



Board of Directors MEETING NOTICE

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

May 28, 2024

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, May 28, 2024, for instructions to join the teleconference.**

AGENDA

1. Brief Self-Introductions
2. QUALITY EARLY LEARNING
 - a. DISCUSSION: Considerations for inclusive playgrounds in the Kansas City metro area.
3. SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES
 - a. REPORT: Update on the Health & Human Services Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Agency Mobile Crisis Response grant and KC REACH Program.
4. EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION AND QUALITY PLACES
 - a. REPORT: Results of Connected KC 2050 regional public survey of transportation priorities.
5. BRIEF REPORTS
 - a. REPORT: 2023 Financial and Single Audits and Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.
 - b. VOTE: Authorize contracts for project partners to implement the new US Department of Energy's Renew America's Nonprofits grant program.
 - c. REPORT: Mid-America Regional Council Area Agency on Aging four-year Area Plan
 - d. REPORT: Overview of August 8 training event for Elected Officials in partnership with Strategic Government Resources.
 - e. REPORT: RecycleSpot website redesign
6. Executive Director's Report

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

7. VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda
 - a. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the April 23, 2024, Board Meeting
 - b. VOTE: Authorize an agreement for consultant services for Phase 1 of the Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor project.
 - c. Authorize receipt of Safe Streets & Roads for All grant funds from the Federal Highway Administration to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.
 - d. VOTE: Approve the 2024 Missouri Unfunded Transportation Needs List.
 - e. VOTE: Approve 2024 Transportation Planning Unified Planning Work Program - amendment #3
 - f. VOTE: Approve 12-month contract extension from Department of Early and Secondary Education Office of Childhood.



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- g. VOTE: Affirm Early Learning grant application to the Hall Family Foundation for early learning program support
- h. VOTE: Mid-America Regional Council Head Start 2024 Cost of Living Adjustment to be expended from the Administration for Children and Families.
- i. VOTE: Approval contract renewal for the Learning Genie platform to support Mid-America Regional Council Head Start child outcomes.
- j. VOTE: Approve contractual agreements for renovations and upgrades to Head Start facilities to meet health and safety needs.
- k. VOTE: Approve actions taken on the May 14, 2024, Head Start Advisory Committee meeting.
- l. VOTE: Authorize an application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs for an FY24 Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grant for automated license plate readers in Kansas City, MO and Independence, MO in the amount of \$963,000.
- m. VOTE: Approve a five-year agreement with Segra for data center fiber connectivity for the regional 911 system.
- n. VOTE: Approve contract with Mark One Electric for fiber installation for the regional 911 system.
- o. VOTE: Approve contract with Sinch to provide aggregation service to include all VoIP, wireless and wireline providers in the regional 911 system.
- p. VOTE: Approve agreement with ES Advisors LLC in support of an extended Administration for Community Living contract.
- q. VOTE: Approve amendment to increase the Don Bosco senior center contract for a new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system.
- r. VOTE: Authorize Senior Growth and Development Program contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.
- s. VOTE: Authorize SFY 2025 contract amounts and rates for selected Aging and Adult Services partners.
- t. VOTE: Authorize contract with Palestine Senior Activity Center for senior center services funded with Senior Services Growth and Development Program funds.
- u. VOTE: Authorize \$15.3 million grant application to the US Department of Energy with school district partners to carry out energy efficiency and health improvements in schools.
- v. VOTE: Authorize contract with Evergy in the amount of \$81,000 to implement year two of the pilot urban heat island reduction initiative.

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment

MARC Board of Directors - Members and Alternates

Name	Jurisdiction	Title
Anderson, Jalen	Jackson County	County Legislator - Designee for County Executive Frank White Jr.
Bacon, John	Olathe, KS	Mayor
Baird, Bill	Lee's Summit, MO	Mayor
Boley, Damien	Smithville, MO	Mayor
Bunch, Eric	Kansas City, MO	Councilmember
Burroughs, Tom	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
Caiharr, Carolyn	Edwardsville, KS	Mayor
Carpenter, Jon	Clay County	Commissioner
Culbertson, Jeff	Leavenworth County	Commissioner
Duncan, Johnathan	Kansas City, MO	Councilmember
Fast, Becky	Johnson County	Commissioner - Designee for Commission Chair Mike Kelly
Fears, Jared	Independence, MO	Councilmember
Fields, Vernon	Basehor, KS	Councilmember
Fricke, Scott	Platte County	Presiding Commissioner
Gaines, Billy	Ray County	Presiding Commissioner
Garner, Tyrone	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Mayor/CEO
Grummert, Holly	Overland Park, KS	Councilmember
Hanzlick, Janee	Johnson County	Commissioner
Hardy, Jeff*	MoDOT	Asst. District Engineer
Heley, Logan	Overland Park, KS	Councilmember - Designee for Mayor Curt Skoog
Hill, Dr. Evelyn	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
Hurlbert, Victor	Clay County	Auditor
Huston, Bob	Cass County	Commissioner
Jarrold, Dick**	KCATA	Vice President
Johnson, Ryan	Cass County	Commissioner - Designee for Commission Chair Bob Huston
Jones, Leonard	Mayor	Grandview, MO
Kane, Mike	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner - Designee for Mayor/CEO Tyrone Garner
Kelly, Mike	Johnson County	Commission Chairman
Koehn, Leroy**	KDOT	District Engineer
Lopez, Beto	Lee's Summit, MO	Mayor Pro Tem – Designee for Mayor Bill Baird
Lucas, Quinton	Kansas City, MO	Mayor
Marshall, Megan	Jackson County	Legislator
McCandless, Bridget	Independence, MO	Councilmember – Designee for Mayor Rory Rowland
McDonough, Mike	Raytown, MO	Mayor
McGee, DaRon	Jackson County	Legislator
Meyers, Jeff	Johnson County	Commissioner
Mikkelson, Eric	Prairie Village, KS	Mayor
Moriarty, Michael**	KDOT	Chief of Transportation Planning
Nolte, Jerry	Clay County	Presiding Commissioner
Pogue, Randy	Kearney, MO	Mayor
Poppa, Michael	Johnson County municipalities	Mayor
Ramirez, Christian	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
Redline, Chris**	MoDOT	District Engineer
Roberts, Rob	Miami County	Commissioner
Rowland, Rory	Independence, MO	Mayor
Sandifer, Mickey	Shawnee, KS	Mayor
Skoog, Curt	Overland Park, KS	Mayor
Smith, Doug	Leavenworth County	Commission Chairman
Stephens, Tom	Bonner Springs, KS	Mayor
Turnbow, Kristofer	Raymore, MO	Mayor
Vaughan, Tyler	Miami County	Commissioner
Vogt, Marge	Olathe, KS	Councilmember - Designee for Mayor John Bacon
Wagner, Scott	Clay County	Commissioner
Walker, Rick	De Soto, KS	Mayor
White III, Frank**	KCATA	President/CEO
White Jr., Frank	Jackson County	County Executive
Willet, Nathan	Kansas City, MO	Councilmember
Wood, Dagmar	Platte County	Commissioner

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

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
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.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 2a
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

DISCUSSION: Considerations for Inclusive Playgrounds in the Kansas City Metro Area

BACKGROUND:

As previously reported to the Board, MARC is collaborating with community leaders throughout the bi-state Kansas City region to build an actionable road map toward a sustainable and high-quality early learning system. Workgroup members felt it was important that this road map be inclusive of children with disabilities. By using Connecting the Plans to Improve the Early Childhood Education System Kansas City (Connecting the PIECES KC), the region can recognize children are not just students enrolled in early learning programs, but members of our larger communities. Given the importance of play in healthy child development, considerations around inclusive playground structures proved to be a timely topic for localities.

Nathan Musteen, Parks and Recreation Director for the city of Raymore, MO, and Jim Wilson, Planning and Development Project Manager for Johnson County’s Park and Recreation District will share their experiences with inclusive playground projects.

Interested parties from local jurisdictions are welcome to attend the [Symposium on Early Learning System Transformation](#) presented by Connecting the PIECES KC on Saturday July 13, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Registration is free but required.

ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION:

- Why might a locality prioritize inclusive playgrounds?
- What are lessons learned or important considerations if a locality decides to embark on such a project?
- What has been the feedback from the community for existing inclusive playgrounds?

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only

STAFF CONTACT:

Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 3a
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

REPORT: Update on the Health & Human Services Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Agency Mobile Crisis Response grant and KC REACH Program.

BACKGROUND:

In 2022, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) partnered with six certified community behavioral health organizations (CCBHOs) and hotline operator, CommCARE, to develop a strategic plan to prepare for implementation of the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline. Five of the project partners worked together to submit a successful Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Agency (SAMHSA) grant application through MARC for funds to implement the strategic plan through a shared approach to enhancing mobile crisis response.

The purpose of this work is to provide an opportunity for Qualified Mental Health Professionals to respond in high-need communities to adults, children, and youth experiencing mental health crises when law enforcement is not needed. This program recognizes a ‘high-need community’ as a community where mobile crisis services are absent or inconsistent, where most mental health crises are responded to by first responders, and/or where first responders are not adequately trained or equipped to diffuse mental health crises.

MARC is responsible for convening a steering committee and workgroups with representatives from the five CCBHOs, CommCARE, law enforcement, Fire/EMS, and community-based organizations. Through this grant we are working towards the following deliverables:

- Standardized data reporting & sharing across the five CCBHOs and CommCARE
- Shared protocols for mobile crisis response delivery and post-crisis follow-up across the five CCBHOs
- Increased utilization of 988 and mobile crisis response across the 4-county region

MARC has completed the first nineteen months of this four-year, grant-funded project. Funding will continue through September 2026.

Julie Phillips, MARC Shared Services Director & SAMHSA Project Director, will present on progress made during year 2 of this work including recent successes, key data points from the first 18 months, and expanded partnerships and collaborations including across the 9-county MARC region.

Councilmember Jonathan Duncan, City of Kansas City, MO will present the vision for the Responding with Empathetic Alternatives & Community Health (KC REACH) program. This pilot pre-arrest diversion program will provide a community response to intervene in non-violent crisis and quality of life situations by connecting individuals to resources they need. Included will be information on how KC REACH and Mobile Crisis Response programs are working to collaborate.

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BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The project area includes Jackson, Clay, Platte, and Ray Counties in Missouri. MARC staff have extended collaborative efforts to include all agencies involved in 988 and mobile crisis response in the 9-county MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT

Julie Phillips, Shared Services Director & SAMHSA Project Director
Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 4a
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

REPORT: Results of Connected KC 2050 Regional Public Survey of Transportation Priorities

BACKGROUND:

In support of the [Connected KC 2050](#) long range transportation plan update, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) contracted with ETC Institute, a local research company, for a random sample surveying process that surveyed residents all nine counties of the MARC Metropolitan Planning Organization area. ETC Institute is well established in our region and has provided research services to many of our member jurisdictions. The survey has closed and ETC has begun analyzing the results and writing the final report. The survey seeks to:

1. Recognize that transportation needs are evolving and securing research that offers a snapshot of a representative sample of our region will improve understanding of the region's priorities and needs. In particular, the recent addition of Ray County into the Metropolitan Planning Organization heightens our need to better understand the needs of outlying communities in our region.
2. Gather perspectives on a variety of transportation modes, transportation needs, funding priorities, and other issues. The results will inform Connected KC 2050 and other planning initiatives including our regional Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan, currently underway.

The May Board presentation will provide a high-level overview with a more detailed presentation in June.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Information only.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT

Beth Dawson, Principal Planner

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 5a
Exemplary Core Capacities

ISSUE:

REPORT: 2023 Financial and Single Audits and Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for fiscal year 2023 is nearing completion and a draft report will be made available in early June for review. The audit process has run smoothly this year due in large part to MARC staff efforts and continued collaboration with the RubinBrown team.

The below link contains the draft Auditor Communications Letter and the draft Management Representation Letter, which are required communications to the Board from RubinBrown. At the Budget and Personnel Committee meeting, Kaleb Lilly, partner at RubinBrown, will review the draft letters and discuss progress on the ACFR.

As part of the 2023 audit process, two other audit reports are being prepared. These documents will be available before the June meeting.

- Federal Single-Audit Supplemental Financial Report
- Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District Annual Financial Report

Following this meeting, if there are any questions about the draft letters or audit progress that were not addressed, please contact Carol Gonzales or David Warm at MARC, or Kaleb Lily, with RubinBrown at (913) 859-7917. At the June 25, 2024 meeting, additional information will be presented and Board Members will be asked to accept the fiscal year 2023 audit reports.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The Board approved the agreement with Rubin Brown for continuation of Audit Services at the January 2024 board meeting. The estimated cost for the 2023 audit is \$82,920. Funds for the audit are budgeted in the Indirect Costs Fund in the 2024 Budget.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

Auditor Communications Letter

Management Representation Letter

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

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration

Andrew Molloy, Finance Director

Darlene Pickett, Accountant III

Lisa Santa-Maria, Accountant III

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 5b
Healthy Environment

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize contracts for project partners to implement the new US Department of Energy's Renew America's Nonprofits Grant Program.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) worked with several community partners, including Climate Action KC, the Building Energy Exchange, Community Capital Fund, United Way of Greater Kansas City and the Metropolitan Energy Center to submit an application to the US Department of Energy. The \$4.7 million federal grant was awarded in October 2023 and MARC expects the DOE to issue the grant agreement by the end of June 2024. This opportunity is being matched by \$1.5 million in local foundation funds. MARC staff will begin promoting the grant opportunity to area nonprofit organizations in early June and select the 25-30 nonprofit organizations that will be assisted by late fall.

A Community Advisory Board has been formed and is assisting in the review of applications and selection of the nonprofits. Once the nonprofit organizations are selected, energy audits will be performed, and cost estimates generated. The MARC Board will be asked to authorize sub-recipient agreements with the selected nonprofit organizations of up to \$200,000 each.

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, energy audits, selection of buildings based on energy savings, preparation of bid documents and related work.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$4,734,755 Federal
3-Year Grant	\$1,500,000 from local foundations
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$1,000,084
Contractual	Custom Engineering: \$195,000 Entegrity Energy Solutions: \$195,000 Metropolitan Energy Center: \$75,000 Community Capital Fund: \$150,000
Pass-Through	Non-profit organizations (TBD): \$4,590,992
Other (supplies, mileage, stipends)	\$28,679

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize MARC to negotiate and execute agreements with the four contract partners described above.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 5c
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

REPORT: Mid-America Regional Council Area Agency on Aging four-year Area Plan

BACKGROUND:

In 2024 the MARC Aging staff, informed by needs assessment, listening session input, and in alignment with the Missouri State Plan on Aging, submitted the next four-year Area Plan required of all AAAs.

Based on the Missouri State Plan on Aging, the following goals have been accepted to guide the MARC Region 7 AAA over the next four years.

- Goal 1: Wrap-around services, resources, and programs for older adults and caregivers in the Kansas City area (Region 7) result in older adults and adults with disabilities to safely age in the setting of their choice.
- Goal 2: Older adults in the Kansas City area (Region 7) have access to healthy and culturally appropriate food.
- Goal 3: Disparities resulting from barriers to services are identified and reduced.
- Goal 4: Advance whole person health and mental wellbeing.

MARC staff will provide an overview of the strategic objectives, social determinants of health considerations, and state plan outcomes for the Board of Directors at the May board meeting.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Clay, Cass, Platte, Jackson, and Ray counties in Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 5d
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

REPORT: Overview of August 8 training event for Elected Officials in partnership with Strategic Government Resources.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Government Training Institute (GTI) provides coordination and training opportunities throughout the year for local officials and professionals in the Kansas City Region. MARC is partnering with Strategic Government Resources (SGR) to provide this dynamic leadership training for city and county elected officials in our region. The session is designed to provide elected officials with the opportunity to network and participate in a discussion on how to be effective in their roles within local government. City and county managers are encouraged to attend with their elected representatives.

Dinner will be served, and the training format will emphasize small group discussion to create ample opportunities for peer interaction. Space is limited so register today!

Thursday August 8, 2024 | 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Early Bird Pricing (until June 17): GTI Members: \$99 | non-members: \$114

Basic Pricing (after June 17): GTI Members: \$139 | non-members: \$159

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

[How to Accomplish Your Agenda as an Elected Official Registration](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services

Julie Phillips, Shared Services Director

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 5e
Healthy Environment

ISSUE:

REPORT: RecycleSpot Website Redesign

BACKGROUND:

[RecycleSpot.org](https://www.recycle-spot.org), the region's one-stop spot for recycling information, was relaunched last November after undergoing a complete redesign in 2023. It is the Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) most visited website, averaging 88,000 visitors a year. With 7,800 Facebook followers, RecycleSpot.org also has the strongest engagement among all MARC social media.

On the site, users can find information about:

- Over 1,800 locations that accept items such as cardboard, plastic, televisions, computers, furniture, Styrofoam™ and food waste.
- Items that are acceptable in their [curbside recycling bins](#).
- Where to take [household hazardous waste \(HHW\)](#) such as paint, automotive fluids, lawn and garden chemicals, cleaners, and batteries.
- Core solid waste [community services](#) such as curbside collection for trash, bulky items, recycling, and yard waste.
- Information about [Recycle More At Work](#), which helps local governments, businesses, and organizations start or improve workplace recycling and waste reduction programs.

The [MARC Solid Waste Management District](#) is responsible for maintaining, updating and promoting RecycleSpot.org. The District relies heavily on local cities and counties to pass along the resources to their constituents. In 2024, the District will reach out to all MARC cities and counties to share RecycleSpot.org promotional opportunities.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

Board members will receive a hard copy of the updated [Recycle Better flier](#) and RecycleSpot.org magnet.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Matt Riggs, Outreach Coordinator

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 7a

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve minutes of the April 23, 2024, Board meeting

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the April 23, 2024, meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the April 23, 2024, meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm, Executive Director
McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant

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MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY

APRIL 23, 2024

12:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, KS - MARC Board Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, MO - MARC Board 1st Vice Chair
Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO - MARC Board 2nd Vice Chair
Councilmember Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS - Treasurer
Mayor John Bacon, Olathe, KS
Councilmember Eric Bunch, Kansas City, MO
Councilmember Johnathan Duncan, Kansas City, MO
Commissioner Becky Fast, Johnson County, MO
Councilmember Vernon Fields, Basehor, KS
Commissioner Scott Fricker, Platte County, MO
Commissioner Billy Gaines, Ray County, MO
Councilmember Logan Heley, Overland Park, KS
Commission Chairman Mike Kelly, Johnson County, KS
Legislator Megan Marshall, Jackson County, MO
Councilmember Bridget McCandless, Independence, 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 Mickey Sandifer, Shawnee, KS
Commissioner Doug Smith, Leavenworth County, KS
Mayor Tom Stephens, Bonner Springs, KS
Mayor Rick Walker, De Soto, KS
Commissioner Dagmar Wood, Platte County, KS

STAFF PRESENT

Executive Director David Warm and other MARC staff

OTHERS

INTRODUCTIONS AND BOARD SHARING TIME

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed attendees. Due to the meeting being held remotely and in-person, Commissioner Hanzlick 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 they appear on the agenda. The consent agenda will be voted on at the end of the meeting. Members will have an opportunity to abstain or object to any items necessary during each vote.

REPORT/DISCUSSION: Updating 2050 KC Region Total Population and Employment Projections

Frank Lenk, Director of Research Services, explained that MARC looks ahead 20-30 years during our long-range transportation planning process to facilitate the building of new

infrastructure. These forecasts are an important component to the transportation forecast because they set the overall level of travel demand and how much new roadway capacity is needed. The highlight of today's presentation is that we are forecasting slower growth than the previously adopted 2020 forecasts due to a declining birth rate and aging population. This means lower numbers of people in the workforce, placing a constraint on employment. This forecasting process is overseen by a technical forecast committee made up of local governments and their planning departments to ensure the growth expectations are controlled. The results are used by a wide variety of groups across the region from businesses, school districts, consultants, and local governments. The Board will be given a draft forecast today and then later in the year a final forecast will be presented.

Mr. Lenk showed several charts and graphs that are now available on the MARC website. He explained that the key input that drives the forecast is what is happening at the national level and while the Kansas City economy performs well relative to the rest of the country, the lower growth forecast for the country has begun to change the growth projections. The presentation reflects that during the baby boom years, three to four kids were the norm, and it gradually stabilized around 2 persons per woman of during her childbearing years. However, after the Great Recession, the fertility rate has continued to decline and not rebound with the economy. It is currently hovering at 1.6 persons per year and the ideal replacement level is 2.1. If this trend holds, controlling for any immigration from abroad, and the death rate stays constant - the United States will experience negative growth by 2038. Mr. Lenk explained that the immigration assumption becomes critical. Because immigration is a policy decision, it is difficult to know the metrics to use in forecasting. For the purposes of this forecast, staff will assume that immigration is constrained at the level that it has been constrained historically.

With the assumptions in place, we are estimating national growth at a slower rate than previous years. The population is forecasted to increase from 2.2 million to 2.5 million and total jobs increase from 1.4 million to 1.6 million. The workforce will continue to shift as the baby boomer generation leaves the workforce and there are less workers to fill their place which tends to make the workforce grow slower than the population. The long-range Kansas City predictions in the 2020 forecast were 480,000 more people, 230,000 more households, and 225,000 more jobs. The adjusted draft predictions are estimating 301,000 more people (63% of the prior forecast) and 189,000 more jobs (85% of the prior forecast). Mr. Lenk reminded the board that the Kansas City region typically follows the trend of the US but there are several factors that haven't been included in the forecasts like the Panasonic plant that is bringing in new industry for the region.

Mr. Lenk asked the board to reflect on issues that the technical committee should take into consideration and factor into the projections. Are there particular scenarios that should be considered?

Commissioner Dagmar Wood asked if the team has ever performed a postmortem on how these forecasts were predicted vs how they ended up especially if there is a trend of under of over predictions. Mr. Lenk said that they could take a look at those numbers especially now that we have the results from to 2020 census.

Commissioner Becky Fast asked if this data could be looked at in terms of suburban and urban growth rates rather than regional areas. Will the urban areas grow further and further out? Mr. Lenk stated that there are baseline projections use to make the forecasts that will estimate how much and where there will be growth. The second model will be able to determine those values and we will be able to quantify those patterns.

Councilmember Bridget McCandless asked if trend still holds where the young adults "migrate" off to college and then come back? Mr. Lenk clarified that often times it is not the same young people that come back home but the Kansas City region is an attractive place for young families because of the affordable cost of living.

Mayor Eric Mikkelson asked for clarification about the trends / assumptions made about longevity of life because if people are living longer then the lower birth rate wouldn't affect the population right away. Mr. Lenk said that the life expectancy looks like it will increase slightly and slower than previously (the COVID pandemic is knocking the data off track) but we also need to consider that people are working longer into their lives as well. This changes the dynamic between workforce growth and population growth.

Mayor John Bacon asked if the data takes into consideration external factors like the Chiefs and Royals into the growth projections. Mr. Lenk said that the Chiefs have been winning long enough now for those effects to show up in the data but we're not certain what a one-time event like the World Cup will do to the growth. Likely we will experience a bump up and then everything will move back to equilibrium. Mayor Bacon clarified that he was most interested in other Major League sports host cities and what their trends are? Do cities that have major sports teams tend to grow more than other cities that don't? Mr. Lenk stated that there is usually more to the economy than the entertainment industry but that those teams could have a marginal effect on where businesses chose to invest.

Commissioner Jerry Nolte asked if the population is working longer into their lives, how does that effect the availability for jobs? Mr. Lenk answered that these data points are coming from the Bureau of Labor Statistics that projects labor force participation rates and how they are changing. Older folks are working longer and that is included in the data but it is still the case that there aren't as many 80 year olds that are working as there are 50 year olds or 70 year olds. When there are so many people entering those higher ages, it still lowers the growth rate of the of the labor force.

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick asked if during this draft process we would be able to see the data at the county and city level for jurisdictional planning. Mr. Lenk said that the results will be able to drill down to the census tract level and then we can aggregate that to cities and counties as well. Once each jurisdiction sees the forecast for your community, you can take it back to your staff and then provide feedback for us to make adjustments before you are asked to adopt the metrics.

Commissioner Rob Roberts commented that communities are constantly attempting to attract industries into their community because they want to grow. However, with that in mind, we don't necessarily go far enough into that conversation to determine who's going to fill those jobs because we are pushing young people get higher education to make more money. But there are plenty of jobs that don't require higher education and those jobs remain unfilled. Industries don't come to our communities to fail, they come to be successful, and those companies depend on us to help us create that workforce. If Mr. Lenk is correct and the birth rate is truly declining at this rate, we need to think about where our workforce will come from. How will we embrace the immigrant population, legal or illegal, because they're all among us. How will we grapple with that as a community, as a county, and as a region? Commissioner Roberts challenged the board to consider population growth and what businesses are being attracted and who will fill those jobs. The way he sees it, we need to think about the immigrants: who are they? Then as a region, we establish a way to teach, train, and integrate them into our communities to find housing, ways of surviving, and finding local governments who they can count on. We must be a solution provider and not make it political.

Commissioner Nolte agreed with Commissioner Roberts but stressed that we need to have predictable growth so the local communities have time to bring in people who are in this country legally and acclimate them and make them a part of a strong workforce.

REPORT: Overview of the goals and planning process to revise the Comprehensive Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

Dianna Bryant, Solid Waste Management Program Manager, explained to the board that the Solid Waste Management District is starting the revision of the comprehensive regional solid waste plan. The landfill capacity study was the first step in the process, and we are now challenged to find different ways to manage the waste that we generate that is good for us economically and reduces the cost to users. This plan seeks to be regionally sound, and the conversation will begin with local leaders and other stakeholders about the strategic steps in the next decade to advance a robust system of managing our solid waste. A few examples include how we can reduce what goes to landfill by either reuse and repair or more industrialized ways that would make this a bigger system.

Composting is another example of waste diversion that the region has made commitments to on both an industrial and household scale. Because the landfill is the last place we want the waste to go, the plan seeks to find new inventive ways to develop and manage these waste systems. We are looking for ways we could expand policies or different practices that we haven't used in the past in order to create a robust, productive system rather than another expense to jurisdictions and households. During this process, MARC welcomes the board's contribution to these ideas and where this planning process leads and the team plans on having a draft for review by the end of the year.

David Warm informed the board that MARC staff will create a way for members to engage with this study in a more direct way. There will be opportunities in the coming weeks for elected leaders, city/county staff, or community members who want to be invested in this can be. By the end of this process, we don't just want a plan, we aim to have a very coherent action agenda that various parts of the region can interact and cooperative with it, so that we can manage waste as a region more effectively. The main responsibility of the SWMD has been on the Missouri side for recycling. But this plan will recognize that metropolitan trash goes in both directions across state lines and our recycling systems work in both directions. These are all markets that can only be sustained if we approach them in a metropolitan scale with new strategies, new technologies, and policy commitments.

Commissioner Becky Fast asked how this plan would integrate with Johnson County's current efforts toward their 5-year Solid Waste Management Plan. Ms. Bryant answered that representatives from across the region are convening to stay informed about what those plans say. Much of this planning is about regional assets and things that need to take on larger scope in terms of industrial development. This group will stay informed about what everybody else is planning and work collaboratively with.

BRIEF REPORTS:

REPORT: Regional Freight Study Update

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, introduced another planning study that MARC is initiating as part of our transportation planning responsibility that will analyze the role that goods movement plays in our transportation system. This study was launched this month and will be complete in roughly 18 months. The study will be completed in partnership with the Lawrence and Douglas County MPO, and the Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission. The objectives of the study are to update the freight element of our Metropolitan Transportation Plan Connected KC 2050 which will give us an opportunity to put a special focus on both rural and urban freight needs and impacts for the region. Private sector companies play the largest role in moving freight in the region, which means that integrating freight considerations, land use, and economic development will build the resilience of the freight network.

This is a three-phase effort. The first phase will focus on current trends and existing conditions in the region. The second phase will focus on scenario analysis and different freight development scenarios. And then third phase will focus on future trends and impacts for the region.

VOTE: Approve changes to Federal Highway Administration's Adjusted Urban Area within Mid-America Regional Council's Metropolitan Planning Boundary.

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, requested approval for changes to the FHWA Adjusted Urban Area Boundary. This is a technical, but an important part of our process that impacts our transportation planning and funding throughout the region. The area is calculated based on population within our Kansas City Missouri and Kansas urban area drives our Surface Transportation Block Grant program funding and Carbon Reduction program funding. This area is updated every 10 years (every time there is a census) and is done in collaboration with KDOT, MoDOT, and the local jurisdictions that are impacted by it. Mr. Achelpohl reviewed the changes and motioned toward a map that was printed for those in-person and on the screen for those virtual. He pointed out that there is a line demarcating the Kansas and Missouri sides of the Kansas City urban area but this is highlight the state line. There is only one urban area for Kansas City Missouri and Kansas.

The key changes that were made based on the Census was to incorporate areas in in Basehor, Leavenworth, and Loch Lloyd that were not of the old urban area boundary. We have new urban areas for Tonganoxie, Spring Hill, and Smithville. Interestingly, De Soto was an urban area before and the Census Bureau has downgraded that, but this will likely be revised with the next census. There were several minor modifications other existing boundaries to ensure the growth was captured in Leavenworth County, Edgerton, Peculiar, Paola, Harrisonville, and in Pleasant Hill that reflected things like political boundaries, like annexations, natural features like streams / rivers and roadways. All these changes have been reviewed by the communities impacted, and this was also reviewed by TTPC last week with recommended approval.

Commissioner Hanzlick asked for a motion to approve changes to Federal Highway Administration's Adjusted Urban Area within Mid-America Regional Council's Metropolitan Planning Boundary.

Legislator DaRon McGee motioned. Commissioner Rob Roberts seconded.
The motion passed.

REPORT: EPA Revision to the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for particulate matter

Karen Clawson, Air and Climate Program Manager, provided information regarding EPA's recently announced revision of the National Ambient Air quality standards for PM 2.5. Particulate matter is considered breathable particles defined by their size. The new standard focuses on fine particulate matter, which is 2.5 microns in diameter or less, which is about 1/30th the diameter of a human hair. These are very fine particles that can penetrate your lungs and get into your bloodstream. The pollutant has significant health impacts for children, older adults, and people with heart and lung conditions. In the review of the rule, the EPA only focused on the primary annual standard which is reviewed every 5 years. It was determined that the current standard was not protecting public health within an adequate margin of safety, which is required by the Clean Air Act - thus made the standard more stringent.

So there are currently 6 particulate matter monitors in our region that track the air quality data throughout the region. This helps our air quality program identify trends in different areas of the region over time so we can react appropriately. There are currently 2 monitors that are out of compliance with the new standard which could impact our region's attainment levels according to the EPA. At this point, we don't know the full implications of what happens if we are in non-attainment but MARC will work with the state of Missouri and Kansas to create an implementation plan to reach attainment.

Ms. Clawson then switched topics to briefly discuss the upcoming ozone season in the MARC region. Ozone, like PM 2.5, is a pollutant of major concern and the region has had issues with. For the month of May, we are expecting active weather patterns which could mean more precipitation and decreased potential for ozone to develop in our region. The heart of our ozone season will likely be June through August.

REPORT: Mid-America Regional Council staff will provide information about upcoming Emergency Services events happening in May.

Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services, announced events that are being supported by the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Council. The first event is called KC Ready. This is a resource fair that will have emergency services personnel from all over the region working together to help businesses and special event managers learn how to prepare for and respond to emergency events. There will be local and federal agency experts who are presenting content on assessing and mitigating risks and learning how to be that help before help arrives in an emergency. We would love to have any from our local government audiences participate in this event, but our real target audience is community leaders like businesses, shopping centers, entertainment venues, or faith-based organizations will be great for this event. We would love your help to promote it and advertise it through your networks and channels. This is a free event, but registration is required. You can register on MARC's website and find more information that we could share with you if you needed it to help with publicity.

The second event is the Regional Election Security workshop. This is an immersive 3-hour workshop that emphasizes the importance of interagency coordination and responding to election related incidents. This is primarily for elections officers but for this to be successful, we want to engage law enforcement, public information officers, emergency management, IT, etc. that might be involved in an election related incident.

VOTE: Election of 2024 Mid-America Regional Council Board Secretary

Commissioner Hanzlick announced that due to recent municipal elections, the previously approved board secretary position is now vacant. In early April, she asked the Executive Committee to serve as the nominating committee to fill that position. The nominating committee is recommending that Dr. Bridget McCandless, Councilperson from Independence, MO be elected as secretary. She thanked everyone who expressed interest in that role and looks forward to working with them to find other ways to expand your leadership interest here at MARC.

Commissioner Hanzlick asked for a motion to approve the election of 2024 Mid-America Regional Council Board Secretary.

Commissioner Billy Gaines motioned. Legislator DaRon McGee seconded.
The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

David Warm, MARC's Executive Director, informed the board of outstanding efforts made by 3 of the Aging and Adult Services staff members that reacted quickly to facilities closures that affected 175 people. The MARC team was able to relocate them to other facilities without major disruptions in their care.

Mr. Warm also called attention to a recent EPA award to the state of Missouri that was awarded for the Solar of All program. MARC helped provide structured input for both the Missouri and Kansas applications and we will keep the board informed as we know more about the funding rollout.

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda

- a. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the March 26, 2024, Board Meeting
- b. VOTE: 2024 2nd Quarter Amendment to the 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program
- c. VOTE: Authorize invoice payment to Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging to contract with Polco to provide a state-wide needs assessment.
- d. VOTE: Authorize purchase of kitchen equipment for the Mid-America Regional Council meal repack facility at 1218 Swift in North Kansas City.

- e. VOTE: Recommend submission of a SFY 2024 Area Plan and Budget amendment #1 to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.
- f. VOTE: Approve contract amendment with Jewish Family Services for social determinants of health screenings.
- g. VOTE: Authorize grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health for the Community Level Innovations for Improving Health Outcomes for the Mid-America Community Support Network.
- h. VOTE: Authorize grant applications to the USDA Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program and other non-federal funders for a combined amount up to \$12 million dollars to support the Double Up Food Bucks Program.
- i. VOTE: Authorize a grant application to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start for expanding support for Head Start families.
- j. VOTE: Approve changes to employee fringe benefit package effective July 1, 2024

MOTION: Mayor John Bacon moved for approval of all agenda items and the consent agenda, and Councilmember Bridget McCandless seconded. Commissioner Hanzlick 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 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 7b
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an agreement for consultant services for Phase 1 of the Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor Project.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is seeking to retain consulting services of one or more qualified consultant teams or firms to provide professional and technical services for Phase 1 of the Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor project. The Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor will implement a transformational strategy to enhance multi-modal mobility, regenerate historically disadvantaged communities and reduce carbon emissions by focusing a wide range of federal and local investments on a key regional corridor that connects four cities in two states and two counties.

The project is located along an east-west corridor in the Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas urbanized area that connects three downtowns and multiple activity centers with employment, education, health care and tourism. The corridor is approximately 24 miles in length and serves approximately 84,980 jobs and 90,810 residents. The corridor is centered along Independence Ave. in Missouri and State Ave. in Kansas, and the project area includes the walk and associated bike shed. The corridor includes portions of Jackson County, Missouri, Wyandotte County, Kansas and the cities of Independence, Kansas City and Sugar Creek in Missouri and Kansas City in Kansas.

In February of 2024, the MARC Board of Directors authorized negotiations with Stantec for a contract not to exceed \$1.2 million. In subsequent negotiations with Stantec and MARC's funding partner agencies, some additional work not originally contemplated for this phase of the project has been added to the study scope including a detailed assessment of existing bridges across the Kansas River and more extensive land use and transit-oriented development recommendations. The current estimate for this work is just under \$1.4 million.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

This work is funded by a \$5.6 million planning grant through the United States Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (USDOT RAISE) program with \$1.4 million in non-federal matching funds to be provided by the cities of Independence and Kansas City, Missouri; the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority; and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$7.0 million
Source	RAISE discretionary grant program and local match funds
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$1.4 million
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

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RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The corridor includes portions of Jackson County, Missouri, Wyandotte County, Kansas and the cities of Independence, Kansas City and Sugar Creek in Missouri and Kansas City in Kansas.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an agreement with Stantec for consultant services in an amount not to exceed \$1.4M for professional and technical services for Phase 1 of the Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor Project.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation & Environment

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 7c

Effective Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE

VOTE: Authorize receipt of Safe Streets & Roads for All grant funds from the Federal Highway Administration to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

BACKGROUND

The Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Destination Safe Coalition unites 13 counties in Greater Kansas City to improve transportation system safety. It is governed by a committee with representatives from local, regional, state, and federal agencies, emergency response, law enforcement, public health, and nonprofit groups dedicated to transportation safety. MARC staff collaborates with the Destination Safe Coalition to maintain and improve a safety culture among transportation and public safety experts and the public.

MARC staff applied for the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration's (USDOT FHWA) Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Grant in June 2023 and was recently awarded funding to conduct and contract consultants for the development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) and Supplemental Planning Activities. This project will allow MARC to develop a guiding document that embraces the Safe System approach, develop a user-friendly crash data dashboard, and conduct a Vulnerable Road User (VRU) assessment to improve safety culture and promote equity. The plan seeks to provide tools and resources that help strengthen the Destination Safe Region's understanding of transportation safety issues.

Local match contribution provided by the Kansas Department of Transportation, three local partner agencies (City of Raytown, MO; City of Liberty, MO; and City of Gardner, KS) and MARC's Transportation Reserve Funds.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

REVENUES	
Amount	\$400,000
Source	USDOT FHWA FY 2023 SS4A Grant Program
Amount	\$29,250
Source	Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT)
Amount	\$30,000
Source	Local Partner Agencies
Amount	\$40,500
Source	MARC Transportation Reserve Funds
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$350,000
Personnel	\$150,000

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts the 13 county Destination Safe Region that includes Cass, Clay, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, Platte, and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, Saline, and Wyandotte counties in Kansas.

AGENDA REPORT

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EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize receipt of Safe Streets & Roads for All grant funds from the Federal Highway Administration, KDOT, and local partner agencies to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

STAFF CONTACT

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment
Alicia Hunter, Planner III

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 7d

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve the 2024 Missouri Unfunded Transportation Needs List.

BACKGROUND:

In 2019, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) established the current process to solicit planning partner input to prioritize [unfunded needs](#) for the state highway and other multi-modal systems in Missouri. MoDOT engages Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Planning Commissions across the state to work with cities, counties, and other planning partners to review and prioritize project lists in order to inform MoDOT’s near and intermediate-term project development processes. The goal of the unfunded needs list is to be able to react quickly with deliverable projects to any identified or secured funding and to provide a list of projects which represent where additional funding could be used.

The original project list developed in 2019 for the Kansas City metropolitan area began with projects in the Mid-America Regional Council’s (MARC) then-current Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) with some additional work recommended for consideration by MoDOT. Since 2021, this has been an annual exercise at MARC initiated under the Missouri STP-Priorities Committee, the Active Transportation Programming Committee, and other committees for approval by the Total Transportation Policy Committee and the MARC Board of Directors.

This is an iterative process that begins with a review of priorities adopted from the preceding year and considers new projects that may be proposed by MoDOT, committee members and others within financial targets developed by MoDOT. Key factors that the committees consider in prioritizing these lists include:

- The relative priority of projects in the MTP and other plans,
- Priorities of cities, counties and other agencies within their individual jurisdictions,
- Distribution of projects within the region,
- Progress made towards implementing projects on the previous list,
- Project readiness, and
- MoDOT staff priorities

MARC staff facilitates the process by providing information to support the factors above and by managing the flow of information between MARC committees. The final decisions about this process are made by MoDOT and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None

COMMITTEE ACTION

The following MARC committees have reviewed this work:

MARC Committee	Dates of Review
Highway Committee	March 27
Goods Movement	February 6, May 7
MO STP Priorities Committee	Feb 13, March 12, April 9 & May 14
Transit Technical Team	April 12
ATPC & BPAC	Jan 10, Feb 14, March 13, May 10

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EXHIBITS:

The list included as attachments to this report reflects the recommendations of the Goods Movement Committee, the Transit Technical Team, the Active Transportation Programming Committee, and the Missouri STP Priorities Committee. The Total Transportation Policy Committee will consider action on this item on May 21, 2024.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all Missouri counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the 2024 Missouri Unfunded Needs List

STAFF CONTACT

Martin Rivarola, Assistant Director of Transportation and Land Use Planning

Kansas City Region - DRAFT Missouri Road/Highway Unfunded Needs List (2024)

Recommended by Missouri STP Committee on May 14, 2024

Project Name	Updated Cost (2024)	Note	Former Tier (2023)	MTP Score	MTP Priority	Total Tier	% Over/Under Target
Tier 1							
I-70 (435-470) - Corridor Improvements (partial)	\$100,000,000	Stay in current Tier from 2023	1	101	High		
	Tier 1 Target: \$95m					\$100,000,000	5%
Tier 2							
US71 - Safety Improvements Across Bruce R. Watkins (Partial 1 of 2)	\$30,250,000	Split between Tier 2 and Tier 3 pending conclusion of PEL study	2	120	High		
I-29 and I-35 Corridor from MO 210 to MO45 Along I-29 and I-435 along I-35)	\$238,000,000	I-29/I-35 Corridor improvements - PEL priority segment 1	2	104	High		
I-70 (435-470) - Corridor Improvements (partial)	\$90,000,000	Stay in current Tier from 2023	2	101	High		
MO 291 (I-435 to Ash) Corridor Improvements	\$50,340,000	Stay in current Tier from 2023	2	77	High		
	Tier 2 Target: \$380m					\$408,590,000	8%
Tier 3							
Route AA/Waukomis Drive Complete Streets Reconstruction	\$8,800,000	Stay in current Tier from 2023	3	149	Rehabilitation		
US-71-Safety Improvements Across Bruce R. Watkins (Partial 2 of 2)	\$90,750,000	Split between Tier 2 and Tier 3 pending conclusion of PEL study	3	120	High		
I-70 and I-470 Interchange Improvement	\$80,000,000	Stay in current Tier from 2023	3	100	Rehabilitation		
Interstate 49/ Route 58 Interchange Enhancement Project	\$22,000,000	Stay in current Tier from 2023	3	93	High		
I-35 (I-435 to US 69) Corridor Improvements	\$60,500,000	Stay in current Tier from 2023	3	87	High		
MO 92 Hwy Improvements - Phase 2	\$25,000,000	Recategorized as Tier 3 project (formerly Tier 2)	2	20	Low		
I-49 - Pavement Reconstruction from Blue Ridge Blvd to about 2000' south of 155th St	\$60,000,000	Recategorized as Tier 3 project (formerly Tier 2)	2	N/A	Rehabilitation		
US 50 - Pavement Reconstruction from I-470 to Rte. RA	\$29,000,000	Stay in current Tier from 2023	3	N/A	Rehabilitation		
Mo Rt FF - Slope repairs/stabilization from Mo Rt 9 to State maintenance ends	\$15,000,000	Stay in current Tier from 2023	3	N/A	Rehabilitation		
	Tier 3 Target: \$380m					\$391,050,000	3%
						Total All Tiers	\$899,640,000 5.22%

Other Regional Priorities

I-435 at Parvin Rd	\$22,143,000	Formerly in Tier 3 list - moved to "other regional priorities"	3	N/A	N/A		
I-35 corridor improvements from NE of downtown loop (Independence Ave) to MO 210	\$96,600,000	I-29/I-35 Corridor improvements - PEL priority segment 2	NEW	104	High		
US 169 corridor improvements form I-29 to 68th Street	\$36,000,000	I-29/I-35 Corridor improvements - PEL priority segment 3	NEW	104	High		
Mo Rt A - (Ray County - Mo Rt 10 north to County limit)		Ray County	NEW	N/A	Rehabilitation		
I-470 Expansion Project (I-70 to US5)	\$140,000,000	Jackson County	NEW				
Interchange/ramp/signal improvements at commercial street in Harrisonville	\$1,500,000	Cass County	NEW				
Corridor improvements on 150 through Greenwood	\$8,000,000	Jackson County	NEW				

2024 Missouri Unfunded Needs - Multimodal (Transit)	
Project/service route or program	Project / Program Cost
Interjurisdictional Transit Service Operations	\$33,000,000
Interjurisdictional Transit Capital Projects	\$33,000,000
Independence Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (Fast and Frequent Service)	
Burlington/North Oak Enhanced Transit (Fast and Frequent Service)	
31st/Rock Island Corridor (to stadiums) (Fast and Frequent Service)	
Other routes and services	
Improve passenger rail station, replace platform staircases in KC	\$5,000,000
OATS - Local match for 41 vehicles past useful life	\$850,000
Total	\$71,850,000

Note: Assume state funds cover 20% of capital cost for projects. Remainder for "Interjurisdictional transit operations".

2024 Missouri Unfunded Needs - Multimodal (Bike/Ped)	
Project	Cost
Blue River Parkway - Blue Ridge Connector (Jackson County Parks + Rec)	\$3,000,000
Blue River Parkway Trail: State Line Connector (Jackson County Parks + Rec)	\$4,000,000
Blue River Trail - Swope Park Central Valley Connector (KCMO, Missouri P&R Dept)	\$1,500,000
350 HWY Bike and Pedestrian Trail (City of Raytown)	\$1,500,000
3rd Street at US50 Interchange Improvements (MoDOT)	\$7,000,000
Grand Blvd - Riverfront pedestrian and bike bridge (KCMO)	\$8,000,000
Greenwood Connector (Jackson County)	\$16,000,000
Bridge Replacement Old 210 (Clay County, Missouri)	\$2,300,000
Missouri River North Trail (Riverside)	\$12,000,000
Gillham Rd - Upgrade barrier (KCMO)	\$2,006,400
Trolley Trail Connector trail - MLK Jr Blvd (KCMO)	\$865,200
Colombus Park Neighborhood - sidewalks (KCMO)	\$10,300,000
Total	\$68,471,600

Note: Protected bicycle facilities preferred for bicycle network improvements.

2024 Missouri Unfunded Needs - Multimodal (Freight/Aviation)	
Project	Cost
Independence Avenue Rail Bridge Construction (KCMO & Terminal RR)	\$20,000,000
Canadian Pacific RR grade-separated crossing (Birmingham Rd @ Holt Dr) (City of Liberty)	\$9,150,000
Missouri River Terminal/Woodswether port improvements (Port KC)	\$22,000,000
RSA Grading and Erosion Control (Clay County general aviation airport)	\$2,400,000
Runway Lighting Rehabilitation (Exelsior Springs)	\$300,000
Lee's Summit Airport Improvements	\$11,000,000
Northeast Side Development	
South Apron Expansion	
Construct Air Traffic Control Tower	
Harrisonville Airport Improvements	\$4,000,000
Construct Hangars	
Construct parallel taxiway	
Total	\$68,850,000

Total Multimodal List	\$209,171,600
% over \$190m target	10%

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 7e

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve 2024 Transportation Planning Unified Planning Work Program - amendment #3

BACKGROUND:

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes the transportation planning activities the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and other agencies will undertake during the year; documents the proposed expenditures of federal, state and local funds in support of applications for various planning grants; and provides a management tool for MARC and the funding agencies in scheduling major transportation planning activities, milestones and products.

The proposed 2024 UPWP Amendment #3 will make the following modifications:

- Revise current project 5.16 - Short Range Transportation Planning: Johnson County Transit Strategic Plan- Lead Agency: Johnson County Transit
 - Modify scope of work to reflect the change from a short-range strategic plan to the development of a long-range strategic plan.
 - Revise schedule for project completion
 - Adjust budget from \$150,000 to \$380,000
 - \$304,000 FTA 5307
 - \$76,000 LOCAL
 - Revise Appendix D as necessary to reflect the increased project budget

The revised activity is included for review.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

MARC's Public Involvement Plan requires that amendments to the UPWP be released for public review and comment prior to adoption. One comment from the public was received. The comment and a proposed response from MARC is included for your review.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Total Transportation Policy Committee will consider action on this item on May 21, 2024.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This amendment modifies federally funded transportation planning work in Johnson County, KS.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve amendment #3 to the 2024 Unified Planning Work Program.

STAFF CONTACT

Marc Hansen, Principal Planner

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

2024 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #3 - Modify Existing Activity

5.16 Long Range Transportation Planning: Johnson County Transit Strategic Plan-- Lead Agency: Johnson County Transit

Program Objectives

The Strategic Plan is intended to be a living document, updated annually to reflect changing realities and changing demographics. A vision statement: Johnson County Transit is committed to providing convenient, reliable, and safe regional mobility options. The JCT team strives to deliver responsive, environmentally friendly, and efficient transit services that constantly exceed customer expectations, is supported by six strategic points:

1. The focus of transit must be broader than the downtown commuter market.
2. The Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) supports the concept of dedicated funding for transit services.
3. The BoCC supports collaboration among the Region's transit systems.
4. Enhance the quality and utility of services for seniors and persons with disabilities.
5. Management systems for effective transit services will be developed.
6. JCT is committed to work with cities planning transit supportive development.

Background/Previous Work

Multiple objective statements were developed to support the six strategic points. As voiced at the Committee of the Whole meeting, JCT staff and the Council will utilize the Strategic Plan as a guide in the development and maintenance of transit services. Annual updates to the Plan will be completed by staff to reflect departmental and county transit-related goals.

Staff will also utilize the Plan while planning grant applications that support current and planned transit services. The adoption of the Strategic Plan will provide direction on service and funding strategies for the transportation staff and the Transportation Council. The plan will provide additional leverage for federal, state, and local funds.

In addition, JCT staff will utilize this document as a guide for future services, operating plans, and service maintenance priorities. Staff will also use the Plan to support applications for grant funding, exploration, and development of a transit funding source, and to prepare annual budget requests. The plan will provide transit staff the ability to focus on planning objectives beyond a one-year horizon.

The Strategic Plan will guide the development of transit services in Johnson County, and in the County's regional efforts related to transit activities. Implementation of specific components of the plan will be incremental with the Board of County Commissioners' consideration of funding availability and annual budget issues, available grant funds, and agreements.

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MARC Board of Directors

Program Activities and Products (Estimated Completion Dates)

1. *ACTIVITY: Strategic Plan Management and Coordination:* JCT Team discussion and coordination efforts (Jan-Feb 2024)
2. *ACTIVITY: Strategic Plan Procurement Process:* Requests for proposals commence and project selection (Feb-Mar 2024)
3. *ACTIVITY: Strategic Plan Contract Awarded* (Apr 2024)
4. *ACTIVITY: Engage project partners and stakeholders to refine proposed Plan based on common goals and objectives* (Apr-Nov 2024).
5. *ACTIVITY: Strategic Plan Developed/Finalized* (Oct-Dec 2024)
6. *PRODUCT: Completion of Strategic Plan for Board approval* (Dec 2024 – Jan 2025)

Funding

Federal	\$304,000	FTA-5307
Local	<u>\$ 76,000</u>	LOCAL
Activity Total	\$380,000	

**APPENDIX D – SCHEDULE 1
FY 2024 FUNDING SUMMARY TABLE**

Work Element	STATE and LOCAL				Federal				Total		
	MARC	KDOT	MoDOT	Other	CPG Funds		Other				
					KDOT ⁽²⁾	MoDOT ⁽³⁾	Amount	Agency			
1.1	Transportation Administration	\$62,901				\$218,009	\$279,472		\$560,382		
1.2	Public Participation	\$28,828				\$99,914	\$128,088		\$256,830		
2.1	Land Use, Demographic & Comprehensive Planning	\$61,071				\$211,666	\$271,348		\$544,085		
2.2	Metropolitan Transportation Plan	\$38,793				\$134,452	\$172,363		\$345,608		
3.1	Transportation Modeling/Forecasting	\$98,650				\$341,911	\$438,319		\$878,880		
3.2	Transportation Research & Database Management	\$67,707				\$234,667	\$300,835		\$603,209		
3.3	Air Quality Planning	\$12,266				\$42,510	\$54,497		\$109,273		
3.4	Safe and Accessible Transportation Options	\$56,617				\$196,226	\$251,557		\$504,400		
3.4b	2.5% Set-Aside for Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options ¹					\$32,558	\$49,358		\$81,916		
3.5	Transportation Technology	\$4,868				\$16,871	\$21,629		\$43,368		
3.6	Transportation Safety Planning	\$12,055				\$41,784	\$53,566		\$107,405		
3.7	Congestion Management System	\$7,226				\$25,042	\$32,103		\$64,371		
3.8	Performance Measurement & Target Setting	\$9,714				\$33,666	\$43,160		\$86,540		
4.1	Transportation Improvement Program	\$23,201				\$80,412	\$103,086		\$206,699		
5.1	RideKC Short-Range and Ongoing Transportation Planning				\$80,000		\$0	\$400,000	FTA 5307	\$480,000	
5.2	RideKC Long-Range Transit and Capital Planning				\$130,000		\$0	\$650,000	FTA 5307, 5309	\$780,000	
5.3	Goods Movement/Freight Planning	\$10,067				\$34,889	\$44,727		\$89,683		
5.4	Corridor Studies	\$1,374				\$4,763	\$6,107		\$12,244		
5.5	Aviation Planning	\$300				\$1,039	\$1,332		\$2,671		
5.6	MoDOT Traffic Studies			\$370,933					\$370,933		
5.7	Economic Value Atlas ⁴				\$80,000				\$80,000		
5.8	RideKC Bi-State Green Corridor Planning Investments ⁴							\$514,045	FTA Route Planning Restoration	\$514,045	
5.9	RideKC Funding for Zero-Fare: Evaluating the Health and Economic Impacts ⁴				\$55,555			\$500,000	FTA Areas of Persistent Poverty	\$555,555	
5.10	Building Climate Resilience in the Transportation System (Phase 1) ⁴				\$21,025	\$76,269	\$97,706		\$195,000		
5.11	Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan ⁴				\$21,025	\$76,269	\$97,706		\$195,000		
5.12	Regional Freight Plan ⁴				\$92,183	\$334,412	\$428,405		\$855,000		
5.13	Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor ⁴				\$500,000			\$2,000,000	RAISE	\$2,500,000	
5.14	Reconnecting Kansas City: Repairing Connections for Kansas City's Westside Neighborhood				\$264,655			\$1,058,620	FHWA Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program	\$1,323,275	
5.15	Stormwater Engineering Standards Update ⁴				\$600,000					\$600,000	
5.16	Long Range Transportation Planning: Johnson County Transit Strategic Plan				\$76,000			\$304,000	FTA 5307	\$380,000	
5.17	US-71 Reconnecting Neighborhoods Project				\$2,500,000			\$5,000,000	FHWA-RAISE	\$7,500,000	
F.1	Operation Green Light				\$700,000			\$700,000	FHWA STBG	\$1,400,000	
F.2	Air Quality Public Education				\$138,750			\$555,000	FHWA CMAQ	\$693,750	
F.3	WAY TO GO							\$300,000	FHWA CMAQ	\$300,000	
F.4	Active Transportation Programs				\$18,000			\$72,000	FHWA CMAQ	\$90,000	
F.5	Planning Sustainable Places Program				\$375,000			\$1,500,000	FHWA STBG	\$1,875,000	
F.6	Harry S Truman & Food Lane/Byars Road Intersection and Corrington Avenue & 132nd Street Intersection Traffic Study				\$2,800			\$11,200		\$14,000	
		\$495,637	\$0	\$370,933	\$5,654,993	\$2,237,329	\$2,875,366	\$13,564,865		\$0	\$25,199,123

(1) Federal funds in this subtask are 100% federal and are not factored into match requirement calculations.

(2) Kansas CPG funds assume \$2,004,164 in 2024 allocated funding. MARC anticipates using the federal prorated share (\$200,000) of the direct cost value of \$250,000 to match Kansas CPG funds and increase Kansas CPG to \$2,202,164 as detailed in Appendix C - Schedule 2.

(3) Missouri CPG funds assume \$2,526,355 in 2024 allocated funding. MARC anticipates using a portion of the federal prorated share (\$296,746) of the direct cost value of \$370,933 to match Missouri CPG funds and increase Missouri CPG to \$2,823,102 as detailed in Appendix C - Schedule 2.

(4) Study was initiated in a prior year and extends into 2024.

**2024 Unified Planning Work Program
Amendment #3
Public Comment and Response**

Comment #1

"I think a long range strategic plan for transit should include analysis of how land use and density affects the ease and ability for transit use. The development patterns of Johnson County have notoriously been around the car. This change to expand this plan to be long term should include long term analysis on the effects of cul-de-sacs and how those don't support fixed route transit services. I am glad Johnson County wants to not only look short term but also long term"

Response to Comment #1

Thank you for your recent comment regarding the proposed Amendment #3 to the 2024 Unified Planning Work Program. We shared your comments with Johnson County Transit, the MARC Total Transportation Policy Committee, and the MARC Board of Directors for their consideration.

In response to your comments, Johnson County Transit expressed appreciation for the comments and interest in the project. Johnson County Transit also confirmed that the Johnson County Transit Strategic Plan will incorporate the county's land use and development patterns to demonstrate the interdependent relationship between land use contexts and transit productivity. In accordance with this, the plan will include:

- an evaluation of existing route alignments against development densities, land use, and walk access to understand how existing services respond to community needs;
- a review of existing regional and local plans to understand the potential impacts of those plans on JCT's future services;
- development of transit service scenario alternatives and a preferred alternative that consider land use and destinations served; and
- an action item matrix that outlines tasks to implement the preferred transit service scenario, including sidewalk connections, and service phasing to match future regional and local growth trends.

We look forward to your continued participation in the regional transportation planning process and encourage you to review the [Guide to Transportation Decision Making](#). This guide is designed to help area residents understand the complex process of transportation decision making and learn how they can more effectively provide input.

Sincerely,

Marc Hansen, AICP
Principal Planner
Mid-America Regional Council

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MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 7f
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve 12-month contract extension from Department of Early and Secondary Education Office of Childhood.

BACKGROUND:

In November 2022, the Mid-America Regional Council’s (MARC) Department of Early Learning submitted three proposals to the Missouri Office of Childhood to administer new Child Care Collaborative Networks. The Collaborative Networks provide onsite coaching support, intensive cohort trainings, and best practice trainings to support home based child care providers, infant/toddler and preschool teachers.

MARC was awarded all three contracts on May 24, 2023 with each one-year contract being renewable for up to four additional years. In March of 2024 MARC staff received notice that the Office of Childhood would not be utilizing its option to renew the contracts. After community pushback and statewide advocacy, MARC staff received further notice that Missouri Office of Childhood would be exercising its right to renew contracts from May 24, 2024 until May 23, 2025 keeping all terms, conditions, provisions and prices the same as the original contract. This notice was received on May 7, 2024.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Most of the funding from this agreement will be passed through to three key service agencies: the Local Investment Commission, The Family Conservancy, and the St. Joseph Youth Alliance to support implementation of targeted services outlined in the three contracts. A portion of the funds will be used to support existing MARC staff time in the management and oversight of the project subcontracts and coordination of program supports.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$2,961,656.00
Source	Missouri Department of Elementary and secondary Education, Office of Childhood
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$521,702.50
Contractual	\$281,018.00
Pass-Through (LINC, TFC, Youth Alliance)	\$2,011,281.00
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$147,654.50

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The geographical area for the Collaborative Networks comprises: Andrew, Atchison, Bates, Buchanan, Cass, Clay, Clinton, DeKalb, Gentry, Holt, Jackson, Nodaway, Platte, Vernon, and Worth counties in Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the expenditure of funds received in contract extension (\$2,961,656) and approve 12-month agency contracts for support services for a total amount not to exceed \$2,011,281.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kyle Matchell, Early Learning Manager
Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 7g
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Affirm Early Learning grant application to the Hall Family Foundation for early learning program support.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council’s (MARC) Early Learning department applied for a grant to the Hall Family Foundation to provide early learning program support. In order to meet the foundation’s board approval timeline, the application was submitted prior to MARC’s May board Meeting. MARC is collaborating with community leaders throughout the bi-state Kansas City region to build an actionable road map toward a sustainable and high-quality early learning system. This funding would provide support until the end of 2024 to gather information on provider needs and vendor options as the network begins to organize early childhood providers into a collective.

The collective seeks to provide shared services such as: an employee assistance program/emergency mental health support, insurance, access to a substitute system, shared job fairs and recruitment efforts, along with our current offerings of coordinated child and classroom assessments, and professional development.

Shared services among providers are integral because they free up funds for other projects, like raising wages, and they can help to increase the job satisfaction of workers in centers that would traditionally be unable to afford such benefits. In addition to any new services, MARC Early Learning will continue the shared services already in place, including classroom assessments, child assessments, and professional development.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$170,000
Source	Hall Family Foundation
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$159,974.55
Contractual	-
Pass-Through	-
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	10,025.45

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

MARC Early Learning initiatives currently support programs in Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth counties in Kansas and Andrew, Atchison, Bates, Buchanan, Cass, Clay, Clinton, DeKalb, Gentry, Holt, Jackson, Nodaway, Platte, Vernon, and Worth counties in Missouri.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Affirm executive approval for an application for a \$170,000 grant from the Hall Family Foundation for early learning program support, and acceptance of funds if awarded.

STAFF CONTACT:

Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 7h
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Mid-America Regional Council Head Start 2024 Cost of Living Adjustment to be expended from the Administration for Children and Families.

BACKGROUND:

On April 29, 2024, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) received a funding opportunity announcement from the Administration for Children and Families for a FY2024 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase of \$554,250 for Head Start (HS) and \$192,555 for Early Head Start (EHS). In coordination with its partnering agencies, MARC has determined to utilize the additional dollars available from COLA funding to ensure all staff in partnering programs received a minimum increase of 2.35% in their hourly rate of pay. COLA funds will be directly allocated to participating partnering agencies. These programs will receive an increase to their base contract in FY 24 which runs from November 1, 2024, to October 31, 2025.

In coordination with its direct service providers, MARC proposes to use the remaining funds from COLA FY24 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 FY 24 budget. These include technology upgrades and replacement, wage compensation study contracts, lead paint testing and mitigation, office modifications, and furniture.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

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

REVENUES	
Amount	\$746,805
Source	Administration for Children and Families
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual Delegates & Partners	\$614,121
Other: Technology upgrades & replacements, office furniture, wage comp study contract, paint lead testing and mitigation	\$132,684

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARC Head Start Policy Council and MARC Head Start Advisory Committee approved the expending of the COLA dollars on May 13, 2024, and May 14, 2024, respectively.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The MARC Head Start network partners provide Early Head Start and Head Start programming in Clay, Jackson, and Platte counties.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the expending of the Head Start Cost of Living Adjustment in the amount of \$746,805.

STAFF CONTACT:

Dr. Toni Sturdivant. Director of Early Learning and Head Start
Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director

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MARC Head Start & Early Head Start Funding - Core Operations-COLA			
(November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2024)			
	Head Start	Early Head Start	Grand Total Head Start & Early Head Start
Tier 1 Direct Service Providers			
Ability KC	-	6,562	6,562
Blue Springs School District	3,940	6848	10,788
Emmanuel Family & Child Dev Center	12,120	-	12,120
Excelsior Springs School District	7,880	-	7,880
Front Porch Alliance	-	5,580	5,580
Grandview School District	9,850	2,936	12,786
Guadalupe Centers ECE	16,000	-	16,000
Learn-A-Lot Academy	9,541	11,648	21,189
Lee's Summit School District	9,860	2,900	12,760
Open Slots EarlystART North	6,510	8,560	15,070
Tier 1 Direct Service Providers Subtotal	75,701	45,034	120,735
Tier 2 Direct Service Providers			
Center School District	19,530	-	19,530
EarlystART	14,756	5,136	19,892
The Family Conservancy	5,880	17,640	23,520
Raytown School District	18,011	-	18,011
Tier 2 Direct Service Providers Subtotal	58,177	22,776	80,953
Tier 3 Direct Service Providers			
Independence School District	67,045	13,932	80,977
KCPS School District	130,180	8208	138,388
Operation Breakthrough, Inc.	52,020	26,076	78,096
YMCA of Greater Kansas City	71,604	43,368	114,972
Tier 3 Direct Service Providers Subtotal	320,849	91,584	412,433
Total All Direct Service Provider Partners	454,727	159,394	614,121
MARC			
MARC - Personnel Costs	-	-	-
MARC - Non-Personnel Costs	102,167	30,517	132,684
MARC Subtotal	102,167	30,517	132,684
Grand Total	556,894	189,911	746,805

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MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 7i
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approval contract renewal for the Learning Genie platform to support Mid-America Regional Council Head Start child outcomes.

BACKGROUND:

The Learning Genie application supports implementation of the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) early childhood assessment system. Learning Genie provides an electronic portfolio for each child in Head Start. Evidence of the children’s learning and development can be entered into portfolios by educators, who are able to connect the evidence to DRDP measures. Educators can also rate children’s progress on each measure three times each year and run child outcomes reports for individuals and groups. This assessment of children’s progress and reporting of child outcomes is required for Head Start grantees. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Head Start staff began contracting with Learning Genie in 2017. Learning Genie has customized the application to meet the needs of MARC Head Start providers and has provided effective technical support to educators.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$55,000
Source	Administration for Children and Families
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$55,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Clay, Jackson and Platte counties in Missouri.

EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Learning Genie contract renewal from July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$55,000.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director
Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start

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MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 7j
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve contractual agreements for renovations and upgrades to Head Start facilities to meet health and safety needs.

BACKGROUND:

Two of the Mid-America Regional Council’s (MARC) Head Start/Early Head Start direct service providers have submitted proposals for large projects to support health and safety needs as well as additional space for learning at their locations.

Our partners request the following renovations and upgrades to their facilities:

YMCA of Greater Kansas City (\$429,775.95)

- Thomas Roque replace existing fencing (\$63,500)
- Thomas Roque new cameras to existing surveillance system (\$24,565)
- Thomas Roque new metal soffits replacement of current soffits (\$115,165)
- Thomas Roque replace existing play surface 2 toddler playgrounds (\$70,016)
- Thomas Roque replace playground equipment that is worn out (\$69,881.50)
- All YMCA locations vision screeners to support Head Start requirements (\$15,736.52)
- Northland door controls existing security system (\$22,751.41)
- Northland new video server for existing surveillance system (\$26,623.83)
- Columbus Park door controls existing security system (\$13,536.69)
- Columbus Park new video server for existing surveillance system (\$8,000)

Kansas City Public Schools (\$247,096.50)

- Woodland addition of outdoor classroom (\$161,022.75)
- Richardson addition of outdoor classroom (\$86,073.75)

We are in the process of reviewing the three bids submitted for each project to ensure they meet MARC’s Procurement Policy and the requisite purchasing protocols of our providers, including complying with the Davis-Bacon Act for prevailing wages. The total cost of these projects is anticipated to be up to \$676,873.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The costs of these facility renovation/upgrade projects are allowable expenses within the Head Start grant through the Administration for Children and Families. The grant was approved for the period of 11/1/2023 to 10/31/24.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$676,873
Source	Administration for Children and Families
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$676,873
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

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RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Clay and Jackson counties in Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize MARC Head Start to enter into contractual agreements with each approved vendor to complete projects at four Head Start providers for a total cost not to exceed \$676,873.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director

Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start

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MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 7k
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve actions taken on the May 14, 2024, Head Start Advisory Committee meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The Head Start Advisory Committee reviewed and approved the following program information reports at its January meeting:

- Approval of March 2024 and April 2024 Meeting Minutes
- Head Start/Early Head Start Expansion Grant
- Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Head Start Advisory Committee considered this information at its May 14, 2024 meeting and recommended the Mid-America Regional Council's Board approval.

EXHIBITS:

[May 14, 2024 Advisory Committee Packet](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the actions taken at the May 14, 2024 Head Start Advisory Committee meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 7I
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs for an FY24 Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grant for automated license plate readers in Kansas City, MO and Independence, MO in the amount of \$963,000.

BACKGROUND:

U.S. Representative Emanuel Cleaver II secured funding through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024 for automated license plate readers (ALPRs) in Kansas City, MO and Independence, MO within Missouri's fifth congressional district. Because this is a cross-jurisdictional project, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) was asked to serve as the grant applicant and administrator. MARC is invited to submit a non-competitive grant application through the U.S. DOJ Office of Justice Programs to release the funding.

ALPRs are high-speed camera systems that are mounted on street poles, streetlights, or other traffic-related infrastructure to capture license plate numbers. Law enforcement uses data collected from ALPRs for many purposes including determining whether a vehicle was at the scene of a crime, identifying missing vehicles (Amber alerts, silver alerts, stolen vehicles, etc.) and predicting travel patterns. This grant award is estimated to fund ALPRs at 36 priority intersections in eastern Kansas City and western Independence, notably along the bi-state corridor, high-traffic corridors, or crime hot spots.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The grant award is for \$963,000 over a two year period. MARC will retain five percent (5%) of the award for administrative expenses and pass-through the remainder of the award to the two police departments.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$963,000
Source	DOJ OJP FY24 Byrne Discretionary Grant
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$48,150
Pass-Through	\$914,850
In-Kind	

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This grant involves Kansas City, MO and Independence, MO; however, data collected from the ALPRs will be available to all regional agencies that utilize ALPRWeb software for data collection and management.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (1) Authorize an application to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Justice Programs (OJP) for an FY24 Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grant for automated license plate readers (ALPRs) in Kansas City, MO and Independence, MO in the amount of \$963,000.
- (2) If awarded, authorize staff to accept the award and enter into subrecipient agreements with the City of Independence, MO and the Kansas City, MO Police Department in the amount of \$457,425 respectively.

STAFF CONTACT:

Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 7m
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve a five-year agreement with Segra for data center fiber connectivity for the regional 911 system.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) 911 system has several data connections provided by Unite Private Networks (UPN). On April 12, 2024, UPN was fully acquired by Cox Communications and will now do business as Segra.

As part of a larger project involving the reengineering of the 911 network design, new connectivity from 911 data centers to LightEdge 1 and 2 is required. This project aims to enhance network efficiency and reliability by transitioning from point-to-point circuits to a mesh-designed Ethernet structure.

The procurement for this project is deemed sole source due to the nature of the required services. The LightEdge circuits are integral to the wider Ethernet local-area network (ELAN) solution managed by Segra. No other vendor can feasibly provide an equivalent solution, thus justifying the sole source procurement approach.

The proposed agreement with Segra entails a monthly service fee of \$6,000 for all five connections over a 60-month term, totaling \$360,000. The initial year of funding is included in the 2024 budget, and funding for years 2-5 will be incorporated in future budget cycles. The agreement aligns with the project's objectives, provides essential network upgrades, and falls within the allocated budget for 2024.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The Segra quote estimates the cost of \$6,000 per month over a five-year contract. Funding for the fiber connections, was included in the 2024 911 Allocation Budget/Network Costs, 60 months (\$6,000*60 = \$360,000)

REVENUES	
Amount	\$360,000.00
Source	911 Allocation Budget (Network)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$360,000.00

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Public Safety Communications Board approved the use of these funds with the 2024 Regional 911 Budget, at the October 25, 2023, meeting.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This request supports the 11-county MARC regional 911 network.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a five-year agreement with Segra in the amount of \$360,000 for data center fiber connectivity for the regional 911 system.

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Program Director
Nikki Thomas, Public Safety Operations Manager

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 7n
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve contract with Mark One Electric for fiber installation for the regional 911 system.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) 911 public safety maintenance staff recommends building redundancy in microwave connections for connectivity to the 911 network from the Rivergate building at 600 Broadway. The most viable solution identified is accessing the City of Kansas City’s fiber network, offering increased speed, reliability, reduced latency, enhanced security, cost savings over traditional systems, and scalability.

Mark One Electric is Kansas City’s approved vendor for fiber and electrical installations. Therefore, procurement will be sole source. Once complete, this fiber solution will enable MARC technical staff to access the 911 network with enhanced connectivity, reliability, and security for critical public safety operations.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The project cost is \$58,566.92. Funding for fiber installation by Mark One Electric is contained in the 2024 911 Allocation Budget.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$58,566.92
Source	911 Allocation Budget
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$58,566.92
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Fiber enhancements were included in the 2024 Allocation budget, which was approved by the Public Safety Communications Board on October 25, 2023.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This request impacts the 11-county MARC regional 911 network.

EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the contract with Mark One Electric for \$58,566.92 to connect MARC 911 to Kansas City’s fiber network.

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Program Director

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MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 7o
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve contract with Sinch to provide aggregation service to include all VoIP, wireless and wireline providers in the regional 911 system.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) 911 system includes routing of both wireline and wireless calls across multiple carriers, with the majority of wireline trunks served by AT&T. Over the past year, MARC staff have collaborated with AT&T to explore options for relocating 911 wireline trunks to a more resilient infrastructure. However, the proposed quote for this endeavor was deemed excessive. Subsequently, research into alternative aggregation service providers led to the identification of Sinch as the optimal solution. Sinch, renowned for its aggregation services for wireless and VoIP carriers, now extends its offerings to wireline circuits, and is also being a Motorola VESTA partner.

The transition to Sinch entails a one-time payment of \$296,000, followed by monthly payments of \$29,600 for a duration of five years, totaling \$2,072,000 (\$355,200 per year). In contrast, AT&T's wireline service currently incurs an annual cost of approximately \$1.7 million; and the quote for ESInet service was \$2.8 million per year. Moreover, transitioning to Sinch eliminates the need for SS7 service, saving an additional \$117,000 annually. This cost-saving measure aligns with the department's goal of optimizing expenditures while enhancing service quality.

Contracting with Sinch consolidates aggregation services under a single, centralized provider, streamlining management and oversight. Furthermore, the migration of wireline traffic into MARC-managed selective routers empowers technical staff to efficiently manage reroutes and optimize network performance. Leveraging Sinch's expertise and infrastructure will enhance the reliability and resilience of its 911 services, ensuring prompt and effective emergency response.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Funding for the transition to Sinch UPS is contained in the 2024 911 Allocation Budget and projected for future budgets.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$2,072,000
Source	911 Allocation Budget
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$2,072,000 (5 year cost)
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The proposal to transition 911 wireline trunks to Sinch was presented to the Public Safety Communications Board during its meeting on April 24, 2024. Public Safety staff sought approval for the one-time payment of \$296,000 and requested inclusion of monthly payments of \$29,600 in subsequent years' budgets. Following deliberation, the board approved the five-year contract with Sinch.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

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This request supports the 11-county MARC regional 911 network.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a five-year contract of \$2,072,000 with Sinch for wireline aggregation service of 911 calls.

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Program Director

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 7p

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve agreement with ES Advisors LLC in support of an extended Administration for Community Living contract.

BACKGROUND:

In May 2021, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) awarded the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) a three-year federal grant to enhance program offerings and to expand its sustainable funding sources for Chronic Disease Self-Management Education (CDSME) programming throughout Missouri. ACL approved a no cost extension to continue efforts to complete grant activities through April 30, 2025. ES Advisors LLC led by Erika Saleski, who has been a contractor for the grant since it's inception, will help MARC as the Network Lead Entity to meet the remaining goals outlined in the approved ACL grant, including Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) in Missouri increasing enrollment in these evidence-based programs.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

REVENUES	
Amount	\$403,046.35
Source	ACL Grant (<i>remaining amount for no-cost extension</i>)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual (ES Advisors)	Not to exceed \$82,000

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Commission on Aging considered this at its May meeting and recommended Board approval.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Cass, Clay, Jackson, and Ray Counties in Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize execution of agreement with ES Advisors, LLC to support the no-cost extension of the ACL grant and completion of grant goals.

STAFF CONTACT

Katy Crow, Grant Accountant III
Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services
Tane Lewis, Integrated Care Manager

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MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 7q

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve amendment to increase the Don Bosco senior center contract for a new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Aging and Adult Services currently contracts with Don Bosco to provide senior center services. This contract is funded through the Older Americans Act (OAA). The Don Bosco center needs a new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system. The Menorah Heritage Foundation approved grant funding in the amount of \$43,984.82. The full cost of the project is projected to be \$52,028. MARC plans to use \$8,043.18 in Senior Services Growth and Development (SSGDP) funding to cover the gap between grant revenue and total cost.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

REVENUES	
Amount	\$43,984.82
Source	Menorah Heritage Foundation
Amount	\$8,043.18
Source	Senior Services Growth and Development Program (SSGDP) Fund
TOTAL REVENUE	\$52,028
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
HVAC	\$52,028

Amendment:

Community Senior Center	Current	Increase	Total
Don Bosco Community Center, Inc.	\$800,296	\$52,028	\$852,324

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Commission on Aging considered this at its May meeting and recommended Board approval.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize amendment to the current senior center agreement between MARC and the Don Bosco Center to reflect an increase of \$52,028 for the replacement of the HVAC system.

STAFF CONTACT

Babs Bradhurst, Manager of Aging Administrative Services
Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services

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May 2024
Item No. 7r

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize Senior Growth and Development Program contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

BACKGROUND:

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services established the Senior Services Growth and Development Program (SSGDP) to provide additional funding for older adult programming through the Area Agencies on Aging. SSGDP was created in 2019 to provide funding to enhance services for the development and expansion of senior center programs, facilities, and services. In addition, it is intended to be utilized for any activities related to services for older adults in the Mid-America Regional Council’s (MARC) planning and service area (PSA). However, no funds were appropriated to the project until the 102nd General Assembly.

The amount allocated for MARC starting 7/1/2024 is reflected in the DHSS program services contract in the amount of \$983,757. Fifty percent of these funds are designated for the development and expansion of the senior center programs, facilities, and services. The other fifty percent shall be used for any activities and programs that enhance services for older adults in MARC’s planning and service area: Jackson, Clay, Cass, Platte, and Ray Counties in Missouri.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

REVENUES	
Amount	\$983,757
Source	Senior Services Growth and Development Program (SSGDP) Fund

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Commission on Aging considered this at its May meeting and recommended Board approval.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Jackson, Platte, Clay, Cass, and Ray counties in Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize execution of program services contract from the Department of Health and Senior Services for Senior Services Growth and Development Award.

STAFF CONTACT

Babs Bradhurst, Manager of Aging Administrative Services
Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services

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MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 7s
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize SFY 2025 contract amounts and rates for selected Aging and Adult Services partners.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) competitively procures partners to deliver services. MARC issued the following requests for proposals (RFPs) in the Spring of 2024 for SFY 2025 service providers:

- Community Center Services
- In-Home Health Services
- Care Management Services
- Family Caregiver Support Programs
- Information & Assistance Services
- Legal Services
- Evidence Based Programs
- Transportation
- Catered Meals
- Pre-Plated Home Delivered Meals

The providers below are recommended for SFY 2025 contracts for services July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Funding sources, contract amounts, and service rates for SFY 2025 are described in the following list of proposed contracts. Contracts funded by Older Americans Act (OAA) funding are included in MARC's Area Plan and submitted for approval to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARC Commission on Aging recommends authorization to approve SFY 2025 contract amounts and rates for selected partners.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri

EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize SFY 2025 contracts, amounts, and rates for selected Aging and Adult Services partners.

STAFF CONTACT:

Melody Elston, Assistant Director of Aging and Adult Services
Babs Bradhurst, Manager of Aging Administrative Services
Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services

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SFY 2025 PROPOSED CONTRACTS
DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES

The following summary represents recommended State Fiscal Year 2025 contractors and partners for Aging and Adult Services. Final details, contract limits, and basic performance standards are outlined.

Titles III-B, III-C1, III-C2, and III-D

COMMUNITY CENTER SERVICES:

Each center provides an array of services within each contract, but specifics may vary from contract to contract. Total amounts listed are "not to exceed" values.

Cass County Council on Aging - Harrisonville Senior Center, 2400 Jefferson Pkwy, Harrisonville, MO

Table with 2 columns: Service Description and Amount. Rows include: Preparation of congregate meals, unit rate \$4.89 (43,431); Preparation & Delivery of home delivered meals, \$7.37/meal (39,365); Evidence-based DPHP programs (10,000); Administration of the center (33,000); Total Value of Contract not to exceed (\$125,796).

City of Belton, Belton Senior Center - 609 Minnie Avenue, Belton, MO

Table with 2 columns: Service Description and Amount. Rows include: Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$5.15/one-way trip (10,000); Evidence-based DPHP programs (10,000); Administration of the center (38,007); Total Value of Contract not to exceed (\$58,007).

City of Blue Springs - Vesper Hall, 400 NW Vesper, Blue Springs, MO

Table with 2 columns: Service Description and Amount. Rows include: Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$6.50/one-way trip (17,940); Preparation & Delivery of home delivered meals, unit rate \$6.77/meal (50,400); Preparation of Congregate Meals unit rate \$6.15/meal (95,000); Evidence-based DPHP programs (10,000); Administration of the center (33,000); Total Value of Contract not to exceed (\$206,340).

City of Excelsior Springs, Excelsior Springs Senior Center - 500 Tiger Drive, Excelsior Springs, MO

Table with 2 columns: Service Description and Amount. Rows include: Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$9.37/one-way trip (12,500); Evidence-based DPHP programs (10,000); Administration of the center (20,000); Total Value of Contract not to exceed (\$42,500).

City of Independence - Palmer Center, 218 N Pleasant, Independence, MO

Table with 2 columns: Service Description and Amount. Rows include: Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$6.58/one-way trip (18,365); Evidence-based DPHP programs (10,000); Frozen home delivered meal delivery, unit rate \$1.86 (26,642); Administration of the center (33,000); Total Value of Contract not to exceed (\$88,007).

City of Liberty - Liberty Silver Center, 1600 Withers Rd, Liberty, MO

Table with 2 columns: Service Description and Amount. Rows include: Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$2.89/one-way trip (15,000); Delivery of home delivered meals, unit rate \$2.93 (32,218); Home delivered meals administration of a volunteer system, \$4.19/meal (11,646); Evidence-based DPHP programs (10,000); Administration of the center (33,000); Total Value of Contract not to exceed (\$101,864).

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City of Oak Grove, Oak Grove Senior Center - 1901 Broadway, Oak Grove, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$6.50	10,140
Delivery of home delivered meals, unit rate \$3.50	12,250
Evidence-based DPHP programs	10,000
Administration of the center.....	16,500
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$48,890

Don Bosco Community Center - 580 Campbell Street, Kansas City, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$5.60/one-way trip	45,000
Preparation of congregate meals, unit rate \$7.00	156,513
Preparation of home delivered meal, unit rate \$7.05	303,150
Delivery of home delivered meals, unit rate \$3.81	163,681
Frozen home delivered meal delivery, unit rate \$1.86	21,418
Evidence-based DPHP programs	10,000
Administration of the center	60,000
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$759,762

Guadalupe Centers - 1015 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Kansas City, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$5.66/one-way trip	25,000
Preparation & Delivery of home delivered meals, unit rate \$6.10	57,486
Preparation of congregate meals, \$5.98/meal	49,928
Frozen home delivered meal delivery, unit rate \$1.86	5,650
Evidence-based DPHP programs	10,000
Administration of the center.....	55,000
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$203,064

Kearney Enrichment Council - 106 S Jefferson, Kearney, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$6.50/one-way trip	25,000
Delivery of home delivered meals, unit rate \$3.50.....	15,596
Administration of the center.....	22,000
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$62,596

Parkville Living Center - 819 Main St, Parkville, MO

Evidence-based DPHP programs	10,000
Administration of the center.....	33,000
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$43,000

Platte Senior Services, Inc. - 12200 N Ambassador, STE 104, Kansas City, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$4.96/one-way trip	25,000
Administration of the center.....	33,000
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$58,000

Ray County Fellowship Center - 1015 West Royle, Richmond, MO

Evidence-based DPHP programs	10,000
Administration of the center.....	20,000
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$30,000

Shepherd's Center of KC-Central - 9200 Ward Parkway, STE 200 Kansas City, MO

Delivery of home delivered meals, unit rate \$4.03	147,922
Frozen home delivered meal delivery, unit rate \$1.86	245,800
Evidence-based DPHP programs	10,000
Administration of the center	33,000
Total Value of Contract not to exceed.....	\$436,722

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CATERED MEALS:

Don Bosco Community Center

At Belton Senior Center, Excelsior Springs Senior Center, Kearney Senior Center, Liberty Silver Center, Oak Grove Senior Center, Palmer Senior Center, Parkville Living Center, Platte County Senior Center, and Ray County Fellowship Center at a unit rate of \$7.23 for a total congregate meal value of \$562,834 and a total home delivered meal value of \$108,255.

Guadalupe Centers

For Kansas City Shepherd’s Center at a unit rate of \$6.75 meal delivered for a total value of \$93,108.

Title III-B

NON-URBAN COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION:

This form of transportation service allows predominantly rural providers residing in Ray County to receive a variety of trips, that include medical trips, essential shopping, etc., on a reserved type system. Vehicles included in providing these trips include those with lift-ramps for clients who need assistive devices. Other services within the scope of this Non-Urban Coordinated Transportation system include delivery of frozen home-delivered meals, and transportation to and from the senior center located in Ray County.

Ray County Transportation (AKA Direct Transit)

Transportation Services	160,000
Frozen home delivered meal delivery, unit cost \$1.86	11,350
Total Value of Contract.....	\$171,350

DEMAND TRANSPORTATION:

Demand transportation is for consumer-requested destinations. Clients largely determine the time and type of trip, according to the provider’s policies and operating procedures.

Jewish Family Services

Total Value of Contract not to exceed \$250,000

City of Liberty

Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$59,287

INFORMATION & REFERRAL:

United Way 2-1-1 of Greater KC

Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$200,000

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Titles III-B and III-E

CARE MANAGEMENT (SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER):

Jewish Family Services
Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$46,500

Northland Healthcare Access
Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$10,600

Metro Lutheran Ministries
Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$23,200

Kansas City Shepherd’s Center
Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$21,200

Title III-C2

PRE-PLATED HOME DELIVERED MEALS:

Trio Community Meals is a critical partner for frozen meal services across the region, including MARC’s entire Medicaid portfolio. Currently, in lieu of a repackaging facility for MARC to deliver frozen home delivered meals, Trio will provide frozen meals to MARC’s frozen meals delivery drivers, at a meal cost of \$5.235.

Trio Community Meals
Services to be provided at \$6.259 per meal (production and delivery of Medicaid and Title IIIC2 frozen meals)
Total Estimated Value of Contract.....not to exceed \$1,857,105

Titles III-D and III-E

INTEGRATED CARE NETWORK PARTNER SERVICES:

These services include the delivery of group-based disease prevention and health promotion courses. The courses are licensed by entities approved by the Administration for Community Living and are known to improve health and other outcomes among participants. Awards include the following compensation rates, specific to evidence- based programs. Evidence-based DPHP program facilitation at \$25-300/completer Evidence-based DPHP program training at \$200-600/Leader Training

Clay County Senior Services
Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$20,000

Kansas City Quality Improvement Consortium
Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$20,000

Kearney Enrichment Council
Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$10,000

Platte County Seniors Citizens Service Fund
Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$10,000

YMCA of Greater Kansas City
Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$10,000

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Titles III-B and III-E

IN-HOME SERVICES (HOMEMAKER/PERSONAL CARE AND NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER):

All Ways Caring Home Care
Total Value of Contract not to exceed \$160,000

Help at Home
Total Value of Contract not to exceed \$39,855

Integrity
Total Value of Contract not to exceed \$141,000

*Contractual obligation of respondent requires services to be provided at or above the Medicaid rate. MoHealthNet rate adjustments may require MARC rate adjustments.

LEGAL SERVICES (SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND FAMILY CAREGIVER):

Legal Aid of Western Missouri
Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$57,433

FAMILY CAREGIVER STRUCTURED RESPITE:

Shepherd Centers of America "BreakTime Club," a short-term structured respite program designed for family caregivers, at \$26.78 per client, per hour, per session
Total Value of Contract not to exceed..... \$123,234

Titles III-B, III-C2 and III-E; CSN; VDC Programs:

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR AGING ASSESSORS:

Existing Aging Assessors will be administratively requalified according to new opportunities and any new qualification or credential requirements. Contract amounts range from \$20,000 - 100,000, depending upon the individual contractor’s historical volume of service. Total amounts listed are “not to exceed” values.

Tomeya Baker	\$20,000
Jessica Cook	\$25,000
Joedi Forquer	\$50,000
Ashley Graffam-Fizer	\$100,000
Vicki Hon	\$20,000
Alicia Horton.....	\$20,000
Chekia Jordan	\$20,000
AJ Mason.....	\$50,000
Sheryse Navarro.....	\$75,000
Amy Priest.....	\$30,000
Kathryn Schwenk	\$20,000
Renesha Thompson.....	\$15,000
Shannon Venerable.....	\$20,000

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Contract Renewals:

ALL Services Home Health Care

Financial Management Services to be provided at \$175.00 per enrollee

University of Kansas Medical Center Research Institute

Programs include a Dementia Training Room, and a CareTEXT program; each targets providing services to caregivers of dementia clients.

Total Value of Contract..... \$200,000

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MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 7t
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize contract with Palestine Senior Activity Center for senior center services funded with Senior Services Growth and Development Program funds.

BACKGROUND:

The Palestine Senior Activity Center proposal for Older American Act (OAA) funds in response to the SFY 2025 request for proposals (RFP) was not selected based on prior performance.

The Palestine Senior Activity Center offers important nutritional services in Kansas City, Missouri. Therefore, MARC offers to extend state funding from the Senior Services Growth and Development Program (SSGDP) for one year only (SFY 2025: July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025) with quarterly payments, contingent upon meeting quarterly data, reporting, and invoicing requirements. These requirements align with Older Americans Act (OAA) requirements and are positioned for Palestine to evidence improved performance should the center decide to submit a proposal to reinstate as a Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) contracted senior center for SFY 2026. The Palestine Senior Activity Center will *not* be a MARC-contracted senior center for SFY 2025 supported by OAA Funds. If submissions are incomplete or not received on time, the quarterly SSGDP payment will be forfeited. MARC staff is readily available to provide coaching and guidance whenever needed and seeks to support the success of the Palestine center.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The total SSGDP amount allocated for MARC is \$3,942,681. Fifty percent of these funds are designated for the development and expansion of the senior center programs and facilities.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$1,971,340.50
Source	SSGDP Fund (50% designated for senior centers)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Palestine Senior Activity Center	\$140,000 (\$35,000 quarterly contingent on meeting on-time reporting, data, and invoicing requirements)

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Commission on Aging considered this at its May meeting and recommended Board approval.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Jackson County, Missouri

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize agreement between MARC and the Palestine Senior Activity Center for senior center services funded with Senior Services Growth and Development Program (SSGDP) funds.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services
Babs Bradhurst, Manager of Aging Administration Services
Bethany Reyna, Nutrition Program Manager

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MARC Board of Directors

May 2024
Item No. 7u
Healthy Environment

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize \$15.3 million grant application to the US Department of Energy with school district partners to carry out energy efficiency and health improvements in schools.

BACKGROUND:

The Renew America's Schools Grant Program is designed to provide grants to make energy efficiency, renewable energy, alternative fueled vehicle upgrades, and improvements at public schools. In 2023, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) worked with Kansas City Kansas Public Schools, Kansas City, MO Public Schools, and the Independence School District to submit a highly rated application but did not receive funding. Despite this, the three districts expressed interest in seeking funds in this new round.

The US Department of Energy (DOE) aims to facilitate substantial additional investment, prioritize schools with high needs, minimize administrative burden, build enduring capacity in local educational agencies (LEAs), and assist states to maximize impact equitably and efficiently. The DOE has allocated funds from Section 40541 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and this year's grant opportunity is structured in three phases of support: planning, project design, and implementation/construction.

The school districts are identifying facilities within and around the Bistate Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor, the subject of a recently awarded US Department of Transportation planning grant. The school districts have conducted recent facility energy efficiency assessments and identified those facilities that would benefit from federally supported investments. DOE has been directed to give priority to school districts that have the following conditions:

- Renovation, repair, and improvement funding needs
- Serve a high percentage of students who are eligible for a free or reduced-price lunch (FRPL)
- Partnering local educational agencies are designated with a rural school district locale code
- Leverages private sector investment through energy-related performance contracting

MARC's Community Services Corporation, a 501c3, will serve as the applicant and the three school districts as sub-recipients. The districts will provide the necessary match for the grant funds (5% for the first \$1 million for planning and design and 25% for the \$14 million for construction projects). The grant is due on June 15, 2024.

The DOE is directed to consider the potential energy efficiency, health, and safety benefits from the proposed energy improvements. Energy improvements include school improvements, repairs, or renovations that reduce energy costs or improve teacher and student health and achieve energy savings.

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BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Phase 1: \$300,000 “prize” - MARC would pass through a portion of the funds to the three school districts to support planning work.

Phase 2: Up to \$1 million requires a 5% funding match from the districts. The funds will be passed through to the school districts or will allow MARC to cover energy audit costs for the school district buildings.

Phase 3: \$14 million, requires 25% funding match from the districts for construction costs. MARC would pass the funds through to help the districts cover the costs of their projects that will achieve the greatest energy savings.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The project will include three school districts, Kansas City, Missouri Public Schools, Independence, Missouri School District and Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools.

EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the submission of a grant application to the US Department of Energy with a consortium of three school districts for funds to carry out energy efficiency and health improvements in schools and accept and expend the funds of up to \$15.3 million, if awarded.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development

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May 2024
Item No. 7v
Healthy Environment

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize contract with Evergy in the amount of \$81,000 to implement year two of the pilot urban heat island reduction initiative.

BACKGROUND:

In 2023, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Board of Directors approved a \$100,000 contract for MARC to coordinate implementation of a pilot heat island reduction program in eight neighborhoods in northeast Kansas City, Missouri. The effort was built from strategies in the Regional Climate Action Plan and Evergy will carry out this program over a four-year period.

During the past year, MARC coordinated engagement with regional and local stakeholders, facilitated heat island modeling efforts between the University of Missouri, Kansas City (UMKC), University of Kansas (KU) and Evergy, and provided significant input into Evergy's filing submission with the Public Service Commission to approve the program. This program is within a larger suite of energy efficiency program incentives and rebates proposed under the Missouri Energy Efficiency Improvement Act.

In the coming year, MARC will continue to coordinate stakeholder engagement efforts, pursue additional funding opportunities to broaden program impacts, and organize efforts with area universities. University partners will support scenario-based modeling to assess the effectiveness of different strategies, and develop an evaluation, monitoring and verification framework to support program activities. For this year, \$20,000 is allocated to support related project activities by KU, and \$2,500 is allocated for consulting support for community engagement efforts from the Hoxie Collective or other firms.

This effort is expected to focus on one or more neighborhoods along the Independence Avenue corridor in Kansas City, Missouri to ensure a high level of environmental justice benefit while also creating an opportunity to leverage other significant federal transportation funds. As the project matures, opportunities to scale and/or replicate project strategies will be pursued.

What is an urban heat island?

An urban heat island is a metropolitan area that's a lot warmer than the rural areas surrounding it. In Kansas City, that difference may be up to seven degrees during the hot summer months. Increased heat, which will be exacerbated by climate change, poses significant challenges related to energy conservation, public health, public safety, air quality and more. Common mitigation strategies include tree planting, white and green roofs, alternatively colored pavement materials, and land use strategies to reduce parking areas and street widths.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$81,000
Source	Evergy contract
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$56,206
Contractual (KU, Hoxie Collective)	\$22,500
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	2,294

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RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Neighborhoods along the Independence Avenue corridor in Kansas City, Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an agreement with Evergy for an amount not to exceed \$81,000 to develop a pilot urban heat island reduction program in the urban core of Kansas City, Missouri.

STAFF CONTACT:

Tom Jacobs, Chief Resilience Officer and Environmental Programs Director