

SUSTAINABLE PLACES POLICY COMMITTEE

August 9, 2024 Meeting Summary

Committee Members

Mayor Dean Katerndahl, Parkville, MO Co-chair
Councilmember Logan Heley, Overland Park, KS Co-chair
Jon Birkel, Hunt Midwest
Maddie Bouton, Basehor, KS
Michael Frisch, UMKC
Janet McRae, Miami County, KS
Erin Ollig, Overland Park, KS
Michael Park, Lee's Summit, MO
Allison Smith, KDOT

Guests

Adair Bright, Lee's Summit, MO	Wes Minder, Platte County, MO
Shelie Daniel, Kearney, MO	James Molloy, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
AJ Farris, KCATA	Sam Moon, Osawatomie, KS
John Findlay, Liberty, MO	Aimee Nassif, Lee's Summit, MO
DJ Gehrt, Platte City, MO	Spencer Norman, UMKC
Lauren Grashoff, Shawnee, KS	Drew Pearson, Wilson & Co
Julie Hurley, Leavenworth, KS	Hannah Poe, TranSystems
Krystal Jolly, MoDOT	Christina Stanton, Harrisonville, MO
Cathy Justice, Bridging the Gap	Justus Welker, Johnson County Transit
Karie Kneller, Mission, KS	Ashley Winchell, Wilson & Co
Mark Lee, Bonner Springs, KS	Deanne Winkelmann, TranSystems
Brett Maasen, Overland Park, KS	Juan Yin, MoDOT
Shannon McGuire, Lee's Summit MO	
Sherri McIntyre, Liberty, MO	

MARC Staff Present

Beth Dawson, Ron Achelpohl, Megan Broll, Taylor Cunningham, Frank Lenk, Marlene Nagel, Martin Rivarola, Cy Smith, Patrick Trouba, Anna Van Brunt

Welcome and Introductions

Missouri Co-Chair Mayor Dean Katerndahl called the meeting to order. Introductions in-person and online followed.

Approval of July 12, 2024 Meeting Summary*

Kansas Co-Chair Logan Heley called for any additions or corrections to the meeting summary draft; none were suggested. Jon Birkel motioned to accept the meeting summary, Janet McRae seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting summary was approved.

Regional Control Total Forecast Presentation

Director of Research Service Frank Lenk shared data from the latest Census Bureau population estimates, noting the pattern of decline inward and growth out does not match what we saw during the last decade. The three-year period included Covid and it's unclear if the declining population in the center of the region would be a long-term trend.

The prior draft forecast's net economic migration was too low and net international migration was too high, so adjustments were made to align more consistently with historical trends. Mr. Lenk discussed other refining details, including slightly more population growth (but still an overall decline), and a spike of population and employment in the current five-year period due to low values in 2020 and the impact of the Panasonic plant. Next steps include evaluating age, sex, and race/ethnicity of the region, employment rates by industry, and forecasts that evaluate demographic information of heads of households. This information can be incorporated into models to evaluate distribution of activity in the region, and how it has changed since covid.

2025 Planning Sustainable Places Programming Discussion

In advance of the meeting, Planning Sustainable Places applicants were provided with a scoring report and allowed an opportunity to address any scoring concerns, as well as to prioritize projects if an applicant submitted more than one project for consideration. Public engagement was much higher than in previous years, with two projects receiving over 150 public comments. Committee members received a workbook of these applications including applicant name, project title and type, final score, number of public comments, and amount of federal funding requested for Kansas and Missouri. Principal Planner Beth Dawson reviewed the workbook with the committee, sharing three potential funding scenarios for the committee to consider based on project type, score, and minimum funding amounts. Ms. Dawson also welcomed project applicants in attendance to answer any questions brought up during committee discussion.

Maddie Bouton of Basehor clarified the prioritization of the city's two projects, with the Basehor Reimagined Active Transportation Plan Town Center Trail and Recreation project ranking above the Basehor Reimagined Active Transportation Plan. Ms. Bouton confirmed that funding the Town Center Trail project at \$34,000 would be sufficient and would not negatively impact the project's scope. The Forgotten Homes and Independence Plaza Study from Kansas City, MO noted it was scalable in the project application (with the ability to focus on one neighborhood instead of two) but listed its minimum funding amount as the same as its maximum request (\$150,000). No representative from Kansas City was present at the meeting to answer questions. This was the second highest scoring project in Missouri.

The committee proposed funding the highest scoring project for Kansas at 100% of the requested amount, with 90% awarded to remaining projects (unless 90% violates the minimum requested amount, at which point the minimum is awarded; the Basehor Town Center Trail and Recreation project would be funded at 34,000 as discussed).

In Missouri, the top scoring project would receive 100% funding, the next four high scoring projects would receive 90% funding, Liberty's top priority Leonard/Lightburne Multimodal and Reconstruction Study would receive its minimum of \$125,000, and the Harrisonville Downtown Area Traffic and Parking Study would receive \$99,000. Parkville's Sidewalk Gap Inventory and Rating Plan and the two remaining projects from Liberty would not receive any funding.

Beth Dawson will confirm with applicants if and how proposed funding amounts will affect the project scope. This draft will be brought before the committee again in September to provide any additional information and confirm recommendations, and then be submitted to the Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) and MARC Board.

Other Business

Bruce Katz will be presenting “Kansas City and the New Economic Order” August 29th at 10am at the Kaufman Foundation.

The next SPPC meeting will be on September 13th. Co-Chair Katerndahl adjourned the meeting.