



OGL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 26, 2021, 1:30 PM
Web/Phone Conference Meeting

| Members Present | MARC Staff Present | Non-Members Present |
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| Derek Olson, MoDOT | Ray Webb | Mike McKenna, Affinis Corp |
| Steve Schooley, Lenexa | Barry Viss | Addison Miller, Affinis Corp |
| Noel Forrester, Olathe | Scott Cutshall | Christos Achillides, Iteris |
| Michael W. Spickelmier, Lansing | Cedrick Owens | Kurt Rotergering, Olsson |
| Jim MacDonald, Merriam | Chris Jenkins | Lindsay Francis, WSP |
| Erin Ralovo, Lees Summit | Ron Achelpohl | Blake Hansen, Olsson |
| Donnie Scharff, Roeland Park | | Cecelie Cochran, FHWA Kansas |
| Sherri McIntyre, Liberty | | Lee Baer, Merge Midwest |
| Mark Green, Independence | | David MacDonald, TCC |
| Adam Hilgedick, Blue Springs | | |
| Chris Sandie, Blue Springs, Vice-Chair | | |
| Brian Scovill, Leawood | | |
| Brian Faust, Leavenworth | | |
| Dalton Gregory, KDOT | | |
| Brian Shields, Overland Park | | |
| Joseph.Mulnik, KDOT | | |
| Sara Peters, KDOT | | |

Welcome

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

- 1. April 26, 2021, committee minutes** – Derek Olson made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was supported and approved unanimously.
- 2. Strategic plan approval** – The draft plan was included in the meeting packet which includes recommended edits since the last steering committee meeting. Noel Forrester made a motion to accept the document. The motion was supported and approved unanimously.
- 3. Agency updates** – Noel Forrester mentioned that the 119th DDI construction is about 75% complete. The diverging left intersection at Lone Elm and 56 Hwy is complete.
- 4. Hot topic – UPS / battery backup systems experience** – Derek Olson and Chris Weikel with MODOT discussed their experience with battery backups. They have been happy with the ones installed recently. The systems need to be checked and maintained and their batteries replaced periodically to be sure they are ready when you need them. Steve Schooley would like a system that has a dashboard he can use to monitor all his devices at a glance. Most new systems support alerts and will provide health details when interrogated individually through the network. Barry mentioned that OGL staff would be happy to support remote connectivity to UPS’s on the OGL network.
- 5. Cybersecurity update** – Chris Jenkins pointed the committee to an updated cybersecurity memo that was included in the meeting packet. The memo now includes a brief description of some of the safeguards OGL staff have put in place to protect the system. It also includes an encouragement to begin using TransSuite’s

web interface which is more secure than the remote desktop strategy must users make use of. OGL staff would like to have all users move to the web UI starting in October of 2021.

- 6. US-71 traffic responsive project** – Barry Viss updated the committee on the status of the traffic responsive operation on US-71 and gave an explanation of some of the configuration settings. The corridor is running traffic responsive weekday mornings based on the NB traffic demand. The SB detector has been destroyed by a crash. Staff have seen benefit from the operation but are still tweaking things.
- 7. Arterial performance management** – Blake Hansen updated the committee on the status of evaluating various performance management systems. Eatalyc is preparing their demo to be available soon. We have had some initial conversations with Traffop and SMATS. After Eatalyc's demo is ready, we plan to have the performance management sub-committee reconvene to plan next steps.
- 8. CMAQ signal infrastructure project** – Addison Miller updated the committee on the CMAQ project being designed. It will include fiber communications, PTZ cameras, vehicle detection, and controller upgrades. Affinis still needs some info from a few agencies and is still doing some initial field inventory work before they can get more into the design phase.
- 9. Quarterly operations report** – Chris Jenkins, Barry Viss, and Scott Cutshall highlighted a few things from the operations report that was included in the meeting packet. Barry showed some performance charts from ClearGuide demonstrating the improvement in travel time on Chipman Rd from the signal timing work. Barry mentioned that he had conducted a training on TransSuite's UCM Stand-alone product for MODOT last month, and if others are interested in that type of training let Barry know.
- 10. Quarterly budget report** – Ray Webb highlighted a few things from the budget report. Ray will be sending out invoices soon. Ending balance \$413,807. The budget is largely on track with two categories that are slightly high but as anticipated.

11. Other business

- There will be training on the TransSuite web user interface in August and September.
- Next meeting dates: October 25, 2021, January 24, 2022, April 25, 2022.

Adjournment – Noel Forrester made a motion to adjourn. The motion was supported and approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.