs for the program, procure engineering services for design and inspection, and let construction contracts for preventive maintenance of pavements on area local roadways.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the use of Missouri CRRSAA funds, not to exceed \$8,393,333, to establish a roadway preventive maintenance program, which will be supplemented by additional local government funds as needed to cover change orders and cost overruns.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ron Achelpohl

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Item No. 3-b
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

REPORT: Transit Zero Fare Impact Analysis

BACKGROUND:

At the request of the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, MARC recently completed an analysis of the impacts of the zero-fare transit program implemented on regional fixed-route transit services since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The study was completed in partnership with the UMKC Henry W. Bloch School of Management and KU Transportation Center.

The study team found that the program was popular with riders and was correlated with positive impacts to the regional economy, transit ridership, safety, and security, but that additional revenues or cost savings would need to be identified for the program to be financially sustainable.

The full report is available at: <https://www.marc.org/Transportation/Plans-Studies/pdfs/Transit-Zero-Fare-Impact-Analysis.aspx>.

Staff will share key findings from this work at the meeting.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

New funding to expand regional transit and mobility services is a cross-cutting strategy in *Connected KC 2050*, *Smart Moves 3.0*, the regional *Clean Air Action Plan* and the *Regional Climate Action Plan*. Zero-fare is not currently addressed in these plans.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ron Achelpohl

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Item No. 4-a
Competitive Economy

ISSUE:

REPORT: A First Look at Data from the 2020 Census

BACKGROUND:

The first data from the 2020 Census was released on August 12th. This data was prepared to be used in the redistricting of congressional, state, and local legislative districts. As such, it is the most geographically detailed data that will be released, with estimates all the way down to block level, so that each set of such districts within a state can be drawn to have very close to the same voting age population, as required by law. The data also includes breakdowns by race and Hispanic origin so that districts can be drawn that are cognizant of maintaining fair racial representation.

These results were initially scheduled to be released by Dec. 31, 2020. However, the COVID-19 pandemic caused issues in ensuring people were counted. Because redistricting deadlines are approaching, the Census Bureau released these initial results in bulk, without the usual interface that makes it possible to select individual cities or counties, shifting the data processing burden to users.

At the meeting, MARC staff will present some preliminary results at the county and city levels, as well as some initial findings concerning how the region has changed over the last 10 years.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Frank Lenk

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Item No. 5-a-i
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

REPORT: Update on Double Up Food Bucks Heartland Program Expansion

BACKGROUND:

MARC Community Services Corporation was awarded a \$4 million four-year grant from the US Department of Agriculture's Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP) in 2020. Together with matching resources from area foundations, the Double Up Heartland Collaborative led by MARC has been operating the program in the state of Kansas, the Kansas City metro area, and west central Missouri. The current collaborative partners are Cultivate KC, K-State Research & Extension, West Central Missouri Community Action Agency, and the University of Kansas Medical Center. The current \$8.1 million Double Up Food Bucks program is being implemented across 80 grocery stores, farmers markets, farm stands, and mobile markets.

An earlier USDA grant allowed for establishment of the program in 2016, serving a large area in Missouri. A lack of matching funds prevented MARC and its partners from serving a larger area (nearly forty markets and grocery stores in Missouri), a loss that was felt more intensely as the effects of COVID-19 and the resultant economic downturn have impacted communities across Missouri. Another limitation of the GusNIP 2020 proposal was that the budget was able to support only 5 months (June through October) of incentive redemption in the grocery stores of Kansas City and southeastern Kansas.

In April 2021, the USDA invited all current GusNIP grantees to apply for the new Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program COVID Response and Relief (GusNIP CRR) grant. The funding for this opportunity was appropriated to the USDA by the COVID Response and Relief Act of 2021. No local match was required for these funds. The program required grantees to submit a proposal describing how they would build upon and expand their programs already supported by USDA funding. MARC submitted a proposal on behalf of the Double Up Heartland Collaborative in May 2021 with the following objectives to address areas that were not included in the 2020 application:

1. Expand the months customers can earn Double Up Food Bucks (DUFB) at the 32 grocery stores included in FY20, resulting in \$1.48 million additional incentive-related purchases.
2. Expand the incentive program to more grocery stores and farm stands in Kansas and west central Missouri, as communities with unmet needs and significant COVID-19 impacts are identified.
3. Expand the DUFB program to at least 17 Missouri farmers' markets to encourage better nutrition through purchases of fresh produce, resulting in \$300,000 in incentive expenditures.
4. Expand the DUFB program to at least 42 grocery stores in central, southern, and eastern Missouri, resulting in nearly \$1.3 million in incentive-related produce purchases.
5. Communicate with up to 600,000 additional low-income residents in Missouri and other newly identified communities to inform them of the incentive program.

In order to implement the expansion to Missouri locations outside of the Kansas City and west central areas, the proposal included \$461,236 in funds to add the University of Missouri Extension to the Double Up Heartland Collaborative as a coordinating agency. Their staff will be responsible for coordinating with the farmers' markets outside of Kansas City and the west central area of Missouri. The University of Kansas Medical Center will also receive \$450,610 in additional funding from the GusNIP CRR grant to expand evaluation efforts to all the new sites. This year, to date, the evaluation teams have completed 148 surveys, half at grocery stores and half at farmers' markets. Some highlights of this evaluation effort underscore the importance of the Double Up Food Bucks program:

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- About 53 percent of respondents indicated their food does not last and they do not have money to purchase more food.
- 52 percent of respondents indicated not being able to afford eating balanced meals.
- Half of the respondents indicated their health is fair or poor.
- Seniors answering the survey commented that many elderly receiving SNAP benefits only get about \$16 per month. They do not feel this amount is enough.
- Customers feel the program is easy to use at the participating sites.
- Customers report that they eat more fresh fruits and vegetables because of the program, and they eat less junk food like cookies, cakes, and candy.
- Farmers market managers feel the program makes their market stronger and that vendors are selling more produce.
- Grocery store managers appreciated that the program highlights their locally grown produce.

The USDA has awarded an additional \$4,635,648 to support the program. The grant period is from September 1, 2021 until August 31, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an agreement with the University of Missouri and the addition of funds for the University of Kansas Medical Center to implement the Double Up Food Program as described above.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel
Donna Martin

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Item No. 6-a-i
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

REPORT: Update on the Regional Housing Partnership

BACKGROUND:

MARC is working with the Kansas City Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) to create a Regional Housing Partnership. The goal is to combine the housing expertise of LISC with the regional convening expertise of MARC to create the elements necessary for an effective housing system. Many organizations in the region are involved in good work to expand affordable housing, but these efforts are disconnected and could benefit from an enhanced housing system that expands and sustains access to affordable, quality housing. This vision will be accomplished through seven elements: (1) market data and analytics; (2) networked leadership; (3) financing and development tools; (4) production capacity; (5) rental and ownership support systems; (6) supportive public policy and (7) public education.

This work is an extension of the Regional Housing Summit and Report completed in 2019 with the First Suburbs Coalition.

MARC received a grant from the Marion and Henry Bloch Charitable Foundation to launch the partnership and fundraising is ongoing. The grant award will fund a full-time employee to staff this initiative and part-time support from MARC's local government services and research services. The key first year deliverables include:

- Develop a feasibility assessment for a regional housing trust fund and regional housing land bank/trust aimed at supporting small to mid-sized communities.
- Explore and develop strategies to support successful attraction and investment of new federal housing resources in the region.
- Establish partnerships with non-profit development partners to facilitate rehabilitation and production in multiple communities across the region.
- Explore and develop strategies to expand capacity of personal financial support services to serve first-time home buyers.
- Launch a Regional Housing Data Hub to define housing problems at the local and regional scales and track effectiveness of various housing strategies to support housing solutions.
- Establish and coordinate the Regional Housing Partnership Steering Committee to help set regional goals and advise on priorities for each element of an effective housing system.

MARC will coordinate the work of the partnership with regional COVID-19 recovery efforts. The goal is to leverage philanthropic dollars with local, state, and federal economic recovery funds to maximize housing solutions.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$560,000
Source	Marion and Henry Bloch Foundation Grant
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$300,000
Contractual	\$260,000

RECOMMENDATION:

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Authorize acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$560,000 from the Marion and Henry Bloch Foundation for the Regional Housing Partnership, to be administered through MARC Community Services Corporation.

STAFF CONTACT:

Lauren Palmer

Marlene Nagel

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Item No. 6-b

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

REPORT: Update on Federal Infrastructure Legislation

BACKGROUND:

The US Senate recently passed a \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure and Jobs Act and a \$3.5 trillion budget resolution for additional program spending. The House and Senate will need to develop detailed legislation for the budget resolution and the House will need to consider the infrastructure legislation before either can be enacted into law, however, details about the infrastructure proposal are emerging that may inform preparations by regional leaders for significant increases in funding and new policy initiatives.

As of the date of this report, program estimates are not yet available for individual metropolitan areas, however, according to analysis of the Infrastructure and Jobs Act by the White House¹, over five years the states of Kansas and Missouri could receive:

Program	Kansas	Missouri
Federal-aid highway apportioned programs	\$2.6 billion	\$6.5 billion
Bridge replacement and repairs	\$225 million	\$484 million
Public transportation	\$272 million	\$674 million
EV charging	\$40 million	\$99 million
Broadband coverage	\$100 million	\$100 million
Wildfire protection	\$25 million	\$21 million
Cybersecurity	\$14 million	\$19 million
Drinking water infrastructure	\$454 million	\$866 million
Airports	\$109 million	\$246 million

Both states would also be eligible to compete for new discretionary funding for bridges, major transportation projects, and EV charging.

MARC staff have been working with partners in advocating for stronger local and regional roles in how these funds will be used and to refine regional strategies for digital access and public transportation; staff will provide additional information at the meeting.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ron Achelpohl

¹ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/08/04/white-house-releases-state-fact-sheets-highlighting-the-impact-of-the-infrastructure-investment-and-jobs-act-nationwide/>

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Item No. 6-c
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

REPORT: Briefing on 2021 USDOT Certification Review

BACKGROUND:

Federal planning regulations require the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transportation Administration to review and certify every region's metropolitan planning process every four years. These reviews provide an opportunity to demonstrate compliance with metropolitan planning regulations, highlight commendable practices, and identify opportunities for improvement among the regional planning partners.

The 2017 certification review identified one critical action related to the Coordinated Public Transportation Human Services Transportation Plan which was resolved soon after the review. It included commendations for MARC's work to formalize transit representation on the MARC board of directors, regional planning partners' proactive use and reporting of performance measures, and MARC's holistic approach to scenario planning in the development of the metropolitan transportation plan (MTP). It also included helpful recommendations for improvements to the regional partnership agreement, relationship of the MTP and transportation programming process, MTP environmental justice analysis, resource agency consulting process, ties between the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and performance targets, MTP environmental analysis and state funding processes for FHWA National Highway Performance Program Funds. Each of these recommendations has been addressed in some measure.

The 2021 Kansas City area certification review is scheduled for August 17-20. MARC staff will provide an update on the review at the meeting.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ron Achelpohl
Martin Rivarola

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August 2021
Item No. 7-a

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve minutes of the June 22, 2021 Board meeting

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the June 22, 2021 meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the June 22, 2021 meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm
Karina Bielecki



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING SUMMARY
June 22, 2021
12:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Harold Johnson, Jr., Unified Government of Wyandotte/Kansas City, Kan. - MARC Board Chair
Mayor Carson Ross, Blue Springs, Mo. - MARC Board 1st Vice Chair
Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, Kan. - MARC Board 2nd Vice Chair
Councilmember Curt Skoog, Overland Park, Kan.
Commissioner Doug Smith, Leavenworth County, Kan.
Mayor Paula Schwach, Westwood Hills, Kan.
Mayor Michael Boehm, Lenexa, Kan.
Mayor Kristofer Turnbow, Raymore, Mo.
Commissioner Jim Walters, Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kan.
Councilmember Daniel Hobart, Independence, Mo.
Councilmember Fred Spears, Overland Park, Kan.
Commissioner Angela Markley, Unified Government of Wyandotte/Kansas City, Kan.
Commissioner Brian McKiernan, Unified Government of Wyandotte/Kansas City, Kan.
Mayor Randy Pogue, Kearney, Mo.
Presiding Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, Mo.
Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, Mo.
Commission Chairman Ed Eilert, Johnson County, Kan.
Michael Moriarty, Chief of Transportation Planning, KDOT
Mayor Mike McDonough, Raytown, Mo.
Perry Allen, District Construction Engineer, MoDOT

STAFF PRESENT

Executive Director David Warm and other MARC staff

OTHERS

Councilmember Logan Heley, Overland Park, Kan.
Chris Redline, MoDOT

INTRODUCTIONS AND BOARD SHARING TIME

Commissioner Harold Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed attendees. Due to the meeting being held remotely, Commissioner Johnson provided instructions for participation. He reported that staff would present on all the agenda items, provide an opportunity for comments and questions after each item, and ask for approval of all agenda items, as well as

the consent agenda, with one vote at the end of the meeting. Members will have an opportunity to abstain or object to any items necessary during the final vote.

Self-introductions were made, and members shared items of interest from their jurisdictions.

CORE CAPACITIES

VOTE: Review and Accept MARC's 2020 Annual Audit

Ms. David Warm, Executive Director at MARC, reminded the Board that a draft version of the 2020 Annual Audit was presented at last month's meeting. RubinBrown issued a clean, unmodified opinion that MARC's financial statements were accurate and in compliance with all federal reporting requirements. There were no material weaknesses, deficiencies, or findings. Mr. Warm congratulated MARC's financial team on a successful audit and requested the Board accept the findings. He paused for questions, but there were none.

REPORT: Update on Regional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Initiatives

Ms. Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development at MARC, introduced Ms. Jennifer Sutherlin, Emergency Services Public Health Program Manager at MARC, with an update on vaccination efforts.

Ms. Sutherlin reported that ninety-eight individual partner agencies are working with the vaccination work group to address challenges such as vaccine hesitancy and mistrust. She identified barriers such as transportation and time off work as obstacles to unvaccinated people getting the vaccine. Incentives can be effective in increasing vaccination rates, but public health is limited in what incentives they can offer and how. Ms. Sutherlin also noted the difficulties with bi-state rollout differences. The vaccine work group is ready and engaged to support ongoing community vaccination efforts, but efforts are often duplicated and the group is working on a deduplication survey to better understand what is happening on the ground in communities. There are also differences in data reporting by jurisdiction or state; there has been no standard data collection or reporting of data by race, ethnicity, and language. Ms. Sutherlin noted that the work group had asked for access to Tiberius, the federal system for vaccine administration, in order to get better and more accurate data.

Ms. Sutherlin shared that the work group also recently briefed Mr. Eduardo Cisneros, the White House COVID-19 Intergovernmental Affairs Director. Mr. Cisneros expressed that the region is doing everything "right" in its approach to vaccination. Staff made requests for more data that gives a comprehensive view of the region's population, as well as for flexibility for public health departments to use federal vaccination funds for things like incentives.

Ms. Nagel reported that the Multiagency Coordination Group (MAC-G) continues to meet on the regional COVID-19 situation, and they are beginning to shift their focus from monitoring the presence of the disease to vaccination and recovery. Many jurisdictions are working on investing American Rescue Plan dollars and helping communities recover from the health and economic impacts of the pandemic. Focuses include jobs by industry and occupation, unemployment rates, labor force participation, and small businesses. Ms. Nagel noted previous forecasts to the Board from Mr. Frank Lenk, Director of Research Services at MARC, which have shown that economic recovery is underway but still has a long way to go. Recovery efforts are also focused on supports for getting people back to work, with investments made in training and workforce development. Ms. Nagel mentioned transportation and childcare as two potential barriers to people returning to work. Other priority areas include housing stability, assistance for emergency needs, public health capacity beyond COVID-19, and coordination of local government investment funds.

Ms. Sutherlin noted that Missouri is currently the number one state for increased COVID-19 cases, which is leading to increased hospitalizations. As of June 19th, Missouri was reporting 736 admitted COVID-19 patients across the state with 188 patients in the ICU. For the Kansas City region, the numbers are 113 admitted patients with 23 in the ICU. Missouri's test positivity rate is currently 6.8%, much higher than the goal of 3%. Over the past seven days, Ms. Sutherlin noted an increase of 15.5% in cases but a decrease of 6.2% in testing. She reiterated the need for increased testing and emphasized that the vast majority of hospitalized patients are unvaccinated. Kansas is reporting a 2.7% positivity rate, but Ms. Sutherlin noted this data may be incomplete as Kansas also currently falls in the top ten of states with an increased case rate. Ms. Sutherlin shared that the Kansas City Royals have partnered for a vaccination event at Kauffman Stadium on June 30th. Mayor Mike Boehm inquired about efforts to bring the vaccine to people where they are, noting that this would be a way around obstacles like distrust of government or lack of transportation and time to get the vaccine. Ms. Sutherlin replied that this is a huge ongoing focus of vaccination work. Potential community events targeted for vaccination drives include fairs, street parades, festivals, farmers' markets, and more. Vaccination efforts are also targeting employers; the state of Missouri has a form for employers to request an on-site vaccination clinic. Ms. Sutherlin noted the importance of working with community organizations who understand the best incentives to draw people. She paused for further questions, but there were none.

EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION AND QUALITY PLACES

REPORT: Federal Infrastructure Policy Update

Mr. Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment at MARC, shared the federal policy priorities for infrastructure based on ongoing conversations. These priorities include new funding for infrastructure (including transportation and broadband), increasing the role of local governments in metropolitan areas, timely federal transportation reauthorization, and providing for climate change and adaptation. Mr. Achelpohl reported that all these priorities are currently reflected in the legislation being drafted. He identified three pieces of legislation that could significantly impact infrastructure: the budget, reauthorization of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, and the proposed American Jobs Act. MARC is working closely with regional partners, such as the KC Civic Council and Greater KC Chamber of Commerce, on framing documents around infrastructure investment. At a national level, MARC has been involved in conversations with the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) to inform their work on infrastructure legislation. Finally, Brookings Institute has conducted a recent survey on regional and local government perspectives on infrastructure in which MARC participated. Mr. Achelpohl provided a brief overview the transportation bills passed out of House and Senate committees. He noted that both the bills emphasize climate and equity concerns in policy considerations, which dovetails nicely with MARC's own policy priorities. Both bills increase formula and planning funding, as well as the role of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and local governments in mid-sized metro areas. The House version of the bill increases the share of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds that are sub-allocated to metro areas and revives Congressionally directed projects, also known as earmarks. Mr. Achelpohl noted that conversations around a broader infrastructure program have included a focus on broadband internet as a key component of national connectivity. He paused for questions, but there were none.

VOTE: Approve Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act Recommendations

Mr. Achelpohl shared that the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), which was passed late December 2020, provided funding to address COVID-19 impacts related to Highway Infrastructure Programs. Funds are available for obligation through September

30, 2024, after which funds will de-obligate. At the state's discretion, the federal participation rate may be up to 100%. Nationwide, \$10 billion was appropriate for highway programs. The Kansas City area will receive \$5.3 million on the Kansas side and \$8.4 million on the Missouri side. The Kansas and Missouri Surface Transportation Program (STP) Committees and the Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) have been working on recommendations for expenditure of funds. Project eligibility requirements are the same as the STBG program. The CRRSAA also provided, at the discretion of the states, special authority for other activities including preventative maintenance, debt service, and coverage for other revenue losses. The Kansas STP Committee chose to allocate funds to recently identified projects that were unable to be fully funded. The Missouri STP Committee is considering special authority uses for preventative maintenance. Mr. Achelpohl noted formal approval of expenditure of Missouri funds would be on the August agenda. Mayor Damien Boley noted his approval of the preventative maintenance spending, as it is high on many jurisdictions' priorities lists. Mr. Achelpohl paused for questions, but there were none.

QUALITY EARLY LEARNING

REPORT: State of Child Care in the Region

Ms. Jovanna Rohs, Director of Early Learning and Head Start at MARC, emphasized the importance of childcare as part of the COVID-19 recovery discussion. Strong early learning and care programs are a valuable asset for local economic development, whether for attracting current workforce or building the next workforce. Ms. Rohs noted MARC's success in bringing together a group of community stakeholders to work collaboratively on responding to childcare program needs during the pandemic. Initially focused on short-term response, the group was able to provide supports around accessing personal protective equipment (PPE) and other resources. However, Ms. Rohs noted that even before the pandemic, childcare already had a fragile funding model and was often unable to support the workforce with as many childcare slots as needed. This has only increased since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Rohs shared that 185 childcare programs in the region have closed permanently since the beginning of the pandemic, equivalent to a loss of 4,386 childcare slots. Ms. Rohs described a shift in focus to what programs need in order to reopen or expand services. Throughout monthly check-ins with childcare providers, they have consistently identified a need for more staff. Directors of programs are now more often in classrooms, making it harder to address business concerns, or are unable to open some classrooms resulting in parents being turned away for service. Ms. Rohs shared a personal anecdote of last-minute camp cancelation due to organizers being unable to replace staff.

Ms. Rohs shared a list of things that community leaders can do to improve the childcare situation. As conversations occur around how to support small businesses and entrepreneurs, include childcare business owners as a part of the conversation. She also noted the importance of leveraging public and private dollars together, as childcare providers with more than one funding stream were more likely to remain open and continue serving families during the pandemic. MARC's counterparts in St. Louis have put together a fund that providers can access to help with reopening expenses. MARC is working to create a regional hub that encompasses the whole of the MARC region and can coordinate support systems for families and provide real-time information regarding care availability. Long term, Ms. Rohs emphasized a need to rethink how childcare is funded in order to make affordable, quality childcare accessible for all. Ms. Rohs shared that childcare will be a beneficiary of the Parade of Hearts initiative in the Kansas City region.

Mayor Kristofer Turnbow shared that, at a recent Cass County Corporation for Economic Development meeting, childcare was one of the biggest topics of discussion. He noted large employers moving into the area with warehousing projects, yet current childcare facilities in the

region are maxed out with no additional facilities on the way. He expressed interest in resources that can direct families to available care. Ms. Rohs noted that it is much easier to expand an existing, quality program than to create a new one. Ms. Rohs invited further conversation with Mayor Turnbow and the Economic Development Council to address the issue.

Presiding Commissioner Jerry Nolte pushed back against the classification of childcare as infrastructure, noting it requires a different set of solutions than roadways and bridges. There were no further questions or comments.

VOTE: Authorize MARC Head Start to Submit a Core Operations Continuation Application to the Office of Head Start for MARC's Head Start and Early Head Start Programs

Mr. Steven Lewis, Mid-America Head Start Program Director at MARC, requested approval to submit an application for Head Start and Early Head Start core operation continuation to the Office of Head Start. This core grant funds the primary operations of MARC's Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Funds total \$27,143,805 and are inclusive of a five-year grant from 2018, of which we are currently in the third year. Mr. Lewis noted that MARC Head Start serves upwards of 2,400 children through fifty-two sites with over 4,520 staff. He noted the need for higher pay in the industry in order to be competitive. Without federal COVID relief funds last year, many Head Start providers would have been out of business. Mr. Lewis paused for questions, but there were none.

REPORT: MARC Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Update

Mr. Warm introduced Mr. Cedric Deadmon, KC Degrees Outreach and Advising Project Manager at MARC, to provide an update on MARC's internal diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. Mr. Deadmon shared that MARC's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee was formed in mid-2019 and has worked since then to craft a mission statement that will continue to garner support amongst staff and leaders within the organization. The committee has been engaged in activities from internal surveys to lunch and learn conversations and movie clubs. The goal of these activities is to engage staff in furthering their own learning on the topic.

Building upon this work, Mr. Deadmon shared the key components of the committee's strategic work plan going forward: developing an informed and committed leadership; increasing knowledge and understanding across the organization; creating diverse, equitable, and inclusive internal policies and practices; designing and implementing diverse, equitable, and inclusive practices in local and regional policy and planning; and measuring and evaluating progress. Mr. Deadmon also described MARC's recent efforts with In Purpose Educational Services to launch a Leaders in Equity, Antiracism, and Parity (LEAP) module. The goal is to train about thirty leaders in the agency through education, training exercises, and learning to analyze data and real-life scenarios in the agency. This will allow individuals to build skills and move the organization towards the DEI goals that have been identified. He paused for questions, but there were none.

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes of the May 25, 2021 Board Meeting
- b. Approve New Administrative Spending Authority and Review Purchase Policies
- c. Authorize Applications to Various Foundations to Support the KC Health Equity Learning and Action Network
- d. Authorize an Agreement with a Selected Social Health Access and Referral Platform Vendor
- e. Authorize a Grant Application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the

- Homelessness Management Information System to support Johnson County Continuum of Care
- f. Authorize Agreements with The Toolbox and Entrepreneur Business Basics, LLC to Provide Small Business Training and Technical Assistance in Wyandotte County
 - g. Authorize Purchase of Equipment and Supplies for Homeland Security Resources
 - h. Authorize a Contract with the Local Investment Commission to Administer the Educare Program
 - i. Authorize Agreements with Two Community Providers to Implement Coaching and Support for the Educare Program
 - j. Approve the 2022-2024 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal
 - k. Approve Functional Classification System Updates

MOTION: Commissioner Angela Markley moved for approval of all agenda items and the consent agenda, and Councilmember Dan Hobart seconded. Commissioner Johnson asked if any member wanted to abstain or object to any of the agenda items. All were in favor of approving agenda items 2-a through 7-k. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

MEETING SUMMARY APPROVED:

Harold Johnson, Chair

Date

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August 2021
Item No. 7-b
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an RFP Release, Contract Extensions, and Purchases to Support Community Home-Delivered Meals

BACKGROUND:

MARC continues to clarify the operational parameters of a frozen home-delivered meal system, led by community-based organizations (CBOs), that will continue services following the wind-down of the COVID pandemic.

Staff and CBOs have identified the need to outline programmatic details in an RFP for re-packing of meals and components, and delivery (i.e., fulfillment) of meals. The RFP will help MARC choose final partners for a formal launch date of early 2022.

In the interim, a contract extension with Kanbe's Markets is sought to continue stable service delivery.

Finally, fulfillment vehicles are needed to support the initiative. The national vehicle shortage has delayed availability, but MARC expects to eventually procure up to ten 2022 Ford Transit T-350 Medium-Roof cargo vans that will be vinyl wrapped and upfitted to freezer vans. Vehicles will be purchased through the Mid-America Council of Public Procurement (MACPP) Metro Vehicle Bid contract using Shawnee Mission Ford or another contracted dealership. A service contract will also be sought to ease maintenance and cleaning.

2022 Ford T-350 Transit Medium Roof (W9C 148)

Interior: Vinyl (VK)

Base Price: \$26,619

Options: \$8,127

Total: \$34,746

Upfitting and wrap: Approximately \$20,000

In addition, Kanbe's Markets operates a refrigerated 2013 Freightliner Sprinter with approximately 127,000 miles. Hogan Truck Leasing & Rental is the lessor and is willing to sell the vehicle for \$15,000 - an apparently fair price in the current market. Hogan is not willing to continue to offer the vehicle under a lease for the proposed contract extension period. Therefore, pending a neutral used-vehicle inspection by a mechanic, staff recommend purchasing this vehicle from Hogan and allowing Kanbe's to utilize it through the contract extension period. Kanbe's would be required to relinquish the vehicle to MARC, or purchase it, if they did not continue to use it for MARC services after the contract extension period.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount to MARC	\$723,740
Sources	Balance from United Health Care and Bloch Family Foundation Grants: \$148,000
	Older Americans Act, including relief dollars: \$575,740
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$161,280

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Other (supplies, printing, training sessions, travel for trainings)	\$562,460
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COMMITTEE ACTION:

In August 2021, the MARC Commission on Aging recommended authorization of an RFP release, contract extensions, and purchases as described above to advance community home-delivered meals.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an RFP release, contract extensions, and purchases to advance community home-delivered meals as described above.

STAFF CONTACT:

Bethany Reyna
James Stowe

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August 2021
Item No. 7-c

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an Application for a Safety Net Grant from Health Forward Foundation to Support the Community Health Worker Program

BACKGROUND:

MARC supports the Regional Community Health Worker Collaborative and has worked with KC CARE Health Center on an initiative to deploy Community Health Workers (CHWs) at hospitals and clinics, to serve MARC’s Area Agency on Aging clients with chronic disease education, and to identify resources to address client needs (food, transportation, medicine, utility/rent assistance, other). MARC and the KC CARE Health Center worked together last year on an application to the Health Forward Foundation through the competitive Safety Net process, and \$250,000 in foundation funds were awarded to enable KC CARE Center to hire, supervise, and deploy CHWs during calendar year 2021. KC CARE Center is working with several health organizations including University of Kansas Medical Center, St. Luke’s Hospital, Children’s Mercy Kansas City, UMKC, and Rose Brooks. CHWs will be assigned to non-elderly disabled identified through MARC’s Adult and Aging Services program as needing support.

KC CARE’s partnership with MARC is improving access to care for underserved patients across the metro. The program will reach a total of 2,750 patients through 20,000 encounters, with 600 enrollments in 2021. Community Health Workers will connect patients to a health home for primary care and accompany them on their journey to self-sufficiency.

KC CARE has asked MARC to apply to continue the program for 2022, serving 2,500 patients. On behalf of a collaboration between MARC and KC CARE Health Center, MARC will request \$325,000 from the Health Forward Foundation (HFF) to support the salary of four Community Health Workers, a portion of the salary for program supervisors, administration and leadership, program supplies, and equipment. The Care Coordination program targets clients with significant barriers to accessing and participating in care and who are at high risk of falling out of care. The program targets the uninsured and underinsured, low-income residents at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL), BIPOC, and other populations who face multiple obstacles to care. The target population is from a geographic area that spans the Greater Kansas City metro within both Missouri and Kansas. The program strives to: (1) improve the participants’ experience of receiving care and healthcare management; (2) improve the health outcomes of uninsured, underinsured, and underserved Kansas City residents; and (3) reduce overall healthcare costs.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, KC CARE has learned that patients’ motivation to change things that are not actively in crisis has diminished. As a result, KC CARE will continue their approach to reach more individuals and focus on their top needs, by allowing the patient to define the intensity of the intervention needed. Major outcomes have included percent of patients demonstrated improved self-sufficiency, through an improved aggregate score (CY19 actual: 89%), and percent of patients reporting a decrease in emergency department utilization while in the program (CY19 actual: 55%).

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$325,000
Source	Health Forward Foundation
PROJECTED EXPENSES	

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Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$15,000
Pass-Through - KC CARE Health Center	\$310,000

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the application, and acceptance if awarded, of a grant from the Health Forward Foundation for a Regional Community Health Worker Initiative in the amount of \$325,000. If grant is awarded, authorize an agreement with KC CARE Health Center in an amount not to exceed \$310,000.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel

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August 2021
Item No. 7-d
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve an Annual Contract with ChildPlus Software to maintain Head Start Records for the 2021-2022 Grant Year

BACKGROUND:

MARC Head Start has contracted with ChildPlus, Inc. as the primary record keeping system for Head Start since 2006. This database is used to house information on all children and their families, as well as staff for all seventeen providers. The data is used to track the progress in meeting Head Start Performance Standards and MARC Head Start goals. Additionally, data is reported to the Office of Head Start in an annual Program Information Report that is required by Head Start Federal Regulations.

This renewal contract with ChildPlus extends from November 1, 2021 to October 31, 2022.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Funds for this expenditure are included in the 2021 -2022 Head Start budget.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$50,426.53
Source	Administration for Children and Families
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$50,426.53

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the ChildPlus annual renewal contract in an amount not to exceed \$50,426.53 for use of the data base system and technical support services from November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2022.

STAFF CONTACT:

Jovanna Rohs
Steven Lewis

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August 2021
Item No. 7-e
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve the Purchase of Technology Equipment and Supplies for Head Start Direct Service Providers

BACKGROUND:

MARC Head Start was awarded CARES Act supplemental funds in July 2020 and would like to use these funds to purchase computer, monitors, laptops, and scanners for family service staff. These purchases will be for staff whose equipment is over 5 years old and no longer under warranty. Many of our family service staff are working with computers that are over 10 years old.

Family service staff are responsible for obtaining the necessary documents required for each child's complete health record. This includes request for information, medical records, dental records, shot records, and special accommodations or medical needs. They document all the services provided for children and families. This includes community referrals, families' needs, goals, services received, and follow up. They record attendance and collect data on family outcomes, health outcomes, and family engagement. The documentation they provide tells the stories of the impact of Head Start on the families we serve. Updated equipment will help with efficiency, reliability, and timeliness.

Ten of MARC's Head Start and Early Head Start direct service providers have submitted proposals for technology upgrades for their staff.

Ability KC	\$ 2,500
Emmanuel	\$ 2,300
Grandview School District	\$ 2,000
Guadalupe Center Inc	\$ 2,000
Kansas City Public Schools	\$ 2,500
Learn A Lot	\$ 3,000
Operation Breathrough Inc	\$ 25,000
Raytown School District	\$ 4,000
The Family Conservancy	\$ 25,000
United Inner City Services	\$ 7,000
	\$ 75,300

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The costs of the technology upgrades are allowable expenses within the Head Start CARES Act supplemental COVID-19 funding through the Administration for Children and Families. The grant was initially approved for the period of July 17, 2020 to October 31, 2020. However, the Office of Head Start approved a carryover of the remaining unspent balance (\$1,892,067) due to the short time period to expend the funds. The time period for the carryover was extended to October 31, 2021.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$1,892,067
Source	Administration for Children and Families CARES Act
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$75,300

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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize MARC Head Start to purchase the technology upgrades described above for a total cost not to exceed \$75,300.

STAFF CONTACT:

Steven Lewis
Jovanna Rohs

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August 2021
Item No. 8-a
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve the 2021 3rd Quarter Amendment to the 2020-24 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 2021 3rd Quarter Amendment to the 2020-24 Transportation Improvement Programs includes 81 projects:

- 31 new projects to be added, including but not limited to:
 - #490223 - RT Z; Bridge replacement over the Platte River
 - #590299 - MO-210; Bridge replacement at Brighton Avenue
 - #690601 - MO-291; Pavement resurfacing from Rte. 78 to 39th Street
 - #790142 - RT D; Bridge replacement over Coldwater Road
 - #990352 - Emergency response operations and staffing in the urban Kansas City District
- 50 modified projects
 - Scope
 - Schedule
 - Budget

Details of these projects are available for review on the Internet at:

<http://www.marc.org/Transportation/Plans-Studies/Transportation-Plans-and-Studies/TIP/TIP-Amendment-Archive/Archive-assets/21Q3amend.aspx>

MARC's Public Involvement Plan requires that proposed amendments to the TIP be released for public review and comment prior to adoption. Four comments were received during the comment period. The comments and proposed responses are attached for your reference.

The Total Transportation Policy Committee recommended approval of this amendment at their July meeting.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the 2021 3rd Quarter Amendment to the FFY 2020-2024 TIP.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ron Achelpohl
Marc Hansen

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2021 3rd Quarter Amendment to the 2020-24 TIP *Public Comments and Proposed Responses*

Dan Dieter
danldieter@yahoo.com

“I think the plans are fine. I am concerned that regional mass transit i.e. interstate cooperation, is a very low priority and if not addressed will result in a future transportation mess.”

Proposed Response

Thank you for your recent comment regarding the proposed 2021 3rd Quarter Amendment to the regional Transportation Improvement Program. We shared your comment with Board of Directors for their consideration.

Improved public transportation is a key regional priority in Connected KC 2050, the metropolitan transportation plan for greater Kansas City, to address multiple economic, environmental and transportation goals for our region.

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
Principal Planner
Mid-America Regional Council

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David Jackson

1800noneofyourbusiness@gmail.com

“Please build more diverging diamond interchanges at busy highway/road intersections”

Proposed Response

Thank you for your recent comment regarding the proposed 2021 3rd Quarter Amendment to the regional Transportation Improvement Program. We shared your comments with the Total Transportation Policy Committee and MARC Board of Directors for their consideration.

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

Principal Planner

Mid-America Regional Council

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Tim Zook

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“Using federal funds to install bike lanes that are purely painted and not physically separated is a waste of money. Painted lines do not encourage biking and do not provide safety to vulnerable road users.”

“These projects are not in line with MARC’s recently adopted Climate Action Plan by prioritizing moneys to improve areas at city edges thereby incentivizing develop at city edges.”

Proposed Response

Thank you for your recent comments regarding the proposed 2021 3rd Quarter Amendment to the regional Transportation Improvement Program. We shared your comments with the Total Transportation Policy Committee and MARC Board of Directors for their consideration.

Regarding your comment on painted bike lanes: The projects in the 2021 3rd Quarter amendment comply with MARC’s regional complete and green streets policy and follow federal guidance in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Guide for bicycle facilities based on speeds, traffic volumes, and other considerations. Project sponsors have committed to work with the appropriate federal and state DOT staff to develop these facilities to address specific facility characteristics.

Regarding your comment on the regional Climate Action Plan: Increasing complete and green streets throughout the region is a key mitigation and adaptation strategy for the transportation system (goal T-LU 1.3). Projects in all parts of region that advance this goal are in line with the Climate Action Plan.

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
Principal Planner
Mid-America Regional Council

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August 2021
Item No. 8-b
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an Amendment to the Contract with Kansas State University to Support Double Up Food Bucks

BACKGROUND:

The original proposal for the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program in 2020 included several partners that would coordinate the Double Up Food Bucks (DUFB) program in areas of Kansas and Missouri that are outside of the MARC region. The Greater Wichita YMCA was to coordinate the Double Up Food Bucks program in the Wichita, Kansas area. However, due to restructuring later that year, the Greater Wichita YMCA made the decision to transition away from administering the Double Up Food Bucks program. At that time, staff from the YMCA, MARC, and K-State Research and Extension (KSRE), met to discuss transitioning the Wichita markets to KSRE for coordination. KSRE has a significant presence in the Wichita area that the program coordinator can tap into for assistance when working with the markets. This first amendment to the contract with Kansas State University transfers coordination of Wichita area markets from the Greater Wichita YMCA to KSRE.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$160,508
Source	USDA Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program grant FY2020
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Travel	\$1,000
Stipends & Supplies	\$28,500
Indirect	\$7,670
DUFB Incentives	\$123,338

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a \$160,508 increase to KSU/KSRE's budget for the Double Up Food Bucks program from 2020-2024 to support coordination and administration of the healthy food incentive at Wichita and other Kansas farmers' markets.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel
Donna Martin

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August 2021
Item No. 8-c
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize Acceptance of a Grant from Anthem to Support Double Up Food Bucks

BACKGROUND:

On April 14, 2021, the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) extended an invitation to MARC as an existing grantee of the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP) to apply for the GusNIP COVID Relief and Response (GusCRR) funding opportunity, which will distribute \$75 million appropriated to the USDA by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Act 2021 passed by Congress in January 2021. A proposal was submitted in mid-May 2021 to expand the Double Up Food Bucks program in both Kansas and Missouri. The proposal included a proposed budget of \$5 million. In late June 2021, MARC staff were notified that the proposal was being recommended for approval. NIFA staff communicated that only 93% of the proposed budget was being recommended for an award (a reduction of \$364,352). A revised budget was submitted to USDA, taking into consideration the comments of the review committee to maximize the use of federal funds for the nutrition incentives and reduce the amounts for communications and outreach. These reductions were expected to impact the program's ability to reach people who could benefit from the program's rollout in new communities. Thus, staff applied to the Anthem Foundation to see if funding could be secured to make up for at least part of the reduced amount. The Anthem Foundation agreed to provide \$100,000 to support communication efforts for a one-year time frame (August 1, 2021-September 30, 2022).

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$100,000
Source	The Anthem Foundation, Inc.
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Other (Printing, Postage, Media)	\$100,000

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept \$100,000 from the Anthem Foundation to support communication and outreach for the expanded Double Up Food Bucks program for a one-year time period (August 1, 2021-September 30, 2022).

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel
Donna Martin

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August 2021
Item No. 8-d
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize Acceptance of Pass-Through Funds from Everytown to Support Aim 4 Peace

BACKGROUND:

The Kansas City, Missouri, Health Department supports a violence-prevention initiative, Aim 4 Peace, and has asked MARC CSC to assist the department and its program by serving as the fiscal agent for charitable contributions. A national organization, Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund, has awarded Aim 4 Peace a two-year \$100,000 grant. At the discretion of the fund, Aim 4 Peace may be eligible for an additional \$40,000 contingent grant.

Funds may be used for infrastructure and operating expenses to support any activity that strengthens the organization's capacity to successfully address gun violence. Aim 4 Peace will work with targeted hospitals to send outreach workers to emergency rooms to meet with family and friends of gunshot victims and support them to reduce retaliation or escalation of violence. MARC CSC will accept the funds, retain \$1,000 for administrative expenses, and pass through the remaining funds to the Kansas City, MO Health Department on behalf of Aim 4 Peace.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a grant application to the national organization Everytown for Gun Safety on behalf of Aim 4 Peace in the amount of \$140,000. If awarded, authorize a contract with the Kansas City, MO Health Department to implement the program through Aim 4 Peace in an amount not to exceed \$139,000.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel

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August 2021
Item No. 8-e
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve a Change Order to Purchase Radio Equipment for Upgrading the Microwave Network

BACKGROUND:

The original RAMBIS microwave network needs an upgrade to prepare for the NG911 (NG911) requirements. As of July 2020, the board approved an agreement with Nokia to provide material and installation for the upgrade.

During the planning and engineering for the upgrade Nokia presented an opportunity to increase the system from a one channel radio to two channels. This will improve the system by doubling the bandwidth available in the microwave ring for the region and taking full advantage of the capacities of the new microwave radios. This upgrade will meet the requirements for NG911 applications and provide flexibility for future bandwidth needs in the region.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The Nokia Change Order quote estimates a cost of \$417,330.20.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$208,665.10
Source	911 Allocation Budget (Capital Projects)
Amount	\$208,665.10
Source	911 Allocation Budget (Capital Projects Reserve)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$417,330.20

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Public Safety Communications Board approved the use of the funds needed for the change order in July 2021. This portion of the project will be paid for by using a portion of the Capital Projects Reserve (50% of the change order cost) and a portion funded from the 2022 Regional 911 Capital Projects Budget (50% of the change order cost).

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve change order #2 with Nokia and accept the quote for purchase and installation of 9500 MPR Radios and related antenna materials for the microwave upgrades.

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric Winebrenner

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August 2021
Item No. 8-f
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve the Purchase of Call-taking Hardware for Regional Workstations

BACKGROUND:

The Public Safety Communications Board approved the start of a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) VESTA Call-taking hardware replacement program. The intent is to replace 60 of the 240 regional PSAP workstations each year. This will improve productivity by preventing repairs and keeping the equipment current and updated. The contract with Motorola allows MARC to purchase equipment directly from the manufacturer, leaving out the increased cost of a middleman. This was made possible by the Public Safety Communications Board approving the move to MARC maintenance instead of contracted maintenance.

Johnson County Emergency Management & Communications was approved by the Public Safety Communications Board to receive four remote 911 positions for the Emergency Communications Center. Johnson County will cover the initial costs of \$92,685 for the purchase of this equipment.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The Motorola quotes estimate a cost of \$551,790

REVENUES	
Amount	\$551,790
Source	911 Allocation Budget (Capital Projects)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$551,790

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Public Safety Communications Board approved the use of the funds needed for these projects.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the agreements with Motorola and accept the quote for the purchase of equipment for Harrisonville, Lees Summit, North Kansas City, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Valley, Grandview, Lenexa, and Johnson County ECC.

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