



OGL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 26, 2020 1:30 PM
Web/Phone Conference Meeting

Members Present	MARC Staff Present	Non-Members Present
Sol Moinuddin, KCMO, Chair	Barry Viss	Blake Hansen, Olsson
Derek Olson, MoDOT	Scott Cutshall	Mike McKenna, Affinis Corp
Andrew Morrow, Overland Park, Vice-Chair	Ron Achelpohl	John Albeck, Iteris
Steve Schooley, Lenexa	Cedrick Owens	Jeremy Stretz, Olsson
Noel Forrester, Olathe		Kurt Roterling, Olsson
Michael W. Spickelmier, Lansing		Janelle Clayton, Merge Midwest
Brian Scovill, Leawood		Lindsay Francis, WSP
Brian Shields, Overland Park		
Doug Wesselschmidt, Grandview		
Jim MacDonald, Merriam		
Troy Shaw, UG		
Sherri McIntyre, Liberty		
Donnie Scharff, Roeland Park		
Erin Ralovo, Lee's Summit		
Adam Hilgedick, Blue Springs		
Mark Green, Independence		
John Findlay, Liberty		
Tim Vandall, Lansing		
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Welcome & Introductions

The meeting started at 1:30. Sol Moinuddin, Chair, welcomed all.

- 1. July 27, 2020 committee minutes** – Andrew Morrow made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was supported and approved unanimously.
- 2. Agency updates** – Sol inquired if anyone had updates regarding projects of regional significance. Noel Forrester shared that Olathe is going to be building a continuous flow intersection at 56 highway & Lone Elm Rd.
- 3. Election of new vice chair** – Andrew nominated Chris Sandie with the City of Blue Springs to serve as vice chair starting in January 2021. The nomination was supported, and Chris was elected unanimously.
- 4. 2021 work plan** – Barry Viss and Cedrick Owens highlighted a few items from the work plan document which was included in the meeting packet.
- 5. Replacement of OGL vehicle** – Scott Cutshall updated the committee on OGL’s need for a new vehicle. The proposal is to replace the 2008 Ford Escape with a 2021 Ford Explorer, for a cost not to exceed \$40,000. Funding will come out of our existing budget, paid for by local funds only. Chris Sandie made a motion to approve the proposal. The motion was supported and approved unanimously. The proposal will be forwarded to the MARC Board, who will also need to approve the purchase.

6. Hot topic – Prospect MAX bus rapid transit – Sol gave a presentation to the committee on the operation of the new Prospect Ave bus rapid transit system. The system takes into account bus timing (ahead/behind schedule), bus ridership (full/empty), as well as side street demand at the intersection (high/low), to come up with a priority level for the traffic signal's response. The signal also communicates back to the ATA servers what final level of response was given to each bus for tracking and reporting purposes.

7. Arterial performance management system – Blake Hansen with Olsson updated the committee on the work the performance management sub-committee has been doing. They have identified two needs for the region: 1) region-wide high-level measures that are independent of infrastructure available, and 2) intersection level detailed performance measures such as ATSPM. The sub-committee has been evaluating systems from various vendors and data sources and will be providing recommendation on a direction, possibly including an RFP to purchase one of these region-wide systems.

Iteris will be granting us access to their ClearGuide performance measure system for the Kansas City region as a part of their current signal timing efforts with OGL in Kansas City, MO. Any OGL partner agency can also get access to the system during that demo period. Email Barry if you would like a user account for it.

8. 2021-2025 strategic plan – Mike McKenna with Affinis (sub-contract to Olsson), led a discussion regarding the updating of the OGL strategic plan. The desire is to update the previous strategic plan rather than start from scratch. We should also include in the plan a process to regularly identify needed projects for the region. Having projects identified ahead of time can greatly improve our ability to apply for different funding streams that may become available. Any other input on needs for the updated strategic plan, please communicate those with MARC staff, Blake or Mike.

9. Quarterly operations report – Barry highlighted a few items from the operations report that was included in the meeting packet. New signal timings were installed on Lackman Rd in Lenexa and Main St and Blue Ridge Blvd in Grandview. Two TransSuite introductory online trainings were given for partners. If additional similar trainings or trainings covering other more specific topics are desired feel free to communicate those to MARC staff. OGL responded to 139 incidents (crash, roadwork, etc.) and 193 signal issues (flash, detector failures, etc.).

10. Quarterly budget report – Barry noted that the budget report was included in the meeting packet. Federal STP funds for 2019/2020 have been expended and there are about \$600,000 of local funds as of the end of the quarter, which will now be spent exclusively. The tentative plan is to start spending the new federal funds starting in January.

11. Other business

- KDOT Transportation Technology Program Funding – OGL did not apply for this funding.
- The Tennessee Center for Transportation Research offers some useful online trainings on various transportation topics including signals. See the meeting packet for additional information.
- Following up from a discussion at a previous committee meeting on ITE's new guidance for calculating traffic signal change and clearance intervals: Barry noted that AASHTO sent a letter to ITE asking them to re-evaluate their recommendations. A copy of their letter was included in the meeting packet if anyone is interested in it.

Next regularly scheduled meetings: January 25, April 26, July 26, October 25, 2021

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.