



Board of Directors MEETING NOTICE

Mid-America Regional Council • 600 Broadway, Suite 200 • Kansas City, Missouri 64105 • 816/474-4240

August 22, 2023

Board Member Meeting: 12:00 p.m.

In-person attendees in MARC's Board Room with a remote option via Zoom

- Members of the public who wish to participate in this meeting: please email McKenzie Neds at mnedes@marc.org by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, for instructions to join the teleconference.

AGENDA

1. Brief Self-Introductions
 - a. Introducing: Kristi Bohling-DaMetz; Director of Aging and Adult Services
2. HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT
 - a. PRESENTATION: Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 Administrator Meg McCollister
 - b. REPORT: Mid-America Regional Council staff will provide overview of regional environmental grants under development
3. SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES
 - a. REPORT: Emergency Services Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee strategic planning outcomes
 - b. REPORT: Kansas City Police 911 Auto Attendant Request
4. BRIEF REPORTS
 - a. REPORT: KCI Airport Public Transit Action Plan Update
 - b. VOTE: Ray County request to enter the Metropolitan Planning Area
 - c. REPORT: Update on Give 5 volunteer match program for older adults
 - d. REPORT: 2023 #CityHallSelfie Day success
5. Executive Director's Report

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

6. VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda
 - a. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the June 27, 2023, Board Meeting
 - b. VOTE: Accept Missouri Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds for the Missouri Regional Preventive Maintenance Program
 - c. VOTE: Authorize consultant agreements for three Planning Sustainable Places projects, one in each of the following Kansas jurisdictions: De Soto, Mission, and Overland Park.
 - d. VOTE: Authorize a contract addendum to approve Master Agreement #4 with the Institute for Building Technology and Safety for building and development shared services
 - e. VOTE: Authorize the fourth amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Assel Grant Services to include Mid-America Regional Council member cities and counties
 - f. VOTE: Authorize amendments to increase the current community center agreements with the Guadalupe Center, Palestine Senior Activity Center, and the City of Independence.



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- g. VOTE: Authorize contract with Guadalupe Centers for the renovation of their community center to serve older adults for a total of \$800,000
 - h. VOTE: Review and accept the 2022 Uniform Guidance Single Audit Report
 - i. VOTE: Head Start FY2022 Cost of Living Adjustment and Quality Improvement Application to the Administration for Children and Families to be expended
 - j. VOTE: Approve Contracts for Head Start and Early Head Start Support Services
 - k. VOTE: Final approval of remodel project at 600 Broadway, Mid-America Regional Council offices
7. VOTE: Approve Administrative Actions from July 2023 Memo
- a. Authorize application and acceptance of an Assistant Secretary Preparedness and Response grant for FY23/24 (\$387,271.87)
 - b. Authorize staff to execute related subcontract (ASPR FY23/24) with David Schemenauer (\$54,853)
 - c. Authorize a contract with the Mid America Missouri Local Emergency Planning District to provide hazardous materials planning, training and exercise, and administrative services (\$52,800)
 - d. Authorize a contract with a qualified contractor for exercise design, execution, and evaluation services not to exceed \$75,000 for a multiple-site exercise planned for October 2023.
 - e. Authorize agreement and amendments with FORVIS to complete and provide support for continued implementation of the upgraded Monthly Service and Expenditure Report spreadsheet solution (\$20,000)
 - f. Approve contract amendment with Hilcrest Foods, Inc to increase their budget for redeemed Double Up Food Bucks (\$86,000)
 - g. Approve contract amendment with White's Foodliner, Inc. to increase their budget for redeemed Double Up Food Bucks (\$50,000)
 - h. Approve a contract with Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) assessment system (\$55,000)
 - i. Approve consultant contracts for two Planning Sustainable Places projects (\$70,250)
 - j. Approve Connected KC 2050 Amendment #7
 - k. Approve the 2023 3rd Quarter Amendment to the 2022-26 Transportation Improvement Program.
 - l. Authorize an application to Continue to Provide Administrative Services, Office Space Rental and other District Operation Services to Missouri Solid Waste Management District E and Enter into Agreement if selected.
 - m. Authorize the application and acceptance of an additional \$300,000 from Kansas Department of Health and Environment for Community Health Worker support.
 - n. Authorize application through the Community Services Corporation for US Department of Energy Grant to Support Non-Profit Organizations; grant request of \$5.5 million with a match of \$1.2 million
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

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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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Item No. 2 a - b

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

- a. PRESENTATION: Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 Administrator Meg McCollister
- b. REPORT: Mid-America Regional Council staff will provide overview of regional environmental grants under development

BACKGROUND:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has unrolled a variety of major climate protection initiatives through the Inflation Reduction Act. EPA awarded the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) a \$1 million formula grant from the [EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Grant Program](#) to update the current Regional Climate Action Plan. EPA intends to follow the planning grants with implementation grants due early April 2024, with grants ranging from \$2 - \$500 million.

Ms. McCollister will provide an overview of this, and other related EPA initiatives designed to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, address the needs of the most vulnerable populations, and to build community resilience in the face of climate change.

MARC staff will then provide a brief overview of key climate planning and implementation activities, including:

- An overview of community workshops to begin prioritizing regional implementation strategies in preparation for the submission of an EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant in April 2024
- The development of a Solar for All grant application to EPA in partnership with the Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority (EIERA), a statewide entity situated within the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. EIERA is developing an application for the entire state of Missouri, which will include specific elements serving the Kansas City region. Staff is engaging in initial conversations with Kansas officials in hopes of structuring a cohesive regional program to deliver solar to low-income and disadvantaged households throughout the metro area.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

[KC Regional Climate Action Plan](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Tom Jacobs

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Item No. 3a
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

REPORT: Emergency Services Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee strategic planning outcomes

BACKGROUND:

In 2022 the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee conducted an organizational review. One of the recommendations from the review was to conduct a multi-year planning process. The RHSCC developed a strategic plan initially in 2004 which had been updated through the years. The RHSCC had planned to update the Regional Homeland Security Strategic plan in 2019 and that timeline was significantly disrupted due to covid activities.

This new strategic plan considers the ever-changing threat environment and real-world events that have occurred since the last update. It reflects the results of other assessments and feedback from committees and groups. A consultant was selected and worked with the RHSCC co-chairs and staff in advance of the meeting to review key documents and design the workshop. An in-person workshop was conducted June 23 with forty-nine representatives from the RHSCC and its allied groups. At the meeting, the RHSCC discussed, reviewed initial work, and finalized a set of strategic imperatives, objectives, metrics, and tactics to form the basis for the new strategic plan. The RHSCC approved the new strategic plan on August 11, 2023. This plan sets forth how the agencies the region will collaborate to prevent, protect, mitigate, respond, and recover for the threats and hazards the region faces.

There are four strategic imperatives outlined in the plan:

- Engagement: enhance our culture of preparedness
- Planning and exercise: evaluate and continuously improve capabilities
- Secure and administer financial resources
- Gather and share information about training and improving information sharing systems and pathways

Joe Connor RHSCC co-chair, Assistant County Manager, Johnson County, KS and Erin Lynch MARC's Emergency Services and Homeland Security Program Director will present on this work. Additionally, the presentation will include a brief overview of the RHSCC Regional Plans Orientation and Plans Dashboard that offers quick access to regional plans. The Dashboard is available to all authorized personnel including MARC's Board of Directors. This dashboard has been well received by users with requests for additional content such as after-action reports.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

[RHSCC Strategy Retreat Report and Strategic Agenda 2024-2026](#)

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RECOMMENDATION

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT

Erin Lynch

Lauren Palmer

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Item No. 3b
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

REPORT: Kansas City Police 911 Auto Attendant Request

BACKGROUND:

On June 27, 2023, the Board of Police Commissioners (KCPD) requested that the Public Safety Communications Board (PSCB) implement the auto-attendant feature for 911 calls to the Kansas City Missouri Police Department and Kansas City Missouri Fire Department (KCFD), to help address 911 call wait times. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) staff acted quickly and met the following day with representatives from KCPD, KCFD and the PSCB co-chairs to discuss a process for promptly responding to the request from the Board of Police Commissioners. Staff met with Motorola to discuss solutions that would allow the auto-attendant function to work over a multi-host 911 system. Staff committed to prepare an analysis of options to the Public Safety Communications Users Committee on July 12, 2023, and proactively scheduled an emergency meeting of the PSCB for July 13 to prepare to respond to any recommendations from the Users Committee.

On July 12, 2023, the Users Committee recommended to the Public Safety Communications Board that this decision be tabled until the Public Safety Users Committee has been provided with more definitive information on the capabilities and costs of the auto-attendant product. The PSCB affirmed this recommendation the following day and authorized a formal letter (sent July 14) requesting Motorola to begin research and development and provide a project cost for the auto-attendant function on a multi-host 911 system.

On July 24, 2023, Blue Springs, MO Mayor and MARC Board of Directors Chair Carson Ross issued an overview of the regional 911 system to the board given media attention surrounding this matter.

On July 31, 2023, MARC received a quote from Motorola regarding the implementation of the auto attendant function on a multi-host 911 system. The cost for this implementation is \$157,276.49. Due to the specialization of the software solution, installation will have to be completed by Motorola technicians and the solution will not be ready until the 1st Quarter, 2024. The quote is good for 90 days (about 3 months). MARC staff forwarded the quote the same day to KCPD and the PSCB co-chairs. MARC is waiting for KCPD's next request regarding the auto attendant function and how this functionality will be funded. MARC has asked Motorola to continue the research and development work for the auto-attendant function on a multi-host 911 system. The next scheduled Public Safety Communications Board meeting is October 25, 2023.

On August 3, 2023, the Kansas City, MO City Council adopted Resolution 230620, introduced by Mayor Lucas, directing the City Manager to solicit proposals for the necessary technology and equipment to establish an in-house 911 call center and report back to the City Council within 30 days on the actions needed to effectuate this change. MARC has offered to assist with the evaluation of alternatives compared to the current regional system.

Staff will provide an update at the August board meeting with any additional information.

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RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The regional 911 system serves all MARC counties and cities and 911 contract counties of Atchison and Linn Counties, Kansas.

EXHIBITS:

Fact Sheet and PSAP List

RECOMMENDATION:

Informational only

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric Winebrenner
Hassan Al-Rubaie
Nikki Thomas



Regional 911 System

FACT SHEET



A strong system

All of our communities benefit from the Regional 911 System.

The Kansas City Regional 911 System is a state and national leader because of the value and service it provides residents:

- ◆ Cost savings.
- ◆ Redundancy to prevent outages.
- ◆ Emergency backup services.
- ◆ Coordination during large events.
- ◆ Consistency in service.
- ◆ Constant tech improvements.
- ◆ Equal access to advancements across local call centers.

Working together

Public safety leaders work together to create a reliable 911 system.

The Public Safety Communications Board was created by an interlocal agreement of counties and manages the operation and maintenance of the 911 technical infrastructure through MARC. The PSCB addresses issues that arise and ensures current and future reliability of the system. The system handles 1.5 million emergency calls each year, which are dispatched through 43 local 911 call centers. This regional approach also provides consistency in mapping and call-taker training.

- ◆ **Counties** share costs for the Regional 911 System on a per-capita basis.
- ◆ **Local governments** fund, operate and maintain their radios and all local call centers.

Current challenge

Nationwide, hiring enough call-takers is a challenge for local governments. When there is a long wait time for a call to be answered, it's most likely due to staffing levels at local call centers. The PSCB, with MARC's support, is working to find solutions including:

Auto-attendant

- ◆ Implementation of an auto-attendant feature for Kansas City, Missouri, only. Motorola is working on the city's request but has advised it will take time.

Dispatch needs assessment

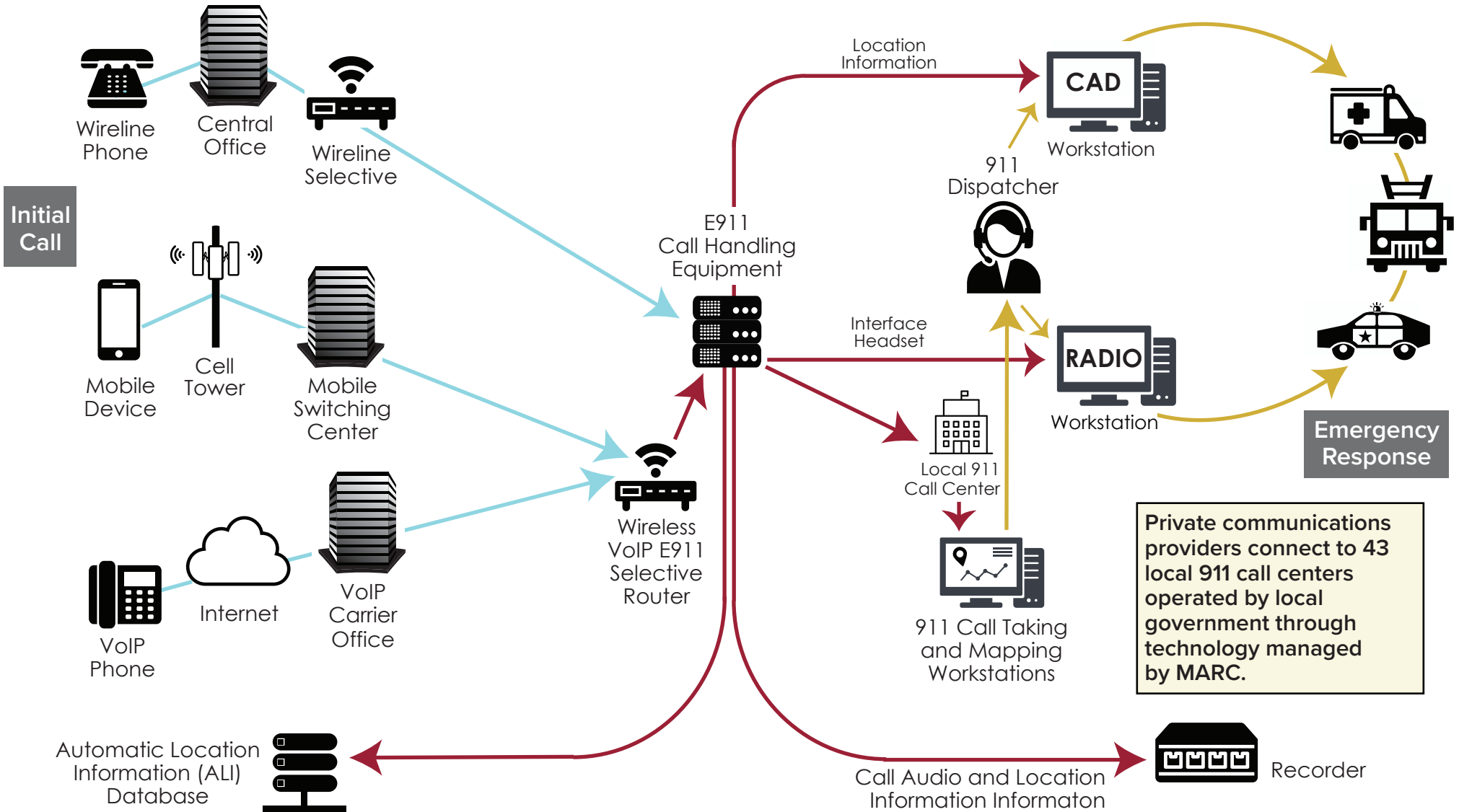
- ◆ MARC is supporting Jackson County; Kansas City, Missouri; and other cities to evaluate the possibility of a regional approach to dispatch services or other solutions to workforce needs. A study will begin in August.

How the Regional 911 System Works: From Call to Response

Communications Carriers

Regional 911 System (Managed by MARC)

Local 911 Call Centers (Managed by Cities and Counties)





Local 911 Call Centers

Below is a list of the local 911 call centers (public safety answering points) in the Regional 911 System. To see a map of the regional 911 call centers, visit marc.org/PSAPmap.



Kansas

- ◆ Atchison County Sheriff
- ◆ Fort Leavenworth Provost
- ◆ Johnson County Emergency Communications
- ◆ Johnson County Sheriff
- ◆ Kansas City Kansas Fire Department
- ◆ Kansas City Kansas Police Department
- ◆ Leavenworth County Sheriff
- ◆ Leavenworth Police Department
- ◆ Leawood Police Department
- ◆ Linn County Sheriff
- ◆ Miami County Sheriff
- ◆ Overland Park Police Department
- ◆ Prairie Village Police Department
- ◆ Shawnee Police Department

Missouri

- ◆ American Medical Response
- ◆ Belton Police Department
- ◆ Blue Springs Police Department
- ◆ Cass County Sheriff
- ◆ Clay County Sheriff
- ◆ Excelsior Springs Police Department
- ◆ Gladstone Police Department
- ◆ Grandview Police Department
- ◆ Harrisonville Police Department
- ◆ Independence Police Department
- ◆ Jackson County Sheriff
- ◆ Kansas City Missouri Fire Department
- ◆ Kansas City Missouri Police Department
- ◆ Lee's Summit Fire Department
- ◆ Lee's Summit Police Department
- ◆ Liberty Police Department
- ◆ North Kansas City Police Department
- ◆ Platte County Sheriff
- ◆ Pleasant Hill Police Department
- ◆ Pleasant Valley Police Department
- ◆ Ray County 911
- ◆ Raymore Police Department
- ◆ Raytown Police Department
- ◆ Sugar Creek Police Department

Please share: Local 911 call centers across the region are hiring. Please visit this link to view these important opportunities and share with your community:

marc.org/PSAPjobs.

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Item No. 4a

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

REPORT: KCI Airport Public Transit Action Plan Update

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is collaborating with the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA), the City of Kansas City, Missouri, KC Aviation Dept and a number of other regional partners on the Kansas City International (KCI) Airport Public Transit Services Action Plan. The goal of this plan is to evaluate public transit options to serve transportation needs to/from the airport. The plan will seek to identify flexible and scalable enhanced services for a variety of potential users including workforce, residents and travelers for business, recreation, and large public events.

With the opening of the new KCI terminal in 2023, the recent success of the 2023 NFL Draft, and the upcoming 2026 FIFA World Cup, Kansas City is poised as a premier destination for arts, entertainment and culture. The demand is more pressing for a reliable, accessible, and multimodal public rapid transit system that serves KCI, surrounding area businesses and key destinations around the region. During this month's Board Meeting, staff will provide a status briefing on this initiative, including major upcoming milestones.

The planning team has concluded the initial fact-finding phases of work and is currently in the process of developing some service improvement strategies. Initial public engagement has been scheduled. Main key future efforts include:

- **MARC Board & TTPC-Open House preview**
 - Immediately upon conclusion of Tuesday August 22nd Board Meeting
 - Approx. 1:30-2pm. Location: MARC offices
- **Public Open House**
 - August 22nd 4-6:30pm. Location: MARC Offices
- **Online Public Meeting**
 - Kicks off August 22nd (approximately 2+ weeks)

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None

COMMITTEE ACTION:

This work was included in the MARC Board approved Transportation Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP was approved on November 22, 2022.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts the service area for transit agencies in region, including Jackson, Platte, Clay and Cass counties in MO and Wyandotte, Johnson and Leavenworth counties in KS.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Martin Rivarola
Tyler Means (KCATA)

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Item No. 4b

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Ray County request to enter the Metropolitan Planning Area

BACKGROUND:

Ray County, Missouri is a founding member of the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and is an active participant in the region's area agency on aging, emergency management and 911 systems, solid waste management district and other initiatives. County officials have recently requested MARC to expand the planning area of MARC's metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for transportation to include Ray County.

Metropolitan planning area (MPA) boundaries are established and may be adjusted by agreement between the Governor and MPO. These boundaries must include the region's existing urbanized area and any areas estimated to become urbanized within the next 20 years but may also be expanded to encompass additional territory up to and including the entire metropolitan statistical area. While the 2020 Census did not extend the Kansas City urbanized area into Ray County, current federal regulations will require MARC and its planning partners to review the boundary and would allow the MPA boundary to extend into all or part of the county if agreeable to the affected parties. More information about potential impacts of this boundary change is included in the attached briefing paper.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Potential benefits to the region would include the opportunity to expand transportation planning services to a MARC member county and its cities and to coordinate these services with other MARC programs. The proposed boundary change would also benefit the cities of Excelsior Springs and Lawson, Missouri which straddle the Clay-Ray County line by improving their ability to plan and coordinate transportation priorities with MARC and MoDOT.

Potential costs include increased competition for federal funds allocated through MARC and costs to expand the travel demand model and other technical tools and data. If added to the MPA, transportation projects in Ray County would need to be addressed in MARC planning products including the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program and Unified Planning Work Program.

The TTPC Bylaws would also need to be amended to add Ray County as a voting member.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed boundary change will not impact the amount of Federal transportation funds suballocated to MARC, however, there may be a modest increase in the amount of MoDOT funds distributed to the region through the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission distribution formula for state-system projects.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

To consider Ray County's request, staff established a work group of representatives from Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties, the cities of Independence, Kansas City and Lee's Summit, and MoDOT to review information and develop a recommendation for the Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) and the MARC Board of Directors. This work group met June 30, 2023, to identify and discuss policy, technical and funding issues and concerns

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to research, and again on July 18, 2023, to develop this recommendation for TTPC. TTPC will consider action on this item on August 15, 2023.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all Missouri counties of the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve change to the MARC Metropolitan Planning Area boundary to add the entirety of Ray County.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ron Achelpohl

Considerations for Potential Ray County Membership in MARC Metropolitan Planning Organization

Background

Ray County, Missouri is a founding member of the Mid-America Regional Council and is an active participant in the region's area agency on aging, emergency management and 911 systems, solid waste management district and other initiatives. However, the county is not a member of MARC's metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for transportation.

MPOs are responsible for conducting cooperative transportation planning process in partnership with their states, local governments, public transportation providers and other stakeholders to provide frameworks for the investment of federal surface transportation funds in eligible projects and programs. In areas over 200,000 population additional responsibilities including authority to program federal funds allocated to the region.

Under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), MPOs are required to be designated in metropolitan areas with populations greater than 50,000 "...by agreement between the Governor and units of general purpose local government that together represent at least 75 percent of the affected population (including the largest incorporated city, based on population, as named by the Bureau of the Census) or in accordance with procedures established by applicable State or local law."¹

Metropolitan planning area (MPA) boundaries are established and may be adjusted by agreement between the Governor and MPO². These boundaries must include the region's existing urbanized area and any areas estimated to become urbanized within the next 20 years but may also be expanded to encompass additional territory up to and including the entire metropolitan statistical area. Furthermore, "(t)he MPO (in cooperation with the State and public transportation operator(s)) shall review the MPA boundaries after each Census to determine if existing MPA boundaries meet the minimum statutory requirements for new and updated urbanized area(s), and shall adjust them as necessary."³

While the 2020 Census did not extend the Kansas City urbanized area into Ray County, current federal regulations will require MARC and its planning partners to review the boundary and would allow the boundary to extend into all or part of the county if agreeable to the affected parties.

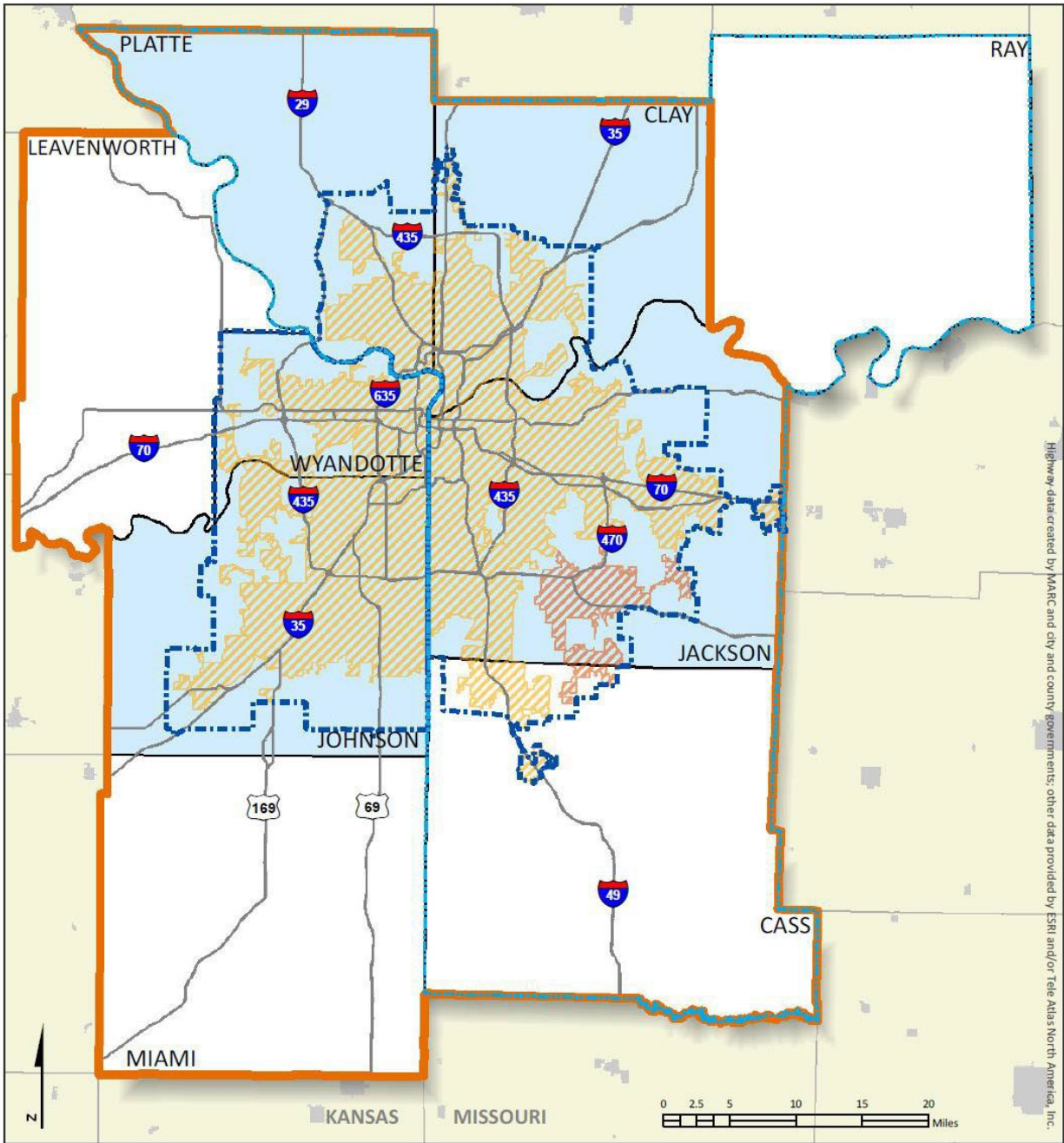
MARC has modified the membership and MPA for the MPO three times since 1991. In 2009, at the request of Leavenworth County in Kansas and Clay and Platte Counties in Missouri, the planning area boundary was extended to include the entirety of each county. In 2006 Miami County, Kansas joined MARC and in 2015, at the County's request the MPA was extended to include the entire County. In the 2010 Census, the urbanized area extended into a small portion of Lafayette County, Missouri and so the MPO boundary was also adjusted as required to include this area in 2015. The current MPO boundary is shown below.

¹ 23 CFR 450.310










² 23 CFR 450.312

³ ibid

Regional Planning Boundaries in Greater Kansas City



Highway data created by MARC and city and county governments; other data provided by ESRI and/or Tele Atlas North America, Inc.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">  RPC (Regional Planning Commission) Boundary  FHWA Adjusted Urban Area Boundary (2012)  MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) Boundary  Air Quality Boundary 	<p>Urbanized Areas (2010)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Kansas City, MO--KS Urbanized Area  Lee's Summit, MO Urbanized Area  Counties 	<p style="text-align: right;">JANUARY 2014</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">More information and land use policy available at www.marc.org/gis</p>
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BOARD AGENDA ITEM TEMPLATE

Process to consider changes to MPO membership

All previous changes to MPO membership, other than the required adjustment in Lafayette County in 2015, have been initiated by request of the relevant local governments. MARC is open to discussion about expanding the MPO but does not actively seek to expand its membership to new areas unless voluntarily requested to do so or required to by law.

Upon request, MARC will provide information about the benefits and costs of MPO membership to interested jurisdictions, assess relevant economic, demographic and transportation data to evaluate planning rationale for expanding the MPA and facilitate discussions with state and local planning partners before considering any changes.

Potential benefits and costs for Ray County

Benefits	Costs
MARC support for multimodal transportation planning and state and federal project prioritization as transportation needs shift in response to an evolving economy and new technologies.	MPO planning requirements for federal projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistency with Metropolitan Transportation Plan • Inclusion in MARC Transportation Improvement Program
Opportunity to compete for federal MPO funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program (formerly STP) • STBG Set-aside program (formerly TAP) • Planning Sustainable Places program 	Loss of access to Statewide STBG set-aside funds.
Access to MoDOT KC District Urban funds for state-system projects. (Transfer of approximately \$3.7 million from rural to urban counties in KC District starting in SFY 2025.)	Loss of access to MoDOT KC District Rural funds.
Voting membership on MARC transportation Committees.	

Potential benefits and costs for MARC

Benefits	Costs
Opportunity for expanded service to existing MARC member county and cities.	Costs to expand travel demand model and other technical tools and data.
Opportunity to coordinate existing services in Ray County with transportation planning.	Increased competition for federal funds for existing MARC MPO members.
Improved coordination for Excelsior Springs and Lawson, MO which currently straddle the MPA Boundary.	

Potential benefits and costs for MoDOT

Benefits	Costs
Strengthen planning partnership with Ray County jurisdictions.	Adjustments to funding formula calculations, performance data collection and reporting.

For more information, please contact Ron Achelpohl, MARC’s director of transportation & environment, at rona@marc.com or (816) 701-8327.

ISSUE:

REPORT: Update on Give 5 Volunteer match program for older adults

BACKGROUND:

Give 5 is a social engagement program that connects older adults with meaningful volunteer opportunities at select nonprofit organizations. Participation in Give 5 requires participants to commit to five day-long classes, which include guest speakers and nonprofit site visits, culminating in a graduation ceremony. Each Give 5 class experience allows participants to learn about public and community service trends, learn about a wide variety of volunteer opportunities, and find a role that matches their interests. Give 5 classes were offered during April and May of 2023. This report is to update the board on the successful completion of the pilot program.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Clay and Jackson counties in Missouri

EXHIBITS:

Power Point

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Lauren Schaumburg

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Item No. 4d
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

REPORT: 2023 #CityHallSelfie Day success

BACKGROUND:

#CityHallSelfie Day is an annual event led by Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL), a national community of leaders in local government. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has participated in #CityHallSelfie day since 2020 and continued the tradition in 2023. On August 15, 2023, 40+ MARC staff members achieved the goal to take a selfie in each of the MARC region's nine counties and 119 cities.

MARC's public affairs team created the social media content for the posts, tagged city officials, and interacted with the ELGL community across the nation. Many communities hosted their own events related to #CityHallSelfieDay, thus creating additional opportunities for outreach and cross-promotion.

A slide show of selfies featuring our MARC Board members and other local officials will be played during the MARC Board meeting on August 22, 2023.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

Visit MARC's [social media sites](#) for photos of the event.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Lauren Palmer
McKenzie Neds
Lukas Parrish

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MARC Board of Directors

August 2023
Item No. 6a

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve minutes of the June 27, 2023, Board meeting

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the June 27, 2023, meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the June 27, 2023, meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm
McKenzie Neds

MARC

MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY

June 27, 2023

12:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Carson Ross, Blue Springs, MO - MARC Board Chair

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, KS - MARC Board 1st Vice Chair

Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO - MARC Board Treasurer

Councilmember Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS - MARC Board Secretary

Legislator Jalen Anderson, Jackson County, MO

Mayor Mike Boehm, Lenexa, KS

Presiding Commissioner Scott Fricker, Platte County, MO

Commissioner Billy Gaines, Ray County, MO

Mayor Tyrone Garner, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS

Auditor Victor Hurlbert, Clay County, MO

Legislator Megan Marshall, Jackson County, MO

Councilmember Bridget McCandless, Independence, MO

Mayor Mike McDonough, City of Raytown, MO

Legislator DaRon McGee, Jackson County, MO

Mayor Eric Mikkelson, Prairie Village, KS

Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, MO

Commissioner Rob Roberts, Miami County, KS

Mayor Curt Skoog, Overland Park, KS

Commissioner Doug Smith, Leavenworth County, KS

Mayor Rick Walker, City of De Soto, KS

STAFF PRESENT

Acting Executive Director Carol Gonzales and other MARC staff

OTHERS

INTRODUCTIONS AND BOARD SHARING TIME

Mayor Carson Ross called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed attendees. Due to the meeting being held remotely, Mayor Ross provided instructions for participation. She 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.

REPORT/VOTE: Authorize application to the Office of Head Start for a 5-year non-competitive grant.

Kasey Lawson, Interim Director of Early Learning and Head Start, presented MARC Head Start's noncompetitive 5-year grant award application from the office of Head Start and speak about our agency overall and the work head start does for our communities. MARC

began as the grantee in November of 2005 and services began in the community in January of 2006. Our program has worked consistently with the seventeen partners listed in the board packet. Of those agencies, seven are school districts and ten are community-based programs. We deliver services to the 2400 children and families in Clay, Jackson, and Platte counties in Missouri.

Due to staffing shortages, some Head Start locations will be closing prior to the next 5-year grant cycle. Those centers are the Metro Center that's located on Troost but they are moving all of their enrollment slots to the Saint Mark's Center and then the Burlington Center is closing and reducing enrollment slots at the YMCA. Those 68 slots are being relocated to Raytown School District, Independent School District Center School District and Emmanuel Family & Child Development Center.

In addition to writing a grant every five years, we also must complete an in-depth community assessment which is then reevaluated every year. Our goals and objectives for the next five years are to effectively administer head start and early head start funds, ensure the highest level of accountability and the delivery of services, promote school readiness through comprehensive education, mental health, disabilities, health and nutrition services to young children, engage families in support of their child's ongoing learning and development, promote strong parent and child relationships as well as improve family well-being and lastly, collaborate with community partners to enhance and expand these core services.

The MARC Head Start Health program is currently working on the expansion of our Excelsior Springs Early Childhood Center in the form of an onsite clinic which will provide medical, dental and ophthalmology services to over 2,000 children in the Excelsior Springs community. It is expected to have a soft opening in September 2023.

Also on the rise is the Regional Parent Advisory Council, contract-based work through the Center of Excellence at the University of Missouri. These funds are passed through from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education who has seen our family engagement program as exemplary. They have asked us to be a partner to provide a regional pact in Jackson County. There are five here in the state of Missouri: Springfield, the lake of the Ozarks, St. Louis County, Jackson County and Randolph County. This pact is a small group of parents who have an impact and discussions on what's happening in our community and will bring those issues to the Missouri Council.

In the area of workforce development, we must put emphasis how we ramp up our workforce overall in early childhood. One step forward is we have developed a committee of program directors to continue the conversation that started out of the COVID-19 pandemic. We must make it the forefront of our work to serve all the children in our communities. Two of our direct service providers are receiving money from the state to begin apprenticeship programs for early childhood, which will work on developing staff with the minimum requirement, the child development certificate. The program seeks to then build to a junior college degree. Finally, as we are writing the next five-year grant, the overall grant is around \$32 million and we do pass through the majority of those dollars to our programs with about 17% staying here at MARC for us to provide the oversight of the overall grant. So, today we are asking the board to authorize MARC Head Start to submit and expend head start and early head start grant for operations for the next five years.

Mayor Mike Boehm asked if the \$32 million was for the entire 5 year period or is that per year?

Kasey answered that the grant is \$32 million per year and then we will likely receive cost of living adjustments (COLA) dollars each year which may make the budgets look slightly different year to year.

Mayor Boehm asked about the difference between the Missouri side and Kansas side and if Growing Futures was similar to the structure and work that MARC Head Start is doing.

Carol Gonzales answered that on the Kansas side the grantees and organizations in the work are more standalone organizations that serve a smaller region. The Missouri side is a larger grantee that serves a larger region which allows for economies of scale for services and funding across the region.

Kasey added that MARC Head Start's structure is very unique in this space, usually stand-alone organizations serve a smaller region and are more limited in their reach. The tiered structure of MARC is as follows: Tier 3 programs receive funding but have the capacity to perform all functions on their own with guidance from the MARC team, Tier 2 programs have a similar capacity, but MARC provides an Education Coordinator which is a MARC staff member that help monitor classroom data and curriculum implementation. Tier 1 programs MARC provides all services for their program: health, mental health and disabilities, education, human resources, family development, etc. The 17% of administration costs provide the services that MARC staff members are performing for the various tiers of programs.

Victor Hurlbert asked if Kasey knew the number of households effected by the Burlington closure.

Kasey indicated that some children move on the kindergarten and the remaining 12 children were moved to either another on the of YMCA locations or other Head Start partners.

Commissioner Janee Hanzlick asked what it meant when is say the grant was non-competitive.

Kasey answered that each year the Head Start program undergoes a federal review period and if you are in compliance for those years and pass all the reviews with no concerns, they allow you to apply for a non-competitive grant application.

REPORT: Review of 2023 state legislative agendas and outcomes

Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services, reminded the board that at the end of last year, the MARC board approved the policy platform for the 2023 state legislative sessions. Those platforms for both states reflect issues of interest both to this board and to our local governments based on MARC's program areas. Marlene did a very nice job of preparing a summary report that's in your packet of actions taken by the two legislatures this year and the two governors. This presentation is a quick, non exhaustive report of some of the key policy outcomes for each state.

Efficient transportation and healthy environment in Missouri, our position is to maintain existing resources to support highway needs while also expanding funding for multimodal needs. There were several significant transportation investments added to the Missouri budget this year that impact our region. In Kansas, there were no significant changes for transportation this year, but the state approved funding for a new state water conservation plan, and that certainly aligns with our policy position related to building climate and economic resilience.

Quality early learning, in Missouri there was legislation that allows grants for private, licensed childcare providers and legislation that expands the popular hands up pilot program. This program was changed to add a sliding scale so that low income working parents can accept increases in wages and not have their childcare benefit impacted. There was also additional funding across several different programs for pre-K and for the childcare subsidy. In Kansas, the governor vetoed a bill that would have relaxed childcare licensing standards for facilities, and the governor also created a new early learning early Childhood Transition Task Force. That task force is going to be charged with addressing issues related to childcare shortages that you heard Kasey speak to, as well as workforce challenges and bringing more workers into the early childhood fields.

Safe and secure communities MARC's platform includes support for local control and the authorized taxes that support the 911 system. In Missouri, there was an additional \$11 million added this year that supplements \$18 million in funds that were approved last year to support

build out of a statewide GIS system that supports the next generation 911 statewide. In Kansas, there were several measures passed this year that relate to public health, including bills to make it easier to expand the number of healthcare workers, including mental health workers. The Kansas Medicaid payments for ambulance services are now set to match comparable Medicare rates, which resulted in a positive increase. The governor vetoed legislation that would have further limited the authority of state and local health, public health agencies. And fentanyl test strips are now legal to distribute and use which is an important tool in combating substance abuse. There were several measures related to emergency medical services this year, notably an additional \$30 million of funding for EMS, fire, and law enforcement grant programs.

Finally, the Healthy Economy platform in Missouri, the Department of Economic Development was authorized for new funding to disperse grants to employers to help upskill existing employees to meet gaps in qualified workers. In Kansas, a new law for the Interstate Teacher Compact to recognize equivalent teacher licenses so that reciprocity across states can occur. And a new tax credit for apprenticeship programs was created.

REPORT: Transportation Programming Process Review

Ron Acehpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment presented that in the last six years, MARC has programmed over \$300 million of federal funds into transportation projects. At the conclusion of the last cycle that we completed we received some feedback about the process, and it raised several issues that we think is worth deep diving into. The programs that we are referring to today are the congestion mitigation air quality program, carbon reduction program, and the surface transportation block grant program. Some of the issues that were raised with the last programming cycle was how are these funds distributed geographically, in terms of needs, and how they may be different in different parts of the region.

The purpose is to balance the needs in existing developed areas and in growing areas appropriately and balance the different goals that we have in the transportation plan for economic development, environmental stewardship, and other transportation performance measures appropriately. Several of these programs have contained large balances of unobligated funds, which means we have awarded funds to projects, but the dollars have not been spent.

MARC is looking at these broad areas to design an evaluation process of the programming implementation. Our surface transportation priorities committees in Kansas and Missouri have formed a work group, and they're looking at the evaluation criteria for those block grant funds which is routine for every programming cycle. We're in the in the early stages of updating the connected KC 2050 metropolitan transportation plan and will be revisiting the policy framework which may lead to policy changes so these questions will be addressed. The Total Transportation Policy Committee gave input last week but today we are hoping the Board can provide input if there are big picture topics that we ought to be including in this in this work.

Commissioner Jerry Nolte commented that he knows there are issues but he appreciates the fact that they are being address early which will hopefully take care of some concerns later down the line.

Mayor Boehm indicated that one of the major lenses that should be used in transportation planning is public safety. He said he is not close enough to know the details but wants to make sure we are trying to start there otherwise we will miss the mark time and time again. Ron commented that we are using safety as a focus area during the planning phase of these processes.

BRIEF REPORTS

REPORT: Impacts of Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 on regional funding

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, called attention to cooperative work that MARC staff, MoDOT, KDOT, and the Federal Highway Administration staff recently completed with the passage of the debt limit bill in Congress. One of the provisions would have stripped away unobligated balances of part of the COVID-19 legislation funding that preceded the bipartisan infrastructure law. In the Kansas City area, we had three projects that totaled about \$12 million that were at risk of losing funding if we hadn't acted quickly to get those funds obligated. We wanted to shout out our team members here at MARC, Darrell Fields and Marc Hansen who were instrumental in helping work with the two state DOTs and with the Federal Highway Administration on this.

REPORT: 2024 Unified Planning Work Program Development

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, updated the board on some of the federally required annual work to develop a transportation planning work program. MARC received consolidated planning grant funds through KDOT and MoDOT and every year MARC develops an annual program for those. We also document other related transportation planning efforts that are taking place in the region. This is all done cooperatively with the states, the transit operators, and with the federal agency. It serves as a management tool for our work, but it's also an important documentation for the federal government about where the federal planning funds go. This is a process that we start in the summer with an approval targeted for November.

The major activities that have been identified are the Connected KC update, regional freight planning, regional electric vehicle infrastructure planning, bi-state sustainable reinvestment corridor, and the city of Kansas City received a raise grant to look at the Bruce Watkins corridor. There are other planning studies that will be included in this as well like our planning sustainable places program and this is an opportunity to hear from the board if there are any planning areas that you feel should be emphasized.

Mayor Curt Skoog asked if the freight planning Ron discussed included intermodal planning and all the truck traffic that we're seeing in Overland Park.

Ron answered that yes it does but we have not done an updated regional freight plan since 2009 and there been a few things that have happened with the freight industry since then that will be important for us to learn about and account for in our in our planning work.

REPORT/VOTE: 2023 Missouri Unfunded Transportation Needs

Martin Rivarola, Assistant Director of Transportation and Land Use Planning, presented the Missouri unfunded needs list that was approved and recommended by the Total Transportation Policy Committee. A similar list was presented to the MARC board last month and Martin pointed out a few changes to the list. All the projects on this list (provided in the board packet) since the board saw it last month have been increased by 10% to account for the recent inflation that we have seen. And the second thing to point out is that the safety improvements across Bruce R Watkins Drive have now been included with partial funding in both tiers 2 and tiers 3 based on the status of the project and some preliminary planning work and to attempt to balance tiers 2 and 3. This list is not final and ready to send to MoDOT for review.

Chairman DaRon McGee asked if the passage of the gas tax would allow more funds to come in and if that would affect the unfunded needs list.

Martin indicated that additional revenues do help in the future pipeline to move projects forward. We have seen major projects move off this list and into the TIP for construction. However, at this point, the projects that are in the packet are deemed to be unfunded.

REPORT: Planning Sustainable Places Program Update

Beth Dawson, Principal Planner, presented that the planning sustainable places program, also known as PSP for short, was developed after a nationally proven model where a small portion of transportation funding is programmed for local community communities to develop plans which further sustainable communities and result in a more sustainable region. Locally, PSP applies for and competes within our region's transportation funding process. Our boards adopted regional policy on growth and land use is the driver behind the centers and corridors framework, which has been the focus of both the previous and current long range transportation plans and is the focus of PSP. The program seeks projects which integrate transportation, land use, environment, and a robust public community engagement process to ensure projects are driven by the local community. The program facilitates local communities' translation of a regional center, regional vision of centers and corridors into locally relevant solutions based on local priorities. In addition to advancing site specific planning and activity centers, the PSP program offers a path for local governments to advance from planning to implementation of those identified projects that would positively impact their community.

The projects have been dispersed across the region, covering urban, suburban and small communities. To date, we have awarded funds to almost an equal number of projects in both states. The program has funded about 55% of the applications received with almost \$11 million invested in planning that specifically impacts centers and corridors in our region. As noted in the slides, funding for studies in 2025 were secured late last year during the transportation suballocated call for projects. There's been over \$400 million dedicated to implementation by 60 PSP planning projects, representing 32 entities in our region. When discussing implementation, please keep in mind that PSP projects have had a variety of outcomes. The 1st and most dominant is infrastructure construction which includes sidewalks, bike facilities, trails, or streetscape amenities, to name a few. Examples include the Miami County and Lewisburg's new Trail along Metcalf Ave that will hold its ribbon cutting tomorrow morning. Park Hills Route 9 improvement south of Hwy. 45 and North Kansas City's Armour Rd. streetscape. A second form of implementation is zoning changes. Examples include design guidelines for 135th St. and Leawood, a unified development code update as part of the Downtown Edgerton plan. Overlays developed along Independence Ave. and the Marlborough neighborhoods in Kansas City, MO, and the current overlay being developed for College Blvd. between Metcalf and Hall Ave. and Overland Park.

The program has also facilitated projects that spur economic development, recent examples include the Rock Island Bridge connecting Kansas City, KS and Kansas City, MO, by the Hy-vee Arena. And nine owner occupied townhomes that are currently under development by the Hispanic Economic Development Council as part of the West 31st corridor plan with Kansas City, MO.

Over time, the program will continue to raise the bar for projects that integrate the many priorities that our region holds as important standards in the previous allocated call for projects, several of the top scoring projects have originated in the planning sustainable places program. Finally, in celebration of its 10th anniversary, a series of tours are being planned for this fall. Half will be in urban suburban settings and half small communities' centers and corridors. Priorities manifest themselves uniquely in different community settings. The impact that the program has had on furthering our regional vision for strong centers and corridors is no small achievement, but one reflective of intention and patience.

REPORT: Update on the 2023 Ozone Season

Doug Norsby, Air Quality Planner III, presented that already this year has been busy for ozone pollution in Kansas City. Ozone is not directly emitted but it's created from a chemical reaction with sunlight and emissions from things that are being burned or evaporating, gasoline, acetone, etc. The National Ambient Air quality standard is set at 70 parts per billion so if any of the monitors fourth highest 8-hour daily reading is above 70 parts per billion, then

our region has violated for the year. The EPA defines a critical design value based on that standard that takes each monitor is averaged for three years, the fourth highest average 8-hour daily reading becomes the design value that the EPA looks at to determine regional attainment.

Based on these guidelines, the Rocky Creek monitor in our region is now above the three-year rolling average. It is important to remember that the data has not been quality assured by the state monitoring agencies. They will review all the state data at the end of the season. However, since May 25, 2023, we have exceeded the standard a total of 12 days. On Thursday, June 6, 2023 a red alert was issued which hasn't happened in over a decade. The tripping date was June 14, 2023 when that Rocky Creek Monitor hit a fourth high that changed our design value standard. MARC is also keeping our eye on the JFK monitor which has been the only monitor that has exceeded on every day this season.

What does all this mean? And what does this lead to? When exceedances happen and design values need to be changed, the EPA will take a closer look at the data for the last three years and look at any days that could have been unusual, anomalies that might have impacted monitor readings and potentially make a change to the design value.

Mayor Mike Boehm asked how does our region stack up against other regions nationwide? Do we stand out to the EPA as they look through data or are there other regions that are also having these difficulties?

Doug answered that this year has been rough for a lot of communities. I'm sure you've seen the wildfire smoke and issues that have been associated with that, along with the particulate matter, the fine pieces of material in smoke that is extremely harmful. Pretty much everywhere from New York to Colorado have had high numbers. Which is another reason why I don't think we should have a knee jerk response to our high numbers. We're not alone. It is rough around the country right now.

REPORT: Update on Regional Housing Partnership launch of the KC Housing Locator website
Katie Killen, Housing Program Manager, highlighted success of regional collaboration with the Regional Housing Partnership work that we are doing with LISC of Greater Kansas City. A resource was launched this month that has been a story of long partnership starting with Kansas City, MO. We underwent a procurement process that had regional partners who would use this tool that connects renters to available housing and lets landlords have a free listing service. This allows renters a one stop shop for looking for housing across the region and connects them with community service agencies who are helping them navigate the housing market.

REPORT: New Government Training Institute course for elected officials: Servant Leadership Leads to Finding Common Ground

Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services, shared with the board a new program that we're launching through the Government Training Institute that is a training session targeted for elected officials. This is in response to feedback that we received informally from some of you on the board and some other mayors in the region that they'd really like to see more trainings that are geared toward a local elected official, not just our staff audiences. This program will be August 10, 2023. It's designed to be a combination of quality training and networking and we would really love it if some board members could attend. We hope you will benefit from the training.

Our partner for this training is strategic government resources SGR. They have deep roots in local government training and executive search. Most of their staff are former local officials, and I know they've done work with a lot of communities in the region who gave us great reference checks, but the training is really going to be about effective government leadership development. If you were interested in this, you can register online using the promo code "BOARD". We've got a handful of complementary seats that we're reserving for all of you.

REPORT: 2026 World Cup in Kansas City Listening Sessions

Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services, presented information regarding the series of listening sessions that are happening around the region related to World Cup 2026. There are a couple more sessions that you can attend, one on July 11th in Kansas City and another on July 12th in Riverside. These sessions are really being conducted for two purposes: to give you all as local officials and community leaders an update on where things are at in planning. Right now, they have created the nonprofit organization that will be organizing and leading the efforts. And secondly, so they are looking for feedback from the community and others about issues and concerns that are people's minds and things that they need to be thinking about in the planning process.

I also just wanted to share a message today that even though MARC is not leading the organization of this, we are paying close attention and trying to be mindful of the issues that we know you all care about like transportation, public safety, and public health. We are also looking for opportunities to gather and share information back with you and get information from you that we can share back from the organizing committee.

VOTE: Review and accept the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Andrew Malloy, Finance Director, reminded the board that Kaleb Lilly with Ruben Brown discussed the status of MARC Draft 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report or ACFR along with some required auditor communications. He conveyed there were a few limited testing procedures yet to be performed but at that point in time, there were no findings, and a clean or unmodified opinion was expected to be issued for the audit. I'm happy to report today that after completion of the remaining testing procedures, there were no audit findings, disagreements with management, or adjustments during the financial audit process. We're bringing forward a final draft 2022 ACFR to the board today with a clean opinion for acceptance. We've uploaded this document online at the path identified in your packet, and I've also included the 2022 Solid Waste Management District ACFR draft at the same location.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration, was sitting in for David Warm for the executive director's report. She reminded the board that there will be no July meeting but a administrative action report will be sent during the month of July to update board members on happenings. She also reminded the board that August 15th is #CityHallSelfie Day and encouraged board members to be present when MARC staff arrange a time to come to their jurisdictions that day. MARC has won several awards the last few years and the staff are excited to participate again this year.

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda

- a. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the May 23, 2023, Board Meeting
- b. VOTE: Approve key agency contracts to provide support services for the new Missouri Office of Childhood Child Care Collaborative Networks
- c. VOTE: Authorize the MARC Head Start program to submit a change in scope grant consolidation effective September 1, 2023
- d. VOTE: Authorization to receive Missouri Department of Transportation Innovative Technology Program Funds to lead a regional Missouri metro area crowd sourcing project
- e. VOTE: Authorization to receive SMART Grant funds from the US Department of Transportation for the Operation Green Light program to lead a regional Kansas City metro area crowd sourcing project
- f. VOTE: Approve amendment to agreement with Motorola Solutions to include support for the VESTA 9-1-1 Router Version 1
- g. VOTE: Approve amendment to increase spending authority within the current catering agreement with the Don Bosco Community Center

- h. VOTE: Approve SFY 2024 contract renewals, amounts and rates for selected contract assessors
- i. VOTE: Approve SFY 2024 contract renewals, amounts and rates for Trio Community Meals
- j. VOTE: Authorize Mid-America Regional Council Head Start to submit a Health Resource & Services Administration grant application
- k. VOTE: Approve actions taken at the May 16, 2023, and the June 20, 2023, Head Start Advisory Committee meetings
- l. VOTE: Approve key agency contracts to provide Early Head Start services through the State Early Head Start grant

MOTION: Mayor Mike McDonough moved for approval of all agenda items and the consent agenda, and Legislator DaRon McGee seconded. Mayor Ross asked if any member wanted to abstain or object to any of the agenda items.

The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

August 2023

Item No. 6b

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Accept Missouri Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds for the Missouri Regional Preventive Maintenance Program

BACKGROUND:

In August 2021, the Mid-America Regional Council’s (MARC) Board approved the receipt of \$8,393,333 in Missouri Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) for the Missouri Regional Preventive Maintenance (RPM) program. The RPM program will address deferred maintenance needs and preventive maintenance activities on local roadways in Cass, Clay, Jackson, and Platte counties. Funding is allocated to allow local jurisdictions between 5,000 and 10,000 to receive a minimum allocation of \$50,000 and jurisdictions above 10,001 will receive an allocation based on population. The remaining funds will go to counties to help support jurisdictions below 5,000.

On June 13, 2023, the Missouri Surface Transportation Program (STP) Committee recommended adding \$1 million of Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) funds to the RPM. The \$1 million of Missouri STBG are funds that MARC’s Missouri MPO jurisdictions are unable to spend in federal fiscal year (FFY) 2023. Any unused FFY 2023 STBG funds are in jeopardy of recission by USDOT. The STP recommendation allows MARC an ability to spend down its excess Missouri STBG balance and provides additional funding to support the construction portion of the regional RPM.

Item	Fund Amount	Funding %
CRRSSA	\$ 8,393,333	100%
STBG	\$ 1,000,000	
Preliminary Engineering/Construction Inspection	\$ -1,568,286	17.0%
MARC Project Administration	\$ -113,309	1.00%
Construction Balance	\$ 7,711,738	82.00%

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

MARC will receive up to \$1,000,000 in additional Missouri STBG funds to support construction contracts for preventive maintenance of pavements on area local roadways.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$8,393,333
Source	CRRSSA and STBG
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$113,309
Contractual	\$10,961,619
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

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RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts communities within Cass, Clay, Jackson and Platte and counties in Missouri

EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to accept federal Missouri STBG funds not to exceed \$1,000,000 for use for the proposed Roadway Preventive Maintenance Program in MARC MPO counties in Missouri.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ron Achelpohl
Darryl Fields

AGENDA REPORT

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August 2023

Item No. 6c

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize consultant agreements for three Planning Sustainable Places projects, one in each of the following Kansas jurisdictions: De Soto, Mission, and Overland Park.

BACKGROUND:

For projects funded through Planning Sustainable Places (PSP), the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) will hold the contracts on individual projects, although the project leads and local match will be provided by the local sponsors. Details for the projects are provided below. A qualifications-based competitive selection process was used in the selection of all consulting teams.

1: City of De Soto, KS - 83rd Street and Lexington Avenue Corridor Study. This study seeks to develop creative, sustainable solutions to guide land use decisions that respect both the need for increased traffic demand and the rural character of surrounding properties. The final deliverable will include a living-breathing document that guides future modes of transportation, transit, land use and regional connectivity. There were three prospective consulting teams interviewed. Key components of the plan will include:

- Improve multi-modal connectivity along Lexington Avenue corridor.
- Identify roadway and sidewalk geometry for future improvements to Lexington Avenue.
- Identify alternatives for constructing trails to the south side of K-10.
- Identify opportunities to integrate this project with potential improvements in Lenexa.

The team of Kimley-Horn and Venice Communications was selected for this project.

2: City of Mission, KS - City-Wide Bike/Ped & Trail Connections Study. This study is to evaluate transportation connections between neighborhoods, parks, and businesses or activity centers in the downtown via sidewalks, trails, and bike infrastructure, as well as evaluation of vehicular access to these amenities and bike/ped connections as a comprehensive mobility study. There were two prospective consulting teams interviewed. Key components of the plan will include:

- Assess existing conditions and locations of sidewalks and trails throughout Mission, including ADA accessibility, safety, and connections (to neighborhoods, parks, schools, businesses, amenities, and to adjacent inter-jurisdictional connection points).
- Assess the existing bicycle network, including accessibility, safety, connections, and use.
- Perform public and a stakeholder engagement to assess current conditions and perceptions to determine future priorities, including but not limited to feasibility of new sidewalks, and bike infrastructure, possible locations of bike-share, e-bike/scooters, and possible complete streets applications.
- Create a prioritization matrix for maintaining and/or improving existing walk/bike infrastructure, and for expanding the infrastructure to create better and more connections.

The team of RDG Planning & Design, BHC, and Venice Communications was selected for this project.

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3: City of Overland Park, KS - College & Metcalf Overlay District. This study seeks to develop an overlay district that is anticipated to be a key contributor to continuing and expanding on the prosperity of Overland Park, Johnson County, and the region. Providing flexible zoning standards that allow a variety and mix of land uses and encouraging opportunities for economic growth will support expanded prosperity. There were two prospective consulting teams that were interviewed. Key components of the plan will include:

- Create a balanced mixed-use overlay district that supports the continued success of the corridor as a preeminent employment and visitor corridor and an emerging place to live.
- Focus on placemaking enhancements that support gathering places, walkability and sense of community.
- Provide a wayfinding framework to guide residents, employees and visitors to existing and developing public amenities.

The team of RDG Planning & Design, BHC, and Venice Communications was selected for this project.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The projects will use Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding with a required local match as follows:

1. City of De Soto, KS: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$60,000) with the required local match of \$40,000 provided by the City of De Soto.
2. City of Mission, KS: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$53,000) with the required local match of \$15,000 provided by the City of Mission.
3. City of Overland Park, KS: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$75,000) with the required local match of \$50,000 provided by the City of Overland Park.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARC Board authorized the award of the PSP funds to the three projects and the receipt of their local match on March 28, 2023.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The consultant contracts involve the jurisdictions of: De Soto, KS; Mission, KS; and Overland Park, KS

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into agreements for the following:

1. City of De Soto, KS: Agreement with the team of Kimley-Horn and Venice Communications, for the 83rd Street and Lexington Avenue Corridor Study for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.
2. City of Mission, KS: Agreement with the team of RDG Planning & Design, BHC, and Venice Communications, for the City-Wide Bike/Ped & Trail Connections Study for an amount not to exceed \$68,000.
3. City of Overland Park, KS: Agreement with the team of RDG Planning & Design, BHC, and Venice Communications, for the College & Metcalf Overlay District project for an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

STAFF CONTACT:

Beth Dawson
Martin Rivarola
Ron Achelpohl

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August 2023
Item No. 6d
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a contract addendum to approve Master Agreement #4 with the Institute for Building Technology and Safety for building and development shared services

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Board of Directors first approved a Master Services Agreement with the Institute for Building Technology and Safety (IBTS) on September 4, 2013. The original agreement was subsequently renewed for two-year periods in 2015, 2017 and 2019. In 2019, Agreement #3 was automatically renewed with no changes for another two-year period through August 30, 2023.

The master agreement was the result of nearly a year of engagement with over 25 cities to develop a shared services solution for building department services. The master agreement is a cooperative purchase that allows communities to select from an a la carte menu of services to deliver community services such as plan reviews, inspections, permitting, flood plain management, stormwater management, and more. Communities often utilize IBTS to fill staffing needs during short-term staff absences or to supplement staff to deliver services during periods of peak demand.

IBTS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that is guided by a board of directors consisting of national associations representing city, county and state level governments: International City/County Management Association (ICMA), National League of Cities (NLC), the National Association of Counties (NACo), and the Council of State Governments (CSG). Therefore, the work of IBTS is overseen directly by elected and appointed officials.

The proposed addendum would adopt Master Agreement #4 in substantially the same form as the existing contract (Master Agreement #3). The only proposed changes are increases to the residential and commercial fee schedules. IBTS has not increased its prices since 2019, and most pricing at that time had not been altered since the inception of the agreement in 2013. IBTS is requesting adjustments to cover its increased costs for personnel (including added capacity), vehicles, fuel, insurance, etc. The proposed inspection fees are responsive to feedback from clients for all-in, fixed fees that include re-inspections as needed. The fee schedules also include an hourly rate for specialty projects when requested by the client.

The new fees will be effective for any new jurisdiction agreements adopted under Master Agreement #4. Any current agreements in place under Master Agreement #3 will continue under the existing fee structure until those agreements expire and are renewed by the participating cities and counties.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

MARC receives a handling fee in the amount of 1.5% of service fees collected under jurisdiction level agreements. The handling fee offsets MARC's costs to administer the master agreement and market IBTS services to MARC members. IBTS remitted \$7,944.20 in handling fees in Fiscal Year 2022.

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MARC Board of Directors

REVENUES	
Amount	\$7,944.20
Source	IBTS Master Agreement Handling Fees
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$6,014.69
Contractual	
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$1,929.51

COMMITTEE ACTION:

On August 10, 2023, MARC hosted an information session for current and prospective IBTS clients to learn about the proposed amendments to fee schedules. Although no formal action was taken by the group, there was consensus and understanding of the changes.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The master agreement is available to all communities in the MARC region. IBTS has served dozens of communities since the inception of the agreement and has 17 active clients in six counties within the MARC region and two counties outside the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

Proposed Residential and Commercial Fee Schedules for Master Agreement #4 (2023)

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a contract addendum to approve Master Agreement #4 with the Institute for Building Technology and Safety (IBTS) for building and development shared services.

STAFF CONTACT:

Lauren Palmer

DEVELOPMENT FEES

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING FEE SCHEDULE					
ITEM	Sq. Ft.	2023 Plan Review	Plan Reviews	2023 Inspections	Inspections
New Construction/Additions	0-3,000	\$330	\$275	\$1,200	\$900
	3,001-5,000	\$492	\$410		
	>5,001	\$630	\$525		
New Modular	All	\$192	\$160	\$300^	\$275^
Alter/Repair	Plan Review Not Required	na	na	\$300^	\$160^
	Non Structural Support Modifications	\$96	\$80	\$300^	\$160^
	With Structural Support Modifications	\$132	\$110	\$450^	\$275^
	With Structural Support Modifications & Egress Changes	\$216	\$180	\$600^	\$320^
New Manufactured Housing	All	na	n/a	\$300	\$275
New Detached Accessory	Over 400 sq. ft.	\$132	\$110	\$300^	\$220^
New Portable Building	Over 400 sq. ft.	\$96	\$80	\$300^	\$160^
Structure Relocation	All	\$240	\$200	\$300	\$275
Swimming Pool	For pools required by ICC and city codes to be inspectexd.	\$96	\$80	\$450	\$315
MISCELLANEOUS					
1st Re-Inspection	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a
2nd Re-Inspection				\$150	\$100
3rd Re-Inspection				\$300	\$175
Roofing Inspection				\$300	\$160
Electrical Meter Change				\$150	\$80
Mechanical Trade Inspection				\$150	\$80
Electrical Trade Inspection				\$150	\$80
Plumbing Trade Inspection				\$150	\$80
Demolition				\$150	\$80
Change of Occupancy				\$150	\$80
Change of Contractor				n/a	n/a
Permit Extensions				n/a	n/a
Decks				\$300	\$160
Temporary Pole				\$150	\$80
All Stop Work Orders				\$300	\$175
Flood Determination Review				\$150	\$80
Hourly Rate				\$150	\$125

^ Add trade permit fees when required

DEVELOPMENT FEES

COMMERICAL CONSTRUCTION/ALTERATION/ADDITION BUILDING FEE SCHEDULE

GROUPS	OCCUPANCY	SQUARE FOOTAGE		2023 Plan Review Fees	PLAN REVIEW FEES Includes 1 Re-review	Fees for Additional Plan Review Rounds	2023 Inspection Fees	INSPECTION FEES		
		Minimum	Maximum							
A	ASSEMBLY (Section 303)	0	2,500	\$ 638	\$425	\$250	\$ 2,100	\$1,400		
		2,501	4,500	\$ 1,073	\$715					
		4,501	10,000	\$ 2,138	\$1,425					
				10,001	50,000	\$ 3,000	\$2,000	\$400	\$ 4,500	\$3,000
				50,001	100,000	\$ 5,250	\$3,500			
				100,000	300,000	\$ 7,200	\$4,800			
		300,001 +		\$7,200 + .04 per sq. ft. over 300,000	\$4,800 + .02 sq.ft. over 300,000	\$500	\$13,500 + .04 sq.ft. over 300,000	\$9,000 + .02 sq.ft. over 300,000		
1-2, 1-3	HEALTH CARE, INSTITUTIONAL, OR DETENTION (Includes Limited Care & Assisted Living) (Section 308)	0	2,000	\$ 638	\$425	\$250	\$ 1,650	\$1,100		
		2,001	5,000	\$ 1,073	\$715					
		5,001	10,000	\$ 2,138	\$1,425					
				10,001	20,000	\$ 2,700	\$1,800	\$400	\$ 6,750	\$4,500
				20,001	30,000	\$ 3,900	\$2,600			
				30,001	50,000	\$ 5,625	\$3,750			
				50,001	100,000	\$ 6,750	\$4,500			
				100,001	300,000	\$ 9,000	\$6,000.00	\$500	\$ 36,000	\$24,000
		300,001 +		\$9,000 + .04 per sq. ft. over 300,000	\$6,000 + .02 sq.ft. over 300,00					
M & B	BUSINESS OR MERCANTILE (Sections 304 and 309)	0	3,000	\$ 675	\$450	\$200	\$ 1,238	\$825		
		3,001	10,000	\$ 1,350	\$900					
		10,001	30,000	\$ 2,550	\$1,700					
				30,001	80,000	\$ 3,600	\$2,400	\$300	\$ 7,800	\$5,200
				80,001	150,000	\$ 4,950	\$3,300			
				150,001	300,000	\$ 8,250	\$5,500			
				300,001 +		\$8,250 + .04 per sq. ft. over 300,000	\$5,500 + .02 sq.ft. over 300,000			
E & 1-4	EDUCATIONAL & DAYCARE (Section 305 and 308.6)	0	5,000	\$ 1,073	\$715	\$250	\$ 2,475	\$1,650		
		5,001	10,000	\$ 1,875	\$1,250					
		10,001	30,000	\$ 3,000	\$2,000					
				30,001	80,000	\$ 5,100	\$3,400	\$400	\$ 16,500	\$11,000
				80,001	150,000	\$ 7,950	\$5,300			
				150,001	300,000	\$ 12,750	\$8,500			
				300,001 +		\$12,750 + .04 per sq. ft. over 300,000	\$8,500 + .02 sq.ft. over 300,000	\$600	\$74,250 + .04 sq.ft. over 300,000	\$49,500 + .02 sq.ft. over 300,000

DEVELOPMENT FEES

COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION/ALTERATION/ADDITION BUILDING FEE SCHEDULE

GROUPS	OCCUPANCY	SQUARE FOOTAGE		2023 Plan Review Fees	PLAN REVIEW FEES Includes 1 Re review	Fees for Additional Plan Review Rounds	2023 Inspection Fees	INSPECTION FEES	
		Minimum	Maximum						
F1, F2, S1,S2, & U	INDUSTRIAL OR STORAGE (Sections 306, 311 & 312)	0	10,000	\$ 900	\$600	\$175		\$ 1,237.50	\$825
		10,001	20,000					\$ 1,350.00	\$900
		20,001	50,000					\$ 1,950.00	\$1,300
		50,001	100,000					\$ 2,250.00	\$1,500
		100,001	200,000					\$ 2,700.00	\$1,800
		\$200,001 +		\$900 + .04 per sq. ft. over 200,000	\$600 + .02 sq.ft. over 200,000	\$2,700 + .04 sq.ft. over 200,000	\$1,800 + .02 sq.ft. over 200,000		
H1, H2, H3, H4, & H5	HIGH HAZARD (Section 307)	0	2,000	\$ 1,163	\$775	\$175		\$ 3,000.00	\$2,000
		2,001	5,000	\$ 1,800	\$1,200			\$ 3,750.00	\$2,500
		5,001 +		\$1,800 + .05 per sq. ft. over 5,000	\$1,200 + .03 sq.ft. over 5,000			\$3,750 + .05 sq.ft. over 5,000	\$2,500 + .03 sq.ft. over 5,000
R1, R2, R3, R4, I-1	HOTELS, DORMS, APARTMENTS, LODGING, ROOMING, & RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES (not regulated by the IRC) (Section 310)	0	2,500	\$ 900	\$600	\$150		\$ 2,475.00	\$1,650
		2,501	10,000	\$ 2,025	\$1,350			\$ 3,000.00	\$2,000
		10,001	30,000	\$ 2,850	\$1,900			\$ 7,800.00	\$5,200
		30,001	50,000	\$ 5,250	\$3,500			\$ 16,350.00	\$10,900
		50,001	150,000	\$ 6,750	\$4,500			\$ 29,250.00	\$19,500
		150,001	300,000	\$ 8,700	\$5,800	\$ 72,750.00	\$48,500		
		300,001 +		\$8,700 + .04 per sq. ft. over 300,000	\$5,800 + .02 sq.ft. over 300,00	\$72,750 + .04 sq.ft. over 300,00	\$48,500 + .02 sq.ft. over 300,00		
Tenant Finish or Remodel	When any size existing building experiences a remodel, renovation or extensive repair that requires inspection and plan review.				Quoted			Quoted	
Hourly Rate	Plan Reviews			\$200.00					
	Inspections			\$175.00					

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

August 2023
Item No. 6e
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize the fourth amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Assel Grant Services to include Mid-America Regional Council member cities and counties

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) entered into an agreement with Assel Grant Services (AGS) on December 31, 2021, to help pursue federal grant funds to support regional and local initiatives. The agreement was amended in August 2022, December 2022 and May 2023 to authorize additional funds for the contract based on demand and successful performance pursuing grants. Staff recommends a no-cost fourth amendment to add a “piggybacking” clause to allow MARC member cities and counties to participate in the agreement. AGS may extend participation to cities and counties outside the MARC region at its discretion. The amendment in no way commits MARC member cities and counties to purchase services from AGS, but it allows members, at their discretion, to take advantage of MARC’s competitive purchasing process and pre-established pricing.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

To date, three communities have expressed interest in this opportunity if provided.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the fourth amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Assel Grant Services to include MARC member cities and counties.

STAFF CONTACT:

Lauren Palmer

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

August 2023

Item No. 6f

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize amendments to increase the current community center agreements with the Guadalupe Center, Palestine Senior Activity Center, and the City of Independence.

BACKGROUND:

As part of their partnership with the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), Guadalupe Center, Palestine Senior Activity Center, and the City of Independence agreed to implement an enhanced system for delivering frozen meals to homes. A recommendation to include an additional \$25,000 was approved by the Board of Directors meeting on May 24, 2022. This additional \$25,000 was contingent upon MARC's ability to receive and distribute Sprinter vans that are equipped with special equipment to transport frozen home-delivered meals. Upon receiving the vans from MARC, the area plan budget timeline lapsed, and the SFY 24 Area Plan Budget will be amended.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Provider	Service	Current	Increase	Total
Guadalupe Center		\$55,000	\$25,000	\$80,000
Palestine Senior Activity Center		\$30,000	\$25,000	\$58,000
City of Independence		\$33,000	\$25,000	\$58,000
Congregate Meals -@ \$4.45/meal				
TOTALS		<u>\$121,000</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$196,000</u>

MARC staff will incorporate these extra expenditures into the next SFY 2024 area plan budget amendment, as indicated above.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Commission on Aging recommends that the MARC Board authorize the increase to each agreement as listed above.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Jackson County, Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to amend the agreements for Guadalupe Center, Palestine Center, and the City of Independence.

STAFF CONTACT:

Bethany Reyna

Bob Hogan

Melody Elston

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

August 2023

Item No. 6g

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize contract with Guadalupe Centers for the renovation of their community center to serve older adults for a total of \$800,000.

BACKGROUND:

In late spring 2022, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services notified the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) that \$4,026,563 would be granted through the American Rescue Program Act (ARPA). This funding is in addition to the regular allocation of state and federal funds to provide services under the Older American Act (OAA), and these funds must be expended by September 30, 2024.

Since June 30, 2023, MARC has utilized \$1,158,502 of ARPA funds to address a variety of needs and expenses, including alleviating the burden of higher inflation costs associated with meal and delivery costs, as well as those associated with transportation. Additionally, it has helped the Department of Aging and Adult Services cover new IT costs associated with administering and providing services to older adults and people with disabilities.

MARC staff made partner community centers aware of access to this funding to address costs associated with upkeep and other operational costs. As a result, we received the enclosed request from Guadalupe Centers. Guadalupe Center discussed the plan to remodel to a community center previously known as the Casa Feliz building. In the past, this facility served as a community center that provides a wide range of services to older adults. With adequate renovations, it could provide valuable services to older adults in the area it serves.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

This renovation costs around \$1,050,000. Guadalupe has received a commitment for approximately \$200,000. As there is a required match on this funding of 15%, this commitment will help cover this needed match. If this recommendation is approved, \$800,000 would be committed to assist in the completion of this project.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Commission on Aging recommended that the MARC Board authorize the Executive Director to amend Guadalupe's community center agreement to increase it by \$800,000.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Jackson County, Missouri.

EXHIBITS:

Casa Feliz Older Adults Facility Remodel Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize amendment increase of \$800,000 to the current community center agreement with the Guadalupe Center.

STAFF CONTACT:

Bethany Reyna

Bob Hogan

Melody Elston

Casa Feliz / Older Adults



2022

- **333 Individuals served**
- **42% Increase in participating Older Adults**
- **22,875 meals provided**

Built in 1977, Casa Feliz is approximately 3000 square feet of space supporting the Outpatient Program.

With the growing needs of Outpatient clients, that program is moving to 1512 Van Brunt. Casa Feliz will undergo significant renovations and facility upgrades and once again be home to the Older Adults programming.

We know the benefits of keeping our older adults active and engaged. The calendar of events for the older adults' program is always full and exciting by providing the following list of activities:

- **Tai Chi & Zumba**
- **Bingo**
- **Weekly transportation to and from the grocery store.**
- **Monthly Health Screenings**
- **Crafts & Games**
- **Congregate & homebound meals provided daily**

Guadalupe Centers Casa Feliz

Project Description	Item	Costs
Casa Feliz Remodel		
Estimated Interior Remodel		
	Ceiling	\$30,000
	Flooring	\$45,000
	Bathroom	\$70,000
	Mechanical	\$45,000
	Insulation	\$25,000
	Electrical	\$30,000
	Kitchen Equipment	\$45,000
	Kitchen Renovation	\$100,000
	FFE	\$65,000
Exterior Remodel		
	Nueva Design	\$95,000
	Permits	\$9,000
	ADA Parking	\$70,000
	HVAC	\$140,000
	Structural	\$150,000
	Roofing	\$76,000
	Windows	\$55,000
Total		\$1,050,000



AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

August 2023
Item No. 6h
Exemplary Core Capacities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Review and accept the 2022 Uniform Guidance Single Audit Report

BACKGROUND:

As the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) annually expends more than \$750,000 of Federal Financial Assistance, a “Single Audit” is required to ensure that grant funds received were used in compliance with the federal government’s requirements. The engagement is referred to as a Single Audit because it consolidates multiple individual compliance audits into a single audit covering all an organization’s federal awards. The Single Audit is performed parallel to the financial audit that culminates in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), however, the Single Audit takes slightly longer to complete.

The 2022 Uniform Guidance Single Audit engagement has gone well and is wrapping up with finalization expected this month. Management believes MARC has complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements described in the OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on our major federal programs.

The Draft 2022 Uniform Guidance Single Audit Report is available for review on the MARC website at:

<https://www.marc.org/about-marc/financial-information>

If there are any questions about the draft report, please contact Carol Gonzales, Darlene Pickett or David Warm at MARC, or Kaleb Lilly at (913) 499-4417.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The Board approved the agreement with Rubin Brown for continuation of Audit Services at the January 2023 board meeting. The estimated cost for 2022 audit services is \$79,700 and this contains the Uniform Guidance Single Audit engagement within this cost. Funds for the audit are budgeted in the Indirect Costs Fund in the 2023 Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the 2022 Uniform Guidance Single Audit Report.

STAFF CONTACT:

Carol Gonzales
Andrew Molloy
Darlene Pickett
Lisa Santa Maria

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

August 2023
Item No. 6i
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Head Start FY2022 Cost of Living Adjustment and Quality Improvement Application to the Administration for Children and Families to be expended

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) received a funding opportunity announcement from the Administration for Children and Families on March 7, 2023, for a FY2022 Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) increase of \$1,217,783 for Head Start, and \$323,961 for Early Head Start. This represents a 5.6% adjustment above FY2022 funding levels. The targeted use of these funds is to increase partner site staff's pay and to offset higher operating costs. COLA funds will be directly allocated to participating partnering agencies. These programs will receive an increase to their based contract in FY2023 which runs from November 1, 2022 to October 31, 2023.

Included in the same funding announcement is the availability of Quality Improvement (QI) funds in the amount of \$507,456 for Head Start and \$199,445 for Early Head Start. Grantees are strongly encouraged to use the QI funds to invest in program efforts. The Grantee's have the flexibility to use the QI funds to meet the grantees' most pressing local needs, consistent with Section 640(a)(5) of the Head Start Act. MARC proposes utilizing the Quality Improvement funds to support increasing mental health and wellness needs of children enrolled in Head Start and Early Head and targeted partner site staff pay increases.

In coordination with its delegates and partners, MARC proposes to use the remaining funds from COLA FY2023 to offset higher operating costs. HS/EHS programs will identify their agency priorities where support is most needed to enhance their operational and programmatic capacity. MARC will utilize the funds to offset costs that were not included in the FY2023 budget. These include technology upgrades and replacement, office modifications, and furniture. MARC proposes to use the QI funds to add additional staffing needs to meet mental health and wellness.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

COLA and QI amounts are based upon the Head Start and Early Head Start core grant totals and enrollment. These funds are in addition to the current grant award and will be added to the base amount in future grant years.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Clay, Jackson, and Platte Counties in Missouri are impacted by this item.

EXHIBITS:

MARC Head Start & Early Head Start Funding - Core Operations-COLA/QI Chart

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize Mid-America Head Start to expend the Head Start Cost of Living Adjustment and Quality Improvement application in the amount of \$2,248,645

STAFF CONTACT:

Kasey Lawson

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MARC Head Start & Early Head Start Funding - Core Operations- COLA/QI (November 1, 2022 to October 31, 2023)

	Head Start	Head Start Quality Improvement	Early Head Start	Early Head Start Quality Improvement	Grand Total Head Start & Early Head Start
Tier 1 Direct Service Providers					
Ability KC			14,193		14,193
Blue Springs School District	8,871				8,871
Emmanuel Family & Child Dev Center	26,848				26,848
Excelsior Springs School District	17,741				17,741
Front Porch Alliance			12,523		12,523
Grandview School District	22,121		6,623		28,744
Guadalupe Centers ECE	35,992				35,992
Learn-A-Lot Academy	21,475		14,153		35,628
Lee's Summit School District	22,121		6,506		28,627
Tier 1 Direct Service Providers Subtotal	155,169	0	53,998	0	209,167
Tier 2 Direct Service Providers					
Center School District	36,595				36,595
EarlystART	47,817		19,870		67,687
Raytown School District	22,620				22,620
The Family Conservancy	13,218		39,655		52,873
Tier 2 Direct Service Providers Subtotal	120,250	0	59,525	0	179,775
Tier 3 Direct Service Providers					
Independence School District	136,534	55,820	30,448	17,950	240,752
KCPS School District	286,863	121,789			408,652
Operation Breakthrough, Inc.	114,902	45,671	22,733	13,961	197,267
YMCA of Greater Kansas City	195,555	60,895	92,259	55,845	404,554
Tier 3 Direct Service Providers Subtotal	733,854	284,175	145,440	87,756	1,251,225
Total All Direct Service Provider Partners	1,009,273	284,175	258,963	87,756	1,640,167
MARC					
MARC - Personnel Costs	27,925	89,205	8,575	26,719	152,424
MARC - Non-Personnel Costs	180,585	134,076	56,423	84,970	456,054
MARC Subtotal	208,510	223,281	64,998	111,689	608,478
Grand Total	1,217,783	507,456	323,961	199,445	2,248,645

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MARC Board of Directors

August 2023
Item No. 6j
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve Contracts for Head Start and Early Head Start Support Services

BACKGROUND:

As part of its new grant structure that began in the fall of 2018, The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Head Start has been supporting Head Start and Early Head Start programs through contracts with individuals and agencies who provide a variety of support services for fourteen Tier 1 and Tier 2 programs serving a total of 846 children. Each contractor/agency was selected through an individual request for qualifications (RFQ) process conducted as the need arises. MARC Head Start is requesting to continue these contracts for another 12 months from November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024.

Contracted services include education coaching services for Head Start and Early Head Start classrooms, mental health services for classrooms and therapeutic services for children and families, early intervention services for children with special needs and diagnosed disabilities and translation and interpretive services.

The chart indicates that name of the individual or agency, the type of service to be provided, the hourly rate of service, total hours for the total 12-month period and the total dollar amount not to exceed \$499,477.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$32,172,048.00
Source	Administration for Children and Families
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$499,477

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Clay, Platte, and Jackson Counties in Missouri are impacted by this item.

EXHIBITS:

Detail of On-Site Contracted Support Services for Head Start and Early Head Start Programs 2023-2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve individual and agency contracts for on-site support services at Mid-America Regional Council Head Start programs as outlined in the attachment, from November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024 for a total amount not to exceed \$499,477.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kasey Lawson

Detail of On-Site Contracted Support Services for Head Start and Early Head Start Programs 2023-2024

Education/coaching contractors: these individuals provide weekly coaching and training for no more than 10 classroom teaching teams each and will ensure the Head Start program's compliance with the terms of its contract for education services.

Name of Contractor	Hourly rate	Total hours	12-month total
Ann Camey	\$47.52	1,152	\$54,745.00

Mental Health Consultants: individuals / agencies with licensed mental health professionals who provide on-site mental health support for teaching staff in Tier 1 and 2 programs as well as individual therapeutic mental health services for all children and families.

Name of Contractor	Hourly rate	Total hours	12-month total
Cultivating Potential	\$105.60	780	\$82,368.00
Suzanne Grace	\$105.60	650	\$68,640.00

Early Intervention Contractor: this individual provides support services for children with suspected or diagnosed disabilities that includes on site observation and support for teachers and parents along with referrals and support in the implementation of Individualized Education Plans and Individualized Family Service plans.

Name of Contractor	Hourly rate	Total hours	12-month total
Karen Osborn	\$47.52	1200	\$57,024.00

Translation and Interpretive Services Contractor: this contract supports primarily telephonic translation for a wide variety of languages, supports the central intake and application process, and provides onsite interpretation services when needed.

Name of Contractor	Hourly rate	Total hours	12-month total
Propio	Varies	n/a	\$55,000.00

Data base software contracted services: Houses information on all children, their families and staff. The data is used to track the progress in meeting HSPPS and MARC Head Start goals. The data is then reported to the Office of Head Start in an annual Program Information Report.

Name of Contractor	# of children/ families	Total cost per child/family	12-month total
ChildPlus Software	2368	\$25.00	\$59,200.00
annual subscription			<u>2,500.00</u>
Total contract			\$61,700.00

Mental Health Consultants: Agency with licensed mental health professionals who provide on-site mental health support for teaching staff in Tier 1 and 2 programs as well as individual therapeutic mental health services for all children and families. **Professional Development:** Two professional development trainings for Tier 1 and 2 programs. Funds will cover a one-day conference in the spring of 2024 for up to 100 participants focused on wellness and cultural competence and a one-day pre-service conference for up to 200 participants in August of 2024.

Name of Contractor/Serv Provided	hourly rate	# of hours	12-month total
The Family Conservancy			
Mental Health Services	\$100.00	450	\$45,000.00
Prof. Development			<u>\$75,000.00</u>
Total			\$120,000.00

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

August 2023
Item No. 6k
Exemplary Core Capacities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Final approval of remodel project at 600 Broadway, Mid-America Regional Council offices

BACKGROUND:

During 2021 the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) undertook a space study, which resulted in the Board approving leasing 12,750 square feet of additional office space in the 600 Broadway building, with the plan to remodel that space and some other areas in the current offices. In April of 2022 the Board approved agreements with Odimo for architectural and construction management services and with John Marshall for furniture and space related services; and, in June of 2022 a contract was awarded to GPS-KC to serve as the general contractor.

During that project, a team of MARC staff worked with all three of these contractors to facilitate the project. As with most remodel projects, especially of an older space, some changes were made to adapt to unanticipated building issues, and some redesign to create more usable spaces was done as the project unfolded. The remodel project is now complete.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

These costs were spread between the 2022 and 2023 Budgets. Below is a summary of original approved costs, changes, final costs, and revenue source for the payment.

Contractor	Approved	Actual Amounts	Notes
Odimo			
Contract	\$95,000		Architectural and construction design; Project management support
Amendment		\$13,000.00	Additional services were needed
Total Odimo		\$108,000.00	
GPS-KC - approved amount	\$693,141		Includes 10% contingency
Base Contract		\$630,128.00	
CO#1		\$14,293.00	Took out shades and shelving; additional rough in
CO#2		\$17,572.27	Door hardware, electrical changes
CO#3		\$24,823.33	Misc cabling, power and data sources
CO#4		\$23,244.75	Sink changes, locks, kitchen hook ups
Total GPS-KS		\$710,061.35	
JAMCO	\$134,561		
		\$34,648.5	Axis furniture disassembly
		\$5,904.9	Storage of furniture
		\$140,036.11	Reassembly, new furniture and other furniture modification services
Total JAMCO		\$180,589.51	

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

	Original Budget Estimate*	Revised Budget 06.28.22	Actual
REVENUES			
Tenant Refurbishment Allowance	342,537	342,537	342,537
Indirect	215,000	215,000	200,098
911 Budget	80,000	160,000**	240,000
10% of Long Term Contingency balance (General Fund)	167,000	167,000	172,983
Additional 911, other grant, indirect funding	245,463	215,000	43,033
Total	\$1,050,000	\$987,141	\$988,651
EXPENSES			
Architectural and Project Management		95,000	108,000.00
Remodel Costs	950,000	693,141	710,061.35
Furniture	100,000	134,000	180,589.51
Total	\$1,050,000	\$987,141	\$998,650.86

*Board room AV equipment was included in the original project budget, but it was determined that it was more efficient to separate it out and managed as a different project

**the Public Safety Communications Board allocated an additional \$80,000 to the project for a total of \$240,000

There were other costs associated with the project for operational needs, such as audio-visual equipment for new conference rooms, new dishes, and appliances. These costs were covered by different department grants and Indirect.

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept final project and approve modifications to agreements with Odimo, John Marshall and GPS-KC.

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MARC July 2023 Board Memo - Supplemental Information
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TAKEN IN JULY 2023; TO BE APPROVED BY
THE BOARD AT THE AUGUST 23, 2023 MEETING

SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES

Authorize application and acceptance of an Assistant Secretary Preparedness and Response (ASPR) grant for FY23/24 (\$387,271.87): The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has received funding from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) under the Hospital Preparedness Program since 2003. The funding anticipated to be available for FY23/24 is \$387,271.87 and will be used to continue support of the region's health care coalition (HCC) of hospitals, public health, emergency management, and EMS in Missouri's Highway Patrol Region A. The purpose of this year's funding is to strengthen the readiness of the public health and the health care delivery system to save lives during emergencies that exceed the day-to-day capacity and capability of the public health and medical emergency response systems. The grant performance period is July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. Funding is primarily for personnel and contractual support to execute the approved work plan.

Authorize staff to execute related subcontract (ASPR FY23/24) with David Schemenauer (\$54,853): Contractual support funded under the Assistant Secretary Preparedness and Response grant (see above item) includes the Healthcare Coalition Readiness and Response Contract. The Healthcare Coalition Readiness and Response Contract (\$54,853) will fund planning and exercise support to work with MARC's emergency services staff and committee leadership including the Health Care Coalition (HCC) and other regional committees as appropriate to execute assigned FY23/24 ASPR work plan requirements. Contractual duties include but are not limited to providing staff support and facilitation to assigned committees; leading efforts with the HCC to design, execute and evaluate health and medical exercises; providing planning support for HCC preparedness and response plans; serving as the HCC duty officer on a rotating basis; and helping complete associated grant reports. David Schemenauer has been providing contractual support for MARC's ASPR Hospital Preparedness Program since March 2019. Mr. Schemenauer was selected through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process.

Authorize a contract with the Mid America Missouri Local Emergency Planning District (MO LEPD) to provide hazardous materials planning, training and exercise, and administrative services (\$52,800): MARC's Emergency Services program supports the LEPD with its hazardous materials preparedness activities including planning, training and exercise, and administrative services. The MO LEPD includes Clay, Platte, Jackson, Ray, and Cass Counties in Missouri. The current contract expires on August 31, 2023. The MO LEPD voted at their July 13 meeting to continue contracting with MARC to provide these services for another year.

Authorize a contract with a qualified contractor for exercise design, execution, and evaluation services not to exceed \$75,000 for a multiple-site complex coordinated terrorist attack (CCTA) exercise planned for October 2023. Procurement is expected to be through a cooperative purchasing program (HGACBuy). The specific scope of work will depend on the number of sites and whether the exercise is functional (fully simulated interactive) or full-scale (real event mobilization), and it will be negotiated with the qualified vendor as the planning process progresses. Funding is allocated in the homeland security grants for this activity.

THRIVING OLDER ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES

Authorize agreement and amendments, including the 5th amendment, with FORVIS to complete and provide support for continued implementation of the upgraded Monthly Service and Expenditure Report spreadsheet solution (\$20,000): Monthly, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) submits a Monthly Service and Expenditure Report (MSER) to the State of Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services outlining the reimbursement request for services provided by MARC under the Older Americans Act. The system and processes for tracking services has evolved over the years, however the internal tracking system was primarily a spreadsheet with considerable manual entry. FORVIS (legacy BKD) was engaged in August 2021 through an RFP process to facilitate appropriate design and implementation of a new business model to track and report data required for the MSER submission. Over the past ~2 years considerable exploration and understanding of the deep-rooted system occurred and the development of a new and improved MSER reporting system was created. The new and improved MSER reporting system is ready to go live on July 1. Because of the data reporting complexities and staff changes, FORVIS staff have become a trusted resource for this system during this testing phase and their ongoing support for troubleshooting through the year end process is critical to ensuring its success. The original contract amount was \$39,700 and has been increased several times under the executive director's authority. This extension brings the total amount of the agreement and amendments to \$95,000. This project is currently being funded through the Enterprise Fund, and the revenue margin generated from fee for service projects, but Older American Act funding may be used also.

Approve contract amendment with Hilcrest Foods, Inc. to increase their budget for redeemed Double Up Food Bucks (\$86,000): Checkers grocery store, which is owned by Hillcrest Foods, Inc., has offered the Double Up Food Bucks program to its customers that receive SNAP/food assistance benefits since April 2022. The original contract with Hillcrest Foods, Inc. provided an incentive budget of \$61,000 and an additional \$2,320 for technology expenses. These items are supported by the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP) grant from 2020. Checkers has been very successful in the implementation and are reaching the upper limits of their incentive budget. The overall program budget for Double Up Food Bucks has funds from the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program COVID Response and Relief (GusCRR) grant to be able to increase the incentive budget for the Checker's store by \$86,000. This contract amendment will increase their incentive budget to \$147,000 and the budget for their total contract to \$149,320. This amount is projected to carry the store through the rest of the grant ending in late 2024.

Approve contract amendment with White's Foodliner, Inc. to increase their budget for redeemed Double Up Food Bucks (\$50,000): White's Foodliner, Inc. has 6 grocery stores in Kansas which have offered the Double Up Food Bucks program since April 2022. The original contract with White's Foodliner provided an incentive budget of \$68,000 and an additional \$13,920 for expenses related to technology. This contract is supported by the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP) grant from 2020. White's Foodliner stores have been very successful in the implementation of the program and are reaching the end of their incentive budget. The overall program budget for the Double Up Food Bucks program has funds from the GusNIP grant to increase the incentive budget for the White's stores by \$50,000. This amendment will increase their incentive budget from \$68,000 to \$118,000 and the total contract budget will be increased to \$131,920.

QUALITY EARLY LEARNING

Approve a contract with Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) assessment system (\$55,000): Early Head Start/ Head Start grantees are required to establish school readiness goals for children and track progress toward those goals. To meet this requirement, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Head Start implements the DRDP early childhood assessment system. Educators observe children and collect evidence in individual child portfolios. The DRDP System provides electronic child portfolios, tracking data of children's progress, and individual and group child outcomes reports. The contract with DRDP runs 7/1/23-6/30/24.

EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION AND QUALITY PLACES

Approve consultant contracts for two Planning Sustainable Places projects (\$70,250):

Consultants for Planning Sustainable Places are procured through a qualifications-based competitive selection process. For both projects in this authorization, due to their small budget size, a set of questions were provided to each of the teams competing in lieu of interviews.

- The Basehor Downtown Corridor Improvements study provided questions to two teams and selected the team of Olsson and Merge Midwest for the study. The Basehor contract amount is \$29,962.82.
- The Greenwood Connected study released its RFP twice, first on January 3, 2023, then again on May 1, 2023. In both instances the same single firm submitted a proposal for the project. Given the current consulting environment where firms are challenged with maintaining staffing levels and significant levels of funding for projects are available, the decision was to proceed with the responding firm after confirming with the Greenwood sponsors that the proposed scope of satisfactorily met their objectives. The team of McClure and Vireo will be contracted for the project with a budget of \$40,249.67.

Approve Connected KC 2050 Amendment #7. The Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) met on July 18, 2023 and approved two items that will require ratification by the Board at the August meeting. First, TTPC considered an amendment to the Connected KC 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to amend three projects (one Missouri, two Kansas), and to combine five other Kansas projects into one. Staff circulated the amendment for public review and comment per MARC's adopted Public Participation Plan requirements and received two comments on the proposal, both requesting bicycle pathways, and those comments and their responses were shared with the committee. The committee unanimously recommended approving the amendment as presented. Additional details for this item are available here: <https://connectedkc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/MTP-amendment-7.pdf>

Approve the 2023 3rd Quarter Amendment to the 2022-26 Transportation Improvement Program. TTPC also considered an amendment to the 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add 31 new projects and modify 69 projects. Staff circulated the amendment for public review and comment per MARC's adopted Public Participation Plan requirements and received one comment on the proposal, which expressed concern for bicycle traffic on Leavenworth County projects. The comment and its response was shared with the committee. The committee unanimously recommended approving the amendment as presented. Additional details for this item are available here: <https://www.marc.org/document/2023-third-quarter-tip-amendment>

HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

Authorize an application to Continue to Provide Administrative Services, Office Space Rental and other District Operation Services to Missouri Solid Waste Management District E and Enter into Agreement if selected. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) currently serves as administrator for the solid waste management district for Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri. The District's Executive Board is required to use a competitive bid process to obtain these services. Staff will prepare and submit a proposal to continue to provide these services to the District by the deadline of August 18, 2023. Costs for this program are funded by state grant revenue for the SWMD. In 2023, the full budget for that program is \$ 1,281,110. Of that amount, about \$400,000 is used for operations, planning and outreach; \$655,000 is passed through to other agencies for grants, and \$49,000 is dedicated to the household hazardous waste work.

EFFECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Authorize the application and acceptance of an additional \$300,000 from Kansas Department of Health and Environment for Community Health Worker support. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has been awarded several grants from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to support the Kansas City CHW Collaborative, including training, advocacy

and policy analysis. The work has enabled MARC to serve the entire state of Kansas with virtual training services. The current 2023 grant is for \$214,428, and it runs through August 31, 2023. KDHE has offered to add \$200,000 to that grant and extend the time of performance to August 31, 2024. The new grant amount will be \$414,248. In addition, KDHE has offered carry-over funds from their 2022 grant of an additional \$100,000 to support summer and fall 2023 services. MARC has agreements with two contractors, CGA Consulting for training services, and ES Advisors for convening, advocacy and policy analysis. The agreements would be increased and extended. CGA Consulting would be increased from \$34,000 to \$131,000, to cover additional training desired by KDHE; and for ES Advisors, from \$25,000 to \$35,700. Most of the funds will support MARC staff and Government Training Institute services.

Authorize application through the Community Services Corporation for US Department of Energy Grant to Support Non-Profit Organizations; grant request of \$5.5 million with a match of \$1.2 million. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is working with a number of community partners, including Climate Action KC, the Building Energy Exchange and Community Capital Fund, to serve as the prime applicant (fiscal agent) to assist 25-30 non-profit organizations serving disadvantaged residents by completing energy conservation improvements and reducing operating expenses so more of their resources could go toward direct services. The grant would allow non-profits up to \$200,000 for each building for improvements like LED lighting and HVAC replacement. Through a limited request for qualifications (RFQ), MARC identified two engineering firms with energy expertise, Custom Engineering (a MBE firm) and Entegrity (a larger firm with numerous minority suppliers and contractors) to assist with the application and early energy audit work. MARC reached out to approximately 40 non-profits in early June and met with 20 of them representing those addressing housing, food insecurity, emergency assistance, domestic violence support, digital training and services for at-risk children and youth. MARC would work with project partners to conduct additional outreach and use an advisory board to assist in the selection of the non-profits to be assisted. The grant requires a 20 percent match, which some of the non-profits have indicated that they could assist with for their involvement. Conversations have been held with four large foundations, each of which have expressed an interest in helping MARC with the required match, if funded by DOE. The application is due on August 3, 2023, and a decision by DOE is expected by late September.