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## OPEN MEETING NOTICE

### KANSAS STP PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

May 9, 2024

9:30 AM

**This meeting will be held in a hybrid in-person/virtual format from the Westview Room in the MARC offices at 600 Broadway, Suite 200 in Kansas City, Missouri, 64105 and online via Zoom.**

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### AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve the February 8, 2024, Meeting Summary\*
3. Status of the Current Program/KDOT Updates\*  
*Discussion of program balances and programmed project status*  
*Consideration of a program modification request from the City of DeSoto for the 83<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge project programmed for 2024. Please reference the attached letter.*
4. 2024 Programming Update
5. CRP & CMAQ Committee Options Update
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

\* Action Items

Next Scheduled Meeting: August 8, 2024

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# DE SOTO

KANSAS

April 11, 2024

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**83<sup>RD</sup> STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT  
TTP NO. 341004**

Marc,

The City of De Soto would like to request the 83<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge Project funding be pushed back to 2026. The requirement to meet the minimum height clearance over the railroad has added additional complexity to the current design and will have a significant cost impact to the project.

The city continues to work with KDOT and BNSF to see if there is some flexibility in reducing the minimum height requirement at the same time submitting for additional federal funding through the current call for projects.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Joe C. Johnson, P.E.  
Director of Public Works/City Engineer  
City of De Soto, KS

**Kansas STP Priorities Committee**  
**May 9, 2024**  
**Meeting Summary**

<b>Voting Members Present:</b>		<b>Voting Members (continued)</b>	
Basehor	Vernon Fields	Shawnee	
Bonner Springs	Mark Lee	Spring Hill	
De Soto		Tonganoxie	
Gardner	Tim McEldowney	Johnson County	Ryan Sims (alt.)
Kansas City		Leavenworth County	Tom Cole (alt.)
Lansing	Mike Spickelmier	Miami County	
Leavenworth		Wyandotte County	
Leawood	Brian Scovill (alt.)	FHWA (Ex Officio)	
Lenexa		KCATA	
Merriam	Celia Kumke, Vice Chair	KDOT	Allison Smith
Mission		Bike/Ped Com Rep.	
Olathe	Nate Baldwin, Chair	Destination Safe Rep.	
Overland Park		Goods Movement Rep.	
Paola		Highway Com Rep.	
Prairie Village		RTCC Rep.	
Roeland Park	Donnie Scharff		
<b>MARC Staff:</b>	<b>Other Attendees:</b>	<b>Other Attendees (continued):</b>	
Marc Hansen	Basehor: Krystal Voth	Art Gough	
Ron Achelpohl	Lansing: Tim Vandall	Affinis: Mark Hoppe	
Megan Broll	Shawnee: Kevin Manning	BHC: Randy Gorton	
Beth Dawson	Westwood: John Sullivan	HNTB: Brent Gerard	
Raymart Dinglas	UG Wyandotte County and Kansas City,	JEO Consulting Group: David Nolte	
Martin Rivarola	KS: Gunnar Hand	Lamp Rynearson: Ben Sinnett	
Patrick Trouba			
Ray Webb			

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Nate Baldwin called the meeting to order, welcomed attendees, and asked new committee members to introduce themselves.

**2. Approval of Meeting Summary**

Celia Kumke moved to approve the February 8, 2024 Meeting Summary as presented, and Vernon Fields seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**3. Status of the Current Program/KDOT Updates**

MARC Principal Planner Marc Hansen updated the committee on 2024 programmed projects; Operation Green Light (OGL) and Basehor have obligated their projects, and Bonner Springs, Leawood, and Olathe/Johnson County appear to be on track. KCATA is coordinating with KDOT to transfer their State Avenue project to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The remaining project in the 2024 program is for the 83<sup>rd</sup> St Bridge Replacement in De Soto, which was originally deferred from 2023. The ending balance for the 2024 program is almost \$190,000; however, De Soto has requested to defer the project a second time due to legal issues with the railroad that goes under the bridge. The original plan for the bridge was to replace it at the same height as the existing bridge, but the railroad has since required that the bridge be higher to accommodate double stacking railroad cars, consequently requiring a redesign and higher costs. De Soto requested to keep their funding commitment but move forward in the schedule to at least FFY 2026 in order to meet the new needs of the project. If approved, the 2024 program would need to be adjusted to account for the \$1.5m previously programmed for the De Soto project.

Mr. Hansen shared potential options for spending down the 2024 balance, noting that funding new projects and moving through the TIP amendment process would push obligations into the end of summer or later. The committee could alternatively approve an administrative modification, which does not require a TIP amendment and can add funding to existing projects at 25% or less of their existing federal funds. Mr. Hansen noted the

Olathe/Johnson County project (Blackbob, 159<sup>th</sup> to 167<sup>th</sup>) requested \$4.6m and is currently funded at \$3.1m, and is the only one of the remaining projects that was not funded at 100% of its original request; the project could add up to \$775,000 as an administrative modification. Although the remaining projects were funded at 100% of their original requests, they could also take on additional dollars from an administrative modification. The Leawood project could take on an additional \$940,000; as discussed at the previous meeting, costs have increased on this project and as a result it was split into two projects (one federally funded and one not federally funded; administrative modification funds would be applied to the federally funded project). The KCATA project could take an additional \$200,000, and Bonner Springs could take an additional \$680,000.

Mark Lee moved to approve moving the De Soto 83rd Street Bridge project in the amount of \$1.5m to FFY 2026. Vernon Fields seconded the motion, and the motion passed. The committee discussed funding options for reprogramming the balance for 2024, and Leawood expressed they may not be able to meet obligation deadlines for the year so would instead look to future funding opportunities. Vernon Fields moved to make an administrative modification to obligate \$775,000 to the Olathe/Johnson County project (Blackbob, 159<sup>th</sup> to 167<sup>th</sup>), \$200,000 to the KCATA project (State Avenue), and \$525,000 to the Bonner Springs project (138<sup>th</sup> St). Celia Kumke seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

#### **4. 2024 Programming Update**

Marc Hansen shared that the Suballocated Federal Fund Phase I Call for Projects received requests at about three times the amount of available funding, and shared the rates of different project types submitted. Staff and modal planning committees have reviewed the alignment status of projects to the long range transportation plan, and the Phase II call for technical applications will open in June. Mr. Hansen shared next steps, including funding allocations in September-October, release for public review in December, and anticipated approval of funding recommendations by the Total Transportation Policy Committee (TPPC) and MARC Board of Directors in January of 2025. The committee will be informed of any need for a special meeting outside of the standard committee schedule.

#### **5. CRP & CMAQ Committee Options Update**

A work group consisting of members from multiple programming committees met to develop recommendations for programming Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) and Congestion Air Quality Mitigation (CMAQ) funds. CRP funds were previously programming through an ad hoc committee, and CMAQ funds were spread across several committees; the work group suggested establishing a new committee to address the program management of these funds. Mr. Hansen shared some of the current structure issues and potential options considered by the work group. This recommendation will be reported to the TPPC on May 21, and the committee is anticipated to be established over the summer of 2024. The impact on the KS STP Priorities Committee is that it would no longer program for traffic flow under CMAQ, and committee members may be invited to participate on the new committee. Chair Baldwin was thanked for his participation on the work group.

#### **6. Other Business**

The Planning Sustainable Places 2025 Call for Projects was opened on May 1, and a preapplication workshop will be held May 16. The MARC Regional Leadership Awards will be held on June 14, 2024.

#### **7. Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

#### **Next Meeting:**

August 8, 2024