



Board of Directors MEETING NOTICE

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

October 22, 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 marcinfo@marc.org by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, for instructions to join the teleconference.

AGENDA

1. Brief Self-Introductions
2. EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION AND QUALITY PLACES
 - a. REPORT: Bistate Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor Update
3. COMPETITIVE ECONOMY
 - a. VOTE/REPORT: Adopt Kansas City Region total population, households and employment forecasts for use in the update to Connected KC 2050.
4. HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT
 - a. VOTE/REPORT: Approve the FY2025 Memorandum of Understanding with the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District.
5. BRIEF REPORTS
 - a. VOTE/REPORT: Adopt the 2025 State Policy Agenda
 - Resources for Kansas and Missouri Home Rule Authority
 - b. REPORT: Kansas City 2026 World Cup Planning Update
6. Executive Director's Report

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

7. VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda
 - a. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the September 24, 2024, Board Meeting
 - b. VOTE: Approve the Mid-America Community Support Network Contract with Jewish Family Services to render services under the Mid-America Community Support Network.
 - c. VOTE: Authorize renewal of a contract with Rita Parker for cooperative purchasing coordination services for the Kansas City Regional Purchasing Cooperative.
 - d. VOTE: Authorize a grant application to the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to support the development of a Community Childcare Exchange.
 - e. VOTE: Authorize an agreement with Platform Civic Strategies in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 with an initial term of six months.
 - f. VOTE: Authorize application to the Marion and Henry Bloch Family Foundation to continue funding for the Regional Housing Partnership.
 - g. VOTE: Approve a one-year contract amendment with Syniverse to provide connectivity between two 911 system router locations in an amount of \$85,420.



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- h. VOTE: Authorize an agreement for consultant services to assist the Destination Safe Coalition in the development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.
- i. VOTE: FFY23-24 Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Project Funding Recommendations.
- j. VOTE: Approve the 2024 4th Quarter Amendment to the 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program.
- k. VOTE: Authorize agreement with Sarann Auto Leasing and Rental for leasing of agency vehicles.
- l. VOTE: Authorize the Mid-America Regional Council to enter into an agreement with ADP to acquire and implement a human resources information system.
- m. VOTE: Authorize grant application to the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency to support the Mid-America Missouri Local Emergency Planning District.
- n. VOTE: Authorize a contract with Metropolitan Energy Center for \$205,184 to support the implementation of the City of Kansas City, Missouri updated energy code through educational programming.

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
Fricker, Scott	Platte County	Presiding Commissioner
<i>Vacant</i>	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
Willett, Nathan	Kansas City, MO	Councilmember
Wood, Dagmar	Platte County	Commissioner

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

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MARC Board of Directors

October 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.

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MARC Board of Directors

October 2024

Item No. 2a

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

REPORT: Bistate Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor Update

BACKGROUND:

The passage of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) has created new opportunities for federal investment in a wide range of community infrastructure needs across the nation. Under the leadership of Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, II and Congresswoman Sharice Davids, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is supporting efforts among the cities of Independence, MO, Kansas City, MO, Sugar Creek, MO and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS along with the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) to coordinate development of a bistate corridor connecting key activity centers and promising neighborhoods in need of reinvestment and mobility services along State and Independence Avenues from Village West in Wyandotte County to Truman Square in Independence.

MARC has received a \$5.6 million RAISE grant through USDOT to develop an implementation plan to invest in coordinated, comprehensive transportation, housing, workforce, broadband, green infrastructure, public safety and economic development strategies to support equitable growth and redevelopment of promising but disadvantaged neighborhoods along the corridor. New resources will accelerate the implementation of extensive community-based plans that have already been conducted throughout the corridor. Focused investment along and connected to this corridor will enhance its capacity to catalyze growth and opportunity throughout the Kansas City area using sustainable strategies.

The first phase of this planning work is now underway, and a public meeting is scheduled for 5:30-7:00 PM on October 29, 2024, at the Blend Well Cafe, 10725 East U.S. 24 Highway Independence, MO 64054. More information about the project is available at: <https://www.marc.org/bi-state-sustainable-reinvestment-corridor>

Staff will provide more information about the initiative at the meeting.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) first received a briefing on the project in March of 2022.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Wyandotte County in Kansas and Jackson County in Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

October 2024
Item No. 3a
Competitive Economy

ISSUE:

REPORT/VOTE: Adopt Kansas City Region total population, households, and employment forecasts for use in the update to Connected KC 2050.

BACKGROUND:

One of the most important inputs that feed the travel demand models used in the Connected KC 2050 metropolitan transportation plan (MTP) is the projection of the number of people and jobs expected in the region by 2050. These forecasts generate the total amount of growth available to be distributed to small areas like communities, census tracts and transportation analysis zones (TAZs), and so are known as “control totals.”

This forecast is derived by inputting the latest forecasts of the nation’s population and employment from the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics into the Mid-America Regional Council’s (MARC) regional economic modeling software, REMI. The national forecasts show the U.S. growing significantly slower than prior forecasts, mainly due to declining fertility rates. Because the Kansas City region sits within this national context, it is also projected to grow more slowly than in the forecasts adopted in June 2020.

MARC staff presented an initial draft of the control total forecasts for the Kansas City region and the assumptions underlying it in April. This forecast was reviewed by the Technical Forecast Committee, and several modifications were made, including incorporating the impact of the new Panasonic plant on the region’s economy, accounting for some additional onshoring of manufacturing and modestly increasing the region’s net migration assumptions. Also, a forecast of households was added, based on the projected age structure of the population and the percentage of each age group expected to form a household. Finally, the REMI forecast was converted from its standard 14-county Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) forecast to a forecast for the MARC 9-county region.

Based on these modifications, the following forecast resulted:

MARC 9-County Region	Population and Household Forecast				Change, 2020-2050
	2020 Census	2030	2040	2050	
Total Employment	1,012,282	1,154,750	1,200,778	1,254,914	242,632
Total Population	2,103,419	2,244,005	2,348,648	2,453,637	350,218
Household Population	2,072,312	2,212,898	2,317,541	2,422,530	350,218
Households	833,443	922,780	989,622	1,040,303	206,860
Persons per household	2.49	2.4	2.34	2.33	-0.16

Staff will present the forecasts, as well as some of the key assumptions underlying them.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The overall level of population and employment growth affects the demand for public services and housing. It is the most important determinant of how much travel demand will likely increase. It also affects the level of resources available locally to provide public services and implement planned transportation improvements.

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COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Technical Forecast Committee and the Total Transportation Policy Committee have recommended this forecast be adopted for use in the update to Connected KC 2050.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Kansas City Region total population, households and employment forecasts for use in the update to Connected KC 2050.

STAFF CONTACT:

Frank Lenk, Director of Research Services

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

October 2024
Item No. 4a
Healthy Environment

ISSUE:

VOTE/REPORT: Approve the FY2025 Memorandum of Understanding with the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has provided administration, planning and financial services to the MARC Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) since its inception. The district is required by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to competitively procure these planning services every five years. In compliance with state requirements, the district conducted a formal competitive bid for administrative and planning services. The district executive board formally selected MARC as its administrative contractor on September 20, 2023 for the period from 2024 - 2028.

Each year, MARC then renews its Memorandum of Understanding with the District to implement the agreed upon work plan for the coming year. The District Board approved the Work Plan and Budget and authorized the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding for 2025 at its October 16, 2024, meeting.

MARC serves as the fiscal agent for the district’s allocation, interest income funds, and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program funds. MARC will manage special projects as approved by the district’s executive board, such as regional education and regional solid waste planning, to utilize these funds. MARC also administers the district grant program and the HHW program.

Staff will provide an overview of the District’s recent accomplishments and a preview of their upcoming work plan, including an update on the Regional Solid Waste Strategy planning process.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The Memorandum of Understanding provides \$698,812 from the annual allocation to compensate MARC for services provided to the district. The budget will support approximately 3.3 FTE MARC staff.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$698,812
Source	District allocation
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$511,624
Contractual	\$95,000
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$92,188

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts the Missouri counties of the MARC region.

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COMMITTEE ACTION:

The district's executive board approved the FY25 MARC SWMD Work Plan & Budget and Memorandum of Understanding at its meeting on October 16, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the executive director to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the MARC Solid Waste Management District, accept and administer funds, and disperse payments as described above.

STAFF CONTACT:

Dianna Bryant, Solid Waste Management Program Manager
Tom Jacobs, Chief Resilience Officer and Environmental Programs Director
Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

October 2024
Item No. 5a
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

VOTE: Adopt the 2025 State Policy Agenda

BACKGROUND:

Annually, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Board adopts a state policy agenda. The adopted policy has allowed the organization to respond to policy issues, specific legislation or proposed rules during the legislative session that might affect the Kansas City region. MARC does not lobby directly for specific bills in the legislatures, but often works with community partners to share information with state officials to help inform decision-making.

The 2025, the policy agenda areas include:

- Local Government Authority
- Efficient Transportation
- Healthy Environment
- Quality Early Learning
- Economic Development
- Broadband Infrastructure and Access
- Affordable Housing
- Safe, Secure, and Healthy Communities
- Thriving Older Adults and Communities

Due to previous board discussion, MARC staff will also provide resources regarding home rule authority in Kansas and Missouri.

EXHIBITS:

2025 State Policy Agenda

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the 2025 State Policy Agenda

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development

RESOURCES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY

The Mid-America Regional Council, along with local governments and others in the Kansas City area support the ability of local governments, school districts and other special districts governed by local elected officials to make decisions for their communities, particularly tax and revenue decisions, to ensure efficient, effective and quality operations, infrastructure and other investments. This paper summarizes the basis of local government authority and resources to assess recent trends toward state pre-emption of this important local capacity.

HOME RULE

“The Principles of Home Rule for the Twenty-First Century are organized around four interrelated propositions: home rule should reinforce the breadth of authority local governments need to solve the range of challenges they face; home rule should advance the critical value of local fiscal authority; home rule should ensure that states have sufficiently strong reason to displace local authority; and home rule should respect the central importance of local democracy.” NLC 2020, p. 24

“Home rule” is defined as limited autonomy or self-government granted by a central or regional government to its dependent political units. It has been a feature of state and municipal government in the United States since 1875, where state constitutions frequently have been amended to confer general or specifically enumerated self-governing powers on cities and towns, and sometimes on counties and townships.

In the US, local governments are considered “creatures of the State” as well as subdivisions of the State; and as such, are dependent upon the State for their existence, structure, and scope of powers. State legislatures have plenary power over the local units of government they create, limited only by such restrictions they have imposed upon themselves by state law or in their state constitutions, most notably home rule provisions. In an opinion in 1868, the Iowa Supreme Court expressed this philosophy of statutory construction to reflect this rule of dependency in what became known as “Dillon’s Rule” or the Dillon Rule (named for the justice who wrote the decision). The U.S. Supreme Court also expressed this philosophy in *Hunter v. Pittsburgh*, 207 U.S. 161 (1907).

Dillon’s Rule states a local government has only those powers granted in express words, those powers necessarily or fairly implied in the statutory grant, and those powers essential to the accomplishment of the declared objects and purposes of the local unit. Any fair, reasonable, or substantial doubt concerning the existence of power is resolved by the courts against the local government.

In contrast, under home rule, local governments have all powers except for those expressly prohibited by the State or those which conflict with state statute. This difference in the source of a local government's powers is the central difference between Dillon's Rule states and home rule states.

Kansas

Adopted by voters in the 1960 general election and taking effect July 1, 1961, Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution authorized cities to be "empowered to determine their local affairs and government," thus significantly altering the relationship between the State and its municipal governments. After July 1, 1961, cities were no longer dependent upon specific enabling acts of the Legislature. The key constitutional language contained in Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution, reflects the broad scope of the grant of home rule power for Kansas cities.

"Statutory Home Rule Grant for Counties was enacted by statute in 1974. The County Home Rule Act provides that "the board of county commissioners may transact all county business and perform all powers of local legislation and administration it deems appropriate." subject only to the limits, restrictions, and prohibitions listed in the Act (KSA 2019 Supp. 19-101a). The major distinction between county home rule and city home rule is that county home rule is granted by statute, whereas the city home rule is granted directly by the people.

Source: Kansas Legislative Research Department [Home Rule – KLRD](#)

Missouri

Missouri allows for Home Rule for cities and counties through state statute, the state constitution and Dillon's Rule. In 1971, Missouri amended its Constitution to allow cities powers which the general assembly has authorized provided such powers are consistent with the State Constitution and are not limited by either a locally adopted charter or state statute.

PREEMPTION

Preemption is the use of state law to nullify a municipal ordinance or authority. State preemption can span many policy areas including environmental regulation, firearm use and labor laws. The National League of Cities 2017 report identifies recent Missouri preemption for local authority around minimum wage and paid leave laws, municipal broadband, ridesharing and tax and expenditure limits. Kansas similarly limits wage and paid leave laws and tax and expenditure limits. These limits occur either by statutory or constitutional law. In some cases, court rulings have forced cities to roll back ordinances already in place. Tax and Expenditure Limits (TEL) have been burdensome for local governments in limiting the ability of cities and counties to raise revenues, spend taxes or both. Missouri and Kansas both have some form of property tax limitations.

UNFUNDED MANDATES

An unfunded mandate is when a local government must perform certain actions or offer certain programs but doesn't receive any or adequate state or federal funds to carry out the required responsibilities. Examples of unfunded mandates put in place by states include requirements around election policies and practices, provision of information requested by the public at no or modest charge, and law enforcement and court practices.

Missouri Municipal League policy opposes unfunded mandates and provide for reimbursement to cities for direct costs of compliance with state laws, policies, regulations and standards that impose additional costs and responsibilities on local governments, pursuant to the Missouri Constitution (Article X, Section 21) commonly referred to as the “Hancock Amendment.”

Kansas League of Municipalities 2024 Policy [2024 state statement of muni.pdf \(ymaws.com\)](#)

Consistent with the Home Rule Amendment of the Kansas Constitution approved by voters, KLM supports local elected officials making decisions for their communities, particularly tax and revenue decisions.

Missouri Association of Counties 2023 Policy www.mocounties.com/legislative-priorities

County governments are first-line providers of service to residents and their communities, and many of the services provided by the county are mandated by state law. These mandated services are often unfunded or underfunded, which drives costs up for counties in carrying out the mandated services.

RESOURCES

National League of Cities, 2020: [Home-Rule-Principles-ReportWEB-2-1.pdf \(nlc.org\)](#) The report provides historical background on home rule for states.

National League of Cities

[What You Need to Know About Preemption - National League of Cities \(nlc.org\)](#)

[How States Preempt Local Laws - National League of Cities \(nlc.org\)](#)

One of the most visible challenges city policymakers are facing today are states that preempt their lawmaking abilities.

[Exploring the Impacts of Preemption - National League of Cities \(nlc.org\) 2021](#)

The 2021 state legislative sessions resulted in [over 400 preemption bills](#) according to the Local Solutions Support Center. While case-by-case evidence suggests that preemption impedes economic, social and racial equity and local innovation, there has not been much research linking preemption to harmful local outcomes. To better understand the impacts of preemption on government and community outcomes, NLC

engaged with researchers from Michigan State University and University of Memphis to explore these connections. The researchers used a [new preemption dataset](#) that NLC developed with the Policy Surveillance Program at Temple University. Preemptions that limit how cities raise revenue, called Tax and Expenditure Limitations (TEs), are some of the oldest and most prevalent preemptions. Erika Rosebrook of Michigan State University investigated [how local service capacity](#) is affected by these types of revenue-raising restrictions.

[The Changing Landscape of Preemption - National League of Cities \(nlc.org\)](#) Feb 2022

To better understand preemption changes and their impacts on local policies, NLC, in partnership with the Policy Surveillance Program (PSP) of Temple University's Center for Public Health Law Research, tracked and analyzed proposed preemption bills and passed laws. These bills and laws fall into 12 policy areas including firearms, rent control, paid leave, municipal broadband, inclusionary zoning, Ban the Box and six common tax and expenditure limits (TEs). NLC worked with national partners to develop a state-by-state analysis of legislative actions to limit local government authority. The 2019 database is available through NLC.

[Empowering Local Authority: Advocating for Responsible Preemption - National League of Cities \(nlc.org\)](#)

[This report outlines steps that cities and support organizations might take to address preemption by state legislatures.](#)

The National Association of Counties has state summaries outlining home rule authority, powers of local counties, revenue sources and other information. Kansas:

https://www.naco.org/sites/default/files/event_attachments/DRAFT_Kansas_012022.pdf

Missouri: [DRAFT_Missouri_012022.pdf \(naco.org\)](#)

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

October 2024
Item No. 5b
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

REPORT: Kansas City 2026 World Cup Planning Update

BACKGROUND:

The Kansas City 2026 World Cup will be the biggest sporting event in history that will have a magnitude to reach every community in our region. In August, the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) hosted briefing events on the most recent developments for regional planning and coordination for local leaders surrounding transportation for key event venues, regional coordination for safety and security, and information pertinent to local tourism events. MARC staff will continue to provide a brief update on key issues discussed that are of particular interest to local governments and MARC.

Any jurisdiction that is interested in staying up to date should visit the official [KC2026 website](#).

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

[MARC Member Portal](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm, Executive Director

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment

Erin Lynch, Emergency Services and Homeland Security Program Director

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MARC Board of Directors

October 2024
Item No. 7a

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve minutes of the September 24, 2024, Board meeting

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the September 24, 2024, meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the September 24, 2024, meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm, Executive Director
McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant

MARC

MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY
SEPTEMBER 24, 2024
12:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO - MARC Board 2nd Vice Chair
Council member Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS - Treasurer
Mayor John Bacon, Olathe, KS
Council member Eric Bunch, Kansas City, MO
Commissioner Tom Burroughs, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
Commissioner Jeff Culbertson, Leavenworth County, KS
Council member Johnathan Duncan, Kansas City, MO
Commissioner Becky Fast, Johnson County, MO
Council member Jared Fears, Independence, MO
Commissioner Scott Fricker, Platte County, MO
Council member Logan Heley, Overland Park, KS
Victor Hurlbert, Auditor, Clay County, MO
Legislator DaRon McGee, Jackson County, MO
Mayor Eric Mikkelson, Prairie Village, KS
Commissioner Christian Ramirez, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
Commissioner Rob Roberts, Miami County, KS
Mayor Mickey Sandifur, Shawnee, KS
Commissioner Doug Smith, Leavenworth County, KS
Mayor Tom Stephens, Bonner Springs, KS
Mayor Kris Turnbow, Raymore, MO
Mayor Rick Walker, De Soto, KS

STAFF PRESENT

Executive Director David Warm and other MARC staff

OTHERS

Council Member Inas Younis, Overland Park, KS
David Rowe, Enterprise KC

INTRODUCTIONS AND BOARD SHARING TIME

Mayor Damien Boley called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed attendees. Due to the meeting being held remotely and in-person, Mayor Boley provided instructions for participation. He 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.

VOTE: Approve the 2024-2029 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Lisa Danbury, Small Cities Program Manager, request approval of the 2024-2029 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy that has been recommended for approval by the Regional Workforce Intelligence Network (RWIN). The Mid-America Regional Council

(MARC) formed an economic development district (EDD) in the early 2000's and a CEDS plan is required every 5 years in order for the region to maintain its EDD status. The CEDS purpose is to identify strategies and investments to increase economic competitiveness, strengthen economic and environmental resiliency and support inclusive prosperity. And the plan itself contains demographic and economic analyses, a SWOT analysis of the region, policy framework with goals, objectives, strategies and action steps that are aligned with other regional plans and initiatives, and performance metrics.

The policy framework of the CEDS plan focuses on five key areas: business, innovation and entrepreneurship, people, place, and leadership, resilience, and equity. Ms. Danbury highlighted key strategic actions of each key area.

Business: Focus on steps to support robust and emerging traded sectors, including efforts to enable existing businesses to grow and for the region to attract new firms. And encourage steps to increase the region's economic position relative to the nation and peer metros.

Innovation & entrepreneurship: The region's entrepreneurs need better access to investor funding and increased support from the area's established companies to fully achieve their growth potential. Leverage current assets to further strengthen the region's pipeline with research institutions is needed.

People: Build a skilled workforce designed to meet the needs of business and to create economic opportunity for residents. Ensure that the region can develop, attract and retain the talent needed to increase the region's pace of innovation and sustain inclusive growth. Acknowledge that the increasing diversity of the region's population poses opportunities and challenges to develop the human capital necessary to meet these needs.

Place: Invest in vital infrastructure to support economic growth, create vibrant places and a resilient region and increase access to opportunity.

Leadership, resilience, and equity: Strengthen local governments and other public and civic institutions throughout the Kansas City region to address social equity, economic resiliency and climate resiliency.

Ms. Danbury noted that this document is updated year to year as new projects come underway and the MARC team will happily share those updates as they come. The full report can be found on the MARC website.

Mayor Turnbow asked if he could speak to someone after the board meeting about data centers and their effect on local governments and the community at large. Mr. Frank Lenk acknowledged the request to follow up with Mayor Turnbow.

Commissioner Rob Roberts asked what happens after the EDA accepts the CEDS plan and who will be the champion for implementation across the region. Mr. David Warm said that this plan aggregates the plans and strategies that are already in place around the region and deeply looks at economic data and trends for the region. The plan tries to articulate areas that communities could develop more intentional systems and where those existing plans and strategies could be utilized. By using tools like the pending Kansas City Economic Playbook that KC Rising is developing with Bruce Katz, each community can champion the work in their own way while using region wide tools. Ms. Danbury also pointed out that if there are any projects the region wants to pursue federal EDA funding for, those projects need to be elaborated in this CEDS Plan so this adoption needs to be broad enough to encompass all communities but flexible enough to include projects that may not be fully fleshed out yet.

REPORT: Briefing on the draft 2025 State Policy Agenda

Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development, reminded the board that each year, MARC seeks input from the board on the contents of the State Policy agenda. While MARC does not have an active role in lobbying, we use this policy document to respond to proposals that come forward from our community or MARC can use it to make comments or educate legislators on issues. The team recognizes that it is a consensus document and many of the issues come forward from our regional committees or regional stakeholders and that it does not necessarily represent the viewpoint of any specific board member. Many of these issues were also on our 2024 State Policy Agenda and continue to be issues of concern. Ms. Nagel

then outlined key policy positions in content categories and began with local government authority. MARC seeks to ensure that local governments have the authority to serve their communities, residents, and businesses and that they are not further restricted by legislation or regulation from being able to use their resources for the good of their communities.

Transportation: Support maintenance of existing transportation funding programs and expansion of multi-modal transportation funding, including for public transit and active transportation. And continue to strengthen policies and funding to address transportation safety because we are seeing an increase in the number and severity of crashes.

Climate adaptation: Encourage greater investment in energy conservation, renewable energy and energy-efficient technologies, specifically the state of Missouri has a large Department of Energy grant called Solar of All that MARC is encouraging the state to invest that program into the Kansas City Region. Secondly, support policies and regulations that enable local governments to address solid waste and recycling. Encourage the development of plans and investments in infrastructure to protect water resources. Support the Kansas City region's efforts to reduce ozone and particulate matter (PM2.5) pollution and maintain its status as a Clean Air Region.

Early Education: MARC supports increased access to childcare subsidies, particularly in Kansas, and to increase reimbursement rates in both states. Recently, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in Missouri has been having issues with reimbursing their subsidy payments to childcare providers. We are hopeful that this program can be righted because it is an important piece of our Kansas City early learning system. MARC supports workforce strategies to develop a pipeline of human capital, including certification, recruitment, retention and funding to support higher compensation. And finally, promoting strong families with increased access to evidence-based home visitation programs.

Economic Development: Support regional economic development projects in key industries that offer the opportunity to transform regional and state economic prosperity. Provide state matching resources for regional initiatives to enable securing federal grants consistent with state and federal economic development priorities.

Broadband Infrastructure and Digital Equity: Invest a portion of federal infrastructure funding to address the needs in the region for anchor institutions to improve access to reliable, quality broadband. Support digital access for low-income households, older adults and other target populations for education, employment, telehealth, civic engagement and social interaction.

Affordable Housing: Support policy and innovative strategies for local housing development tools to achieve safe, stable and attainable housing. Support the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program for the acquisition, rehabilitation and construction of rental housing for lower-income households. Support policy and innovative strategies that lower the cost of housing through energy efficiency and transportation improvements.

Safe, secure, and healthy communities: Continue to support Next Generation 911 and fund the establishment of a statewide emergency services network to improve 911 interoperability. Support reimbursement payments and program regulations to allow EMS agencies to provide the highest care. Support the integration of the regional EMS system with the developing network of Behavioral Health Centers. Support time-critical diagnosis programs and community paramedic programs. Support the full implementation of an integrated crisis system, including the 988 call centers, mobile crisis response teams and crisis stabilization facilities. Support investment in a strong state and local public health infrastructure. Maintain adequate regulatory authority to respond to possible public health emergencies. Support allowing agencies that use community health workers to be reimbursed through Medicaid and other public health care programs. In Missouri, support full implementation and funding of MO HealthNet and timely review and approval of applications for eligible families and children. And finally, in Kansas, authorize the expansion of Medicaid and enable Medicaid reimbursement for community health worker services.

Thriving older adults and communities: Support additional funding and flexibility for regional and local agencies to respond to specific needs of older adults within their service areas. In Missouri, maintain and fully fund the Missouri Senior Services Growth and Development Program to serve older adults at risk of abuse. Restore effective programs important to older

adult health and well-being, such as the Missouri Rx Program. Continue to support the Kansas Rural Transit Assistance Program. Fully fund critical Long-Term Care Ombudsman programs. Identify additional state funding to expand access to healthy foods and support for local farmers and grocers through the Double Up Food Bucks program. And finally, continue strong support of statewide congregate and home-delivered meals infrastructure enhancements and food access solutions.

Ms. Nagel asked if there are any specific issues that should be included in the policy that were not or if there are any statements that need to be modified. The full State Policy Agenda can be found on the MARC website.

Mayor Turnbow commented that he appreciates that local government authority was placed first because it significantly impacts the day-to-day resources of local officials and their ability to help their communities.

Mayor Eric Mikkelson echoed Mayor Turnbow's comments and asked if there was a way to break out local government authority into key policy issues or priorities similar to have the other contents are broken down. Ms. Nagel said that the team will look into the other organizations and make edits to this version prior to review and vote on the policy in October.

Council Member Eric Bunch also echoed what the others have said and asked if MARC was aware of any economic impact studies of these decisions to limit local authority which can often times cripple local governments. Ms. Nagel said that MARC has not done an economic analysis but the team could look into other communities that might have done something similar and she is aware that several local chambers are including these types of platforms in their policy agendas as well.

Commissioner Tom Burroughs encouraged the local leaders throughout the region to go to the state houses and bring local experience and knowledge back into the legislative process.

VOTE: Approve the 2025 Planning Sustainable Places funding recommendations

Martin Rivarola, Assistant Director of Transportation and Land Use, presented the 2025 Planning Sustainable Places recommendations on behalf of Beth Dawson, the Principal Planner of the program. These projects have been through an evaluation and selection process by our Sustainable Places Policy Committee and the Total Transportation Policy Committee and are recommended for approval. Mr. Rivarola provided a brief overview of the history of the PSP program which is now in its 11th year. The program was set up to advance the policy goals in MARC's long range regional transportation plan ConnectedKC 2050 and to advance planning efforts around local activity centers and corridors by providing funding opportunities for local jurisdictions. The important thing to note about the PSP program is the structure of funding which includes a combination of federal funds, surface transportation block grant, and the local matches provided by the agencies that are selected.

To date, MARC has supported over 100 projects between Kansas and Missouri and the projects have been distributed throughout the entire of the region amongst urban and suburban and smaller communities alike. Almost \$11 million have been awarded through PSP including things like complete streets planning, multimodal hubs, coordination around land use, and transportation through zoning, overlays and design guidelines etc. MARC recently surveyed local sponsors around the region to learn about the impacts that are being felt at the local level and he shared 3 positive quotes from jurisdictions around the region.

The fiscal year for 2025 starts on October 1, 2024 and has \$1.62 million in STP funding available between the states of Missouri and Kansas. There are 17 recommended projects that were outlined in the board packet and presentation that Mr. Rivarola shared.

BRIEF REPORTS:

REPORT: Update on the current 911 Technical Services projects and projects planned for 2025.

Hassan Al-Rubaie, Technical Services Director, gave an outline of the role MARC plays with 911 services and upcoming projects for the system. The Public Safety Communications Program at MARC administers and operates the regional 911 network for the 11-county area. The three focus areas of the program are Data Analysis and Mapping (correction location of calls), Operations (administrative tasks like bill paying and budgeting), and Technical Services (software and hardware updates to the network). When someone calls 911, MARC receives the 911 call from the phone carrier (i.e. Verizon) and routes it to the region's selective routers, the router then delivers the call to the appropriate PSAP location and the staff person who handles the 911 call. All of these steps happen within seconds of one another. The local 911 call center is responsible for staffing to answer the phone call, CAD data entry, dispatch resources, call recording, and facility operations. Mr. Al-Rubaie described the projects that either have been completed or will be completed in 2024 and then moved on to describe the projects and capital improvements that will be completed in 2025 around the region. Mr. Al-Rubaie then highlighted one of the advancements of geospatial routing and how it effects 911 calls. Today if you called 911 the call is routed based on the cell sector that it connects to, not necessarily the jurisdictional boundary that you are calling from. The second step of the process is to pinpoint the location of the call, which again is happening in milliseconds. By using the updated geospatial routing, the location of the call will be retrieved first and then that specific location will be used for the routing of the 911 call.

Commissioner Becky Fast asked if this type of system would be able to determine the location of a house that lives near the state line because several of her constituents refuse to let go of their landline phones in the event that they need to call 911 and have an exact location. Mr. Al-Rubaie said that it depends on the cell phone carrier's ability to determine the location of the call and how accurate the cell carrier's system is, but in theory, yes it would be able to distinguish between Missouri and Kansas. Commissioner Fast then asked when this was being implemented and he said that the team is planning to have the system ready to go by April 2025.

VOTE: Authorize application for Department of Housing and Urban Development Pathways to Removing Obstacles Housing Grant.

Katie Killen, Housing Program Manager, requested authorization for the HUD Pro Housing grant application that was listed in detail in the board packet memo and was presented at the Budget and Personnel meeting. Ms. Killen explained that this application is one of the opportunities the team has to secure a federal grant to continue the work inside of the region. MARC did apply for this grant last year and were unsuccessful, but the team received feedback about what a successful application looks like and have altered the current application accordingly. A few things have changed since last year's application, Habitat for Humanity, Kansas City is a new partner in this application and the Regional Housing Fund work has been removed from the application because that work has advanced outside of the public dollars of this grant. Finally, based on HUD's feedback, the application needed to show how we are working with a priority jurisdiction which we identified as Johnson County while using the First Suburbs Coalition as a key stakeholder. There are 15 days of public comment that need to be completed before the team can submit the application and the final numbers are still being identified. The team believes that the application will total \$5,000,000 of federal money alongside some partner funding and funding direct from MARC.

Commissioner Becky Fast asked of the \$5 million how much of it would be dedicated to the Land Trust. Ms. Killen didn't have the numbers off the top of her head but would circle back with the Commissioner by the end of the week.

REPORT: Outcomes from the GrandPass Program for older adults

Christian Aguirre, Integrated Care Specialist II, explained to the Board that MARC provides respite programs through the National Family Caregiver Support Program that is part of the Older Americans Act and GrandPass is one such program. GrandPass is a way for MARC to serve caregivers that are age 55+ and caring for children under the age of 18. This includes grandparents raising grandchildren, sometimes called grand families, as well as other older adult relatives who are serving as the full-time unpaid caregivers of children in their homes. Non-relatives are also eligible if they are the legal guardian of the child. Statewide numbers here in Missouri indicate that the need for a program like this includes 33,000 children being raised by a relative or kinship caregiver without a parent in the home and about 29,452 grandparents raising children. Those caregivers are able to choose from the list of approved day camps throughout the region to send their children to for a week during the summer. The base fees are waived for children ages 5 to 17 and this helps the caregiver with relief from caregiving tasks and expenses and provides peace of mind knowing that their children are being cared for in a safe, structured environments.

The program so far has served 36 participants this year which is higher than the 24 of last year's participants and due to space limitations, the program had to turn families away. There are currently 2 community partners offering their facilities as part of the program (5 sites across the metro area): the YMCA and Camp Wildwood. Mr. Aguirre shared quotes from parents and children alike who have benefited from the program and are excited for it to grow in the Kansas City area.

REPORT: Review updated Mid-America Regional Council's Core Values

Amanda Graor, Chief Innovation Officer and deputy director of Research Services presented the newly revised MARC values to the Board. She explained that MARC last engaged the entire staff in 2012 in a rebranding of the values and we felt that it was time to look at the region and our staff to see if those values still fit the organization. The previous MARC values were Integrity, innovation, collaboration, diversity and inclusion, excellence in performance, and service leadership. Staff started the process of understanding, reevaluating, workshopping these with the team that we have now, helping them understand how we got to these core values and also understanding how we can update the language to better reflect our current community, and workforce. Over the course of 2024, we had several listening sessions with almost everyone in the MARC organization that had facilitated discussion to help us understand the next steps. The refreshed MARC values have the same essence but can be interpreted and operationalized in different ways to meet the teams needs as they work in the community. These values will be available on the MARC website for those interested in viewing them.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

David Warm, MARC's Executive Director, reminded the board that the next Board of Directors meeting will be held on October 22, 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda

- a. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the August 27, 2024, Board Meeting
- b. VOTE: Authorize application to the Administration for Children and Families for a waiver of remaining Match Funds for FY24 Mid-America Regional Council Head Start Federal Grant.
- c. VOTE: Approve actions taken at the September 10, 2024, Head Start Advisory Committee Meeting.
- d. VOTE: Authorize an agreement with School Smart KC for data services for the 2024-2025 school year.
- e. VOTE: Authorize to solicit and accept funds from the states of Kansas and Missouri for Mid-America Regional Council air quality program.

MOTION: Mayor Kris Turnbow moved for approval of all agenda items and the consent

agenda and Commissioner Becky Fast seconded. Mayor Boley 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 1:22 p.m.

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October 2024

Item No. 7b

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve the Mid-America Community Support Network Contract with Jewish Family Services to render services under the Mid-America Community Support Network.

BACKGROUND:

The contract between the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Community Support Network (CSN) and Jewish Family Services (JFS) outlines the provision of community support services. The proposed agreement between the CSN and JFS focuses on delivering essential community support services designed to enhance clients' abilities to identify their needs and develop tailored service plans. JFS will conduct initial assessments and create customized community support plans, ensuring effective implementation through regular communication and follow-ups. Additionally, JFS will provide various evidence-based programs aimed at supporting clients with chronic conditions, all while adhering to necessary licensing and training standards. The contract also outlines specific geographical service areas and eligibility criteria for clients, along with a detailed compensation structure for the services rendered. This collaboration ultimately aims to improve community health and well-being through comprehensive support and services.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The budget considerations for the contract between the CSN and JFS include a detailed compensation structure and various funding sources including Menorah Heritage Funds, Older Americans Act Title IIIB funds, University of Missouri Kansas City (UMKC) funds, Administration for Community Living (ACL) grants, and Home State Health funding for Medicaid coverage.

Compensation Structure:	
1.	\$45 per client eligibility screening.
2.	\$65 for initial assessments.
\$300 for the first month of community support per client, with a minimum of two hours of service required.	
4.	\$245 for ongoing community support per client in subsequent months.
5.	\$30 for Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) screenings.
\$100 per completed client for full program provision, or \$50 if responsibilities are shared.	

The agreement outlines limits on the number of services provided, such as the maximum number of home-delivered meals and transportation trips, which can affect budgeting for service delivery.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Missouri and Kansas

EXHIBITS:

None.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the contract between the Mid-America Regional Council's Community Support Network and Jewish Family Services to facilitate the implementation of comprehensive community support services for eligible clients.

STAFF CONTACT:

Tane Lewis, Integrated Care Manager

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services

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October 2024
Item No. 7c
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize renewal of a contract with Rita Parker for cooperative purchasing coordination services for the Kansas City Regional Purchasing Cooperative.

BACKGROUND:

The Kansas City Regional Purchasing Cooperative (KCRPC) provides three cooperative purchasing services. The first generates regional joint bids among Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) members for commodities and services such as temporary staffing of RN/LPNs, public safety radios, and storm warning sirens. The second is a rebate sharing agreement approved in 2005 by the MARC Board with the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GACBuy). The agreement provides MARC members access to contracts awarded at manufacturer level and includes involving local dealers, when available, in the process. The third includes management of the public contract database, buyer resources, outreach through newsletters, on-site workshops and webinars for local governments and providing procurement assistance to MARC staff as needed.

Since 2003, KCRPC has helped local governments procure \$379.2 million in products and services using cooperatively bid contracts. These contracts have generated documented savings to local governments of \$25 million. Eighty-six different local agencies are using the local KCRPC contracts, and 176 different local governments have used the H-GACBuy contracts. KCRPC charges a 1.5 percent administrative fee to cover program expenses which is included in the price of each successful vendor bid.

In 2020, staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional services for KCRPC's cooperative purchasing coordination and selected Rita Parker through the procurement process. Ms. Parker has managed the KCRPC for 21 years and has been a Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) for over 26 years. Ms. Parker has developed successful relationships with local government purchasing specialists, with vendors and with H-GACBuy representatives. MARC staff recommend authorization of a contract with Ms. Parker in an amount not to exceed \$65,070. This provides 1300 hours of service over the course of the year for an hourly fee of \$45.75, a 2.23% increase from 2024. This contract also includes related program expenses such as travel, marketing and professional memberships. This contract would include an option to extend for three additional years.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The KCRPC is expected to generate rebate revenues of over \$164,892 in 2025. This is adequate to cover the contractual costs associated with the agreement and program overhead expenses for MARC personnel and rent. Any additional funds earned contribute to fund balance in the Enterprise Fund and can be used to support other local government programs.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$164,892
Source	Program rebates
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$59,475
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$5,595

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RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a contract with Rita Parker in an amount not to exceed \$65,070 to provide cooperative purchasing services to local governments for the year 2025, with options to extend for three additional years

STAFF CONTACT:

Julie Phillips, Shared Service Program Director

AGENDA REPORT

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October 2024
Item No. 7d
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a grant application to the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to support the development of a Community Childcare Exchange.

BACKGROUND:

Starting in February of 2024 the Mid-American Regional Council (MARC) Early Learning Department engaged in a regional strategic planning initiative, Connecting the P.I.E.C.E.S. (Plans to Improve the Early Childhood Education System) KC with numerous stakeholder groups and entities in Kansas and Missouri. The aim was a shared solution to improve access to high-quality early childhood education through a systems lens. During this process, the steering committee and workgroups arrived at suggested solutions to include employers, families, and the state sharing the cost of childcare to increase access to care and allow providers to charge the actual cost of quality childcare, in the form of a Community Childcare Exchange. The development of this Exchange and initiatives designed to fortify the supply of childcare to make the Exchange scalable, would be a cross-sector collaborative effort. Fortifying initiatives include support for prospective childcare entrepreneurs to launch early childhood programs as well as efforts to recruit, retain and credential early educators to work in new and existing childcare program through scholarships and wage supplements.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Contractual funds are for consulting work in creating the Community Childcare Exchange with multi-sector partners including, but not limited to, Kids Win Missouri, the Parent Leadership Training Institute, Wyandotte Economic Development Council and Starting Early. Additionally, contractual costs include expenses to Child Care Aware of Kansas for the cost of administering the wage supplement. Pass through funds expenses include wrap-around support for those seeking early childhood credentials. Other costs include community engagement costs and technological investments to run the programs.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$500,000
Source	Kauffman Foundation
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$225,374
Contractual	\$166,934
Pass-Through	\$72,625
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$35,067

COMMITTEE ACTION:

This plan comes out of the collaborative planning of the Connecting the P.I.E.C.E.S. steering committee members and its workgroups.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The work of Connecting the P.I.E.C.E.S. focuses on Clay, Platte and Jackson counties in Missouri, as well as Wyandotte and Johnson counties in Kansas.

EXHIBITS:

None.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an application for a \$500,000 grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to Support the development of a Community Childcare Exchange

STAFF CONTACT:

Toni Sturdivant, Ph.D. Director of Early Learning and Head Start

AGENDA REPORT

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October 2024

Item No. 7e

Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an agreement with Platform Civic Strategies in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 with an initial term of six months.

BACKGROUND:

The Regional Housing Partnership (RHP) coordinated and convened by the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and LISC Greater Kansas City (LISC) completed a Business Plan for a regional housing fund. A major part of this fund involves philanthropic dollars. Major foundations in the region are being convened to further explore and understand how this fund would operate before committing dollars to a pilot phase and ultimately the launch of the full fund.

A working group of foundation representatives has been formed and is being managed by the RHP. Due to the intensity of follow-up and decision making necessary in a short window, it was suggested that a dedicated project manager be selected to coordinate this workgroup and follow-ups that come from it.

Staff from MARC and LISC have selected Jessica Hembree with Platform Civic Strategies to serve as this project manager for the workgroup. MARC will hold and manage the contract on behalf of the RHP. Given the timing of the workgroup convening and this meeting, Jessica has already begun completing initial work that does not exceed the \$50,000 threshold for approval.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The Hall Family Foundation and the Marion and Henry Bloch Family Foundation have both agreed to provide a combined \$100,000. Staff anticipate using existing budgeted dollars for the remainder.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$120,000
Source	Philanthropic Foundations and other MARC budgeted dollars
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$0
Contractual	Not to exceed \$120,000
Pass-Through	\$0
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$0

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The regional housing fund will benefit all nine counties and communities within those counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an agreement with Platform Civic Strategies in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 with an initial term of six months.

STAFF CONTACT:

Katie Killen, Housing Program Manager

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October 2024

Item No. 7f

Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize application to the Marion and Henry Bloch Family Foundation to continue funding for the Regional Housing Partnership.

BACKGROUND:

The Regional Housing Partnership (RHP) is an initiative convened and coordinated by the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and LISC Greater Kansas City (LISC). The RHP seeks to mobilize individuals and organizations to enact system-level changes to grow the supply of affordable housing for cost-burdened households. This work is organized into a framework around seven elements of an effective housing system: (1) data and analysis; (2) networked leadership; (3) financing tools; (4) production capacity; (5) rental & homeowner resources; (6) policy and (7) education.

The Marion and Henry Bloch Family Foundation was the initial funder for the Regional Housing Partnership and has invested \$1,680,000 in the initiative since 2001. This fourth application that the foundation is anticipating will be a total amount of \$1,120,000 for a two-year period.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

These dollars will be combined with other foundations dollars and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) dollars to fund the RHP budget during 2025 and 2026. Below is the 2025 RHP anticipated budget.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$2,271,353.63
Source	Foundations and HUD appropriations
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent, training, professional memberships)	\$400,400.00
LISC Personnel	\$355,000.00
Contractual	\$1,277,625.60
Pass-Through (KCCLT)	\$125,000.00
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$12,000.00
Operating Reserves	\$ 101,328.03

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

All nine counties of the MARC region are served by the Regional Housing Partnership.

EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize application in the amount of \$1,120,000 to the Marion and Henry Bloch Family Foundation to continue funding for the Regional Housing Partnership and approve acceptance if awarded.

STAFF CONTACT:

Will Henrickson, Housing Intern
Katie Killen, Housing Program Manager

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October 2024
Item No. 7g
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve a one-year contract amendment with Syniverse to provide connectivity between two 911 system router locations in an amount of \$85,420.

BACKGROUND:

Syniverse notified the Public Safety technical staff of the required network upgrade due to the transition from the time division multiplexing (TDM) based circuits to internet protocol (IP) technology. Syniverse provides the necessary setup and tear down of wireless and VoIP 911 calls. Without this functionality, wireless and VoIP 911 calls cannot be delivered to the regional system. The current service fee is \$5,640.43 monthly; the increase for IP connectivity will be an additional \$869.57 a month or \$10,434.84 a year. The Public Safety Communications Board was informed of this requirement at the July 31, 2024 meeting.

The contract includes connectivity between the two sites, with a monthly recurring cost of \$6,510 and a one-time installation fee of \$7,300, totaling \$85,420.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Funding for the support of contract extension is contained in the 2024 911 Allocation Budget and projected for future budgets.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$85,420.00
Source	911 Allocation Budget
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$85,420.00
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

COMMITTEE ACTION:

During its meeting on July 24, 2024, the Public Safety Communications Board was updated on the need to modify the existing Syniverse contract to include 12-monthly payments of \$6,510 and the installation charge of \$7,300 for a total of \$85,420.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

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

EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a one-year contract of \$85,420 with Syniverse for the enhancement of the existing connectivity from analog to IP technology.

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Director

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Item No. 7h

Efficient Transportation & Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an agreement for consultant services to assist the Destination Safe Coalition in the development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

and supplemental planning activities as part of the FY2023 Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) grant.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Destination Safe Coalition (DS) 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 through coordination and communication with the Destination Safe Coalition to maintain and improve a safety culture among transportation and public safety experts and the public.

MARC was awarded USDOT FHWA Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Grant in June 2023 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 with the aim of improving the safety culture and promoting equity and providing tools and resources that help strengthen our region's approach to and understanding of transportation safety issues within the Destination Safe Region.

MARC and the DS undertook a procurement process to identify the most qualified consultant for this project. An request for proposals (RFP) was issued on July 22, 2024, and closed on August 19, 2024. To identify the highest rated and most qualified consultant, submitted proposal and presentation interview were reviewed and scored by a Consultant Selection Group (CSG). The CSG consisted of nine Destination Safe members who received four eligible proposals. The top three rated proposals (consulting teams) were invited to give a presentation interview. The proposal scores and interview scores were averaged and then combined to identify the highest rated and most qualified consultant, Toole Design.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

In May 2024, the MARC Board of Directors authorized entering into agreements to receive funds from Federal Highway Administration, Kansas Department of Transportation, MARC Transportation Reserve Funds, and other local partners to conduct and contract consultants for the development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) and Supplemental Planning Activities.

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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	(3) Local Partner Agencies
Amount	\$40,750
Source	MARC Transportation Reserve Funds
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$350,000
Personnel	\$150,000

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts the 13 counties of the Destination Safe region: Platte, Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Johnson (KS), Miami, Clay, Jackson, Cass, Ray, Lafayette, Johnson (MO), Saline, and Pettis.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an agreement with Toole Design for consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for the development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and supplemental planning activities.

STAFF CONTACT:

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

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Item No. 7i

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: FFY23-24 Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Project Funding Recommendations

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides funding for the Section 5310 Program that targets specific users and their mobility needs. Section 5310, also known as the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program, provides funding for vehicle purchases, capital projects and operations that address mobility solutions for older adults and persons with disabilities. More information here:

<http://www.marc.org/Transportation/Funding/FTA/5310>.

The competitive selection of Section 5310 projects is based on the FFY 2023 and 2024 urban area formula-based apportionment for the Kansas City urban area. As the Designated Recipient of the Kansas City Urbanized Area, the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) may submit Section 5310 applications for FFY 2023 and 2024 funding equivalent to the amount apportioned to the region by FTA. As outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two organizations, MARC manages the competitive selection process for the portions of the FFY 2023 & 2024 apportionments being released through that process.

The following chart represents the estimated region’s funding allocation for the current cycle:

ESTIMATED 5310 Funds for KC Region in 2023 and 2024 (Apportionments)	
2023	\$2,013,293
2024	\$2,107,079
TOTAL	\$4,120,372
Admin (MARC)	\$144,213
Admin (KCATA)	\$267,824
TOTAL minus all Admin	\$3,708,335
Operations (45%)	\$1,442,130
Capital (55%)	\$2,266,205
Retained Funds	
Operations (45%)	\$1,442,130
Capital (27.7%)	\$618,056
TOTAL Funds Retained by KCATA	\$2,060,186
Funds to be Programmed	\$1,648,149

A call for projects and project selection process occurred over the summer of 2024. At the October 15, 2024 Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) meeting, MARC staff briefed the committee on the review process and Mobility Advisory Committee recommendations. FTA Section 5310 funds award recommendations from this committee are illustrated in the attached table.

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BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

MARC and KCATA retain 3.5% and 6.5% respectively for program administration purposes.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Transportation Policy Programming Committee acted on this item on October 15, 2024.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts the Kansas City urbanized area.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve selection of projects to be awarded Section 5310 program funds, as noted in this staff report.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment

Lukas Yanni, Transportation Planner III

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Applicant	Project Title	Project Purpose/Description	Score	Total Project Cost	Total 5310 Request	Funding Recommendation
Swope Health	Swope Health PACE KC Door-through-door Transportation Services for Older Adults in Jackson County	Replacement of 3 12-passenger vans, a 5-passenger van, and a 4-passenger van with accessible 14 pass. Narrow Body Cut-Away. Purchase of 3 more accessible 14-passenger vans	25	\$ 272,160	\$ 216,000	\$ 162,000
DOWN SYNDROME INNOVATIONS INC	The Down Syndrome Innovations Community Integration and Employment Placement Services	Funding to establish and operate Dedicated Transportation Service.	25	\$ 145,200	\$ 120,000	\$ 90,000
Johnson County Mental Health Center	Pathways to Wellness: Accessible Transportation for Mental Health Recovery	1 4-passenger sedan, staffing needs	25	\$ 277,500	\$ 250,000	\$ 187,500
Life Unlimited Inc.	Life Unlimited Accessible Vans 2024	Replacement of 3 vehicles for 10-passenger accessible vans. 2 are in poor condition and 1 in fair condition.	25	\$ 887,040	\$ 704,000	\$ 528,000
Developmental Disability Services - EITAS	Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County - eitas Transportation Service Expansion - Phase 1	Replacement of 4 4-passenger sedans. 3 are in fair condition and 1 is in good condition.	23	\$ 676,680	\$ 559,240	\$ 419,430
Unified Government Transportation	Accessible Mobility Solutions Initiative	3 ADA accessible 10-passenger vans with wheelchair lifts, 1 4-passenger sedan to facilitate door through door transportation.	21	\$ 681,714	\$ 563,400	\$ 129,602
Center for Developmentally Disabled	Individual Supported Living Transportation Program	Purchase 5 10-passenger vans, 5 4-passenger sedans.	21	\$ 342,921	\$ 272,160	\$ 62,606
Dedicated Transportation Services LLC	Accessible Transportation for Seniors and Disabled: Phase 1	Replace 3 existing paratransit vehicles due to aging and increased maintenance.	21	\$ 303,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 69,011
Dedicated Transportation Services LLC	Accessible Transportation for Seniors and Disabled: Phase 2	Purchase of 7 minivans to support ISL homes with transportation.	21	\$ 303,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 69,011
The Farmer's House Inc	Community Integration & Employment Services	Purchase 3 4-passenger sedans	19	\$ 322,500	\$ 220,000	\$ -
Easter Seals Midwest dba Easterseals Midwest	Easterseals Midwest Community Connections Day Program and Community Networking Group Services	Purchase of 4 10-passenger accessible vans	15	\$ 100,800	\$ 80,000	\$ -

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October 2024

Item No. 7j

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve the 2024 4th Quarter Amendment to the 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program

BACKGROUND:

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the region's short-range program, identifying projects to receive federal funds and projects of regional significance to be implemented over the next three to five-year period. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) amends the TIP on both a quarterly cycle and as needed to accommodate changes to projects in the TIP.

The proposed 2024 4th Quarter Amendment to the 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Programs includes 8 projects:

- 3 new projects to be added, including but not limited to:
 - #380246 - KDOT - I-35, Mill and Overlay from W. 93rd Street to north of I-635
 - #590360 - MoDOT - RT H, Pavement resurfacing in Buchanan, Clay, and Clinton Counties
 - #956005 - Johnson County Transit - Buses and Associated Equipment
- 5 modified projects
 - Scope
 - Schedule
 - Budget

Details of these projects are available for review on the Internet at:
<https://www.marc.org/document/2024-tip-4th-quarter-amendment>

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

MARC's Public Involvement Plan requires that the TIP be released for public review and comment prior to adoption. No comments from the public were received.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Transportation Policy Programming Committee acted on this item on October 15, 2024.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the 2024 4th Quarter Amendment to the FFY 2024-2028 TIP.

STAFF CONTACT

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment
Marc Hansen, Principal Planner

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October 2024
Item No. 7k
Exemplary Core Capacities

ISSUE

VOTE: Authorize agreement with Sarann Auto Leasing and Rental for leasing of agency vehicles.

BACKGROUND

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) currently has several vehicles (two vans and three sedans) that are available for business use by MARC employees. They are used regularly to attend training, conduct tours, transport guests and meet with constituent agencies and partners throughout the region. Staff are encouraged to use MARC vehicles instead of their own and to carpool when possible. Vehicles are reserved through an online reservation system. The Executive Director also uses a leased vehicle. Prior to 2019, the vehicles were owned by MARC. A cost benefit study showed that leasing vehicles was not only cost effective over time but would be a more effective way to manage the vehicles, streamlining maintenance, repairs and replacement of the vehicles.

In 2019, staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Vehicle Lease and Fleet Management Services for five years, and it was awarded to Sarann Leasing/Rental. Experience with Sarann has been positive for the most part, although there have been some frustrations as they have had turnover of staff. The 60-month period expired October 1, 2024, and a new RFP was issued. The RFP included changes to the original plan, asking for one electric vehicle, and for 24/7 roadside assistance. Two responses were received from Acme Auto Leasing, Inc. and Fleet Leasing, Inc. The responses were scored by a staff committee. Acme scored best, however there were elements of the proposal that were not desirable. Their costs were much higher than the current agreement and maintenance was offered through various vendors. Roadside assistance was provided, but they could not offer an electric vehicle anytime soon and the cost was very high. Additionally, both proposals stated that there would be a 3-6 month wait to get the new vehicles. Staff hadn't taken that lag time into consideration with the timing of the RFP. Due to the current agreement ending on September 30, 2024, staff rejected those proposals.

Staff reached out to Sarann. They apologized that due to a change in staffing they were unaware of the RFP and neglected to respond. We asked if they could submit a proposal to extend their current agreement. Their response included an electric vehicle, and they worked with Toyota and Volkswagen to provide 24/7 roadside assistance for the duration of the 60-month lease. They also have assigned a case manager and several back-up staff to ensure that MARC receives strong customer support. Attached is a summary of proposed vehicle alternatives and pricing. Sarann estimates that the new cars will all be available by December 1, 2024, and MARC can continue to use the current leased vehicles at the current rates until that time.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Because these vehicles are used across the organization, funding is included in the Indirect budget. The executive director's vehicle is budgeted in the General Fund.

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends authorization of a five-year lease agreement with Sarann Auto Leasing and Rental, for up to six vehicles at an estimated annual cost of \$43,020.

STAFF CONTACT

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration
Jeremy Medlin, Human Resources Manager

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October 2024
Item No. 7I
Exemplary Core Capacities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize the Mid-America Regional Council to enter into an agreement with ADP to acquire and implement a human resources information system.

BACKGROUND:

In October 2023, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) selected Forvis (now Forvis Mazars) to conduct an evaluation of current administrative and organizational processes and systems. This evaluation included the creation of a 3-to-5-year plan that contained recommendations for acquisitions of single or multi-functional software platforms to help address organizational needs and create operational efficiencies. The intent of this engagement was to have a multi-year relationship with the same consultant, who would then facilitate several platform acquisition processes and implementations. In June 2024, Forvis Mazars provided a comprehensive report that mapped out processes, identified gaps and risks, and prioritized platforms based on organizational impact and risk (risk to the organization should the system not be implemented). The human resources information system (HRIS) was identified as having the highest impact and next to highest risk should MARC not implement. A new financial system was identified as the next to the highest impact and the highest risk should MARC not implement. Because MARC does not currently have an HRIS and because prior to embarking on a selection process for a new financial system, more work needs to be done internally, it was determined that the HRIS should be acquired first.

MARC's purchasing policy provides that the selection process for technology platforms requires an initial assessment and a more comprehensive assessment of organizational needs. The Forvis Mazars work accomplished that. The selection process then allows for a search for platforms through partner agencies and referrals. Forvis Mazars sourced four platforms for MARC based on the identified needs. A team of 18 cross-organizational staff members (many from HR and Finance, but also from other organizational departments), participated in demos from four different platforms. Various elements of each platform were discussed and ranked, and the process was narrowed to two platforms; then additional demos were conducted. A final ranking by the team showed that ADP was the preferred product and best met MARC's needs and specifications.

ADP was able to demonstrate the system could accommodate MARC's 32-digit accounts string and allocate time to grants based on several required scenarios. ADP is also capable of meeting MARC's reporting needs. Team members noted "the system seems very flexible and able to handle our processes." And ADP's customer service model met MARC's requirement for a dedicated account representative. Management estimates that acquisition of the ADP HRIS will allow for various operational efficiencies and eliminations of manual processes. These efficiencies are expected to save employee time, which helps create capacity to address other value-adding tasks.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Costs for the HRIS will be funded through the Indirect Cost Pool. MARC is also exploring private foundation funding geared towards buildout of core capacity functions. Any outside funding obtained will reduce the costs charged to the Indirect Cost Pool. Currently MARC uses a Ceridian platform for payroll but has no human resources functionality (applicant tracking, recruitment, performance management, job descriptions, etc). Costs for that system average about \$25,000/year and will phase out once the transition to ADP is completed.

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Below is the proposed cost structure for a five-year contract with ADP. ADP is offering discounted services for the first three years. Actual payroll costs are based on the number of active employees so costs may fluctuate. The numbers below are based on 180 employees.

	Annual	Implementation
Year 1	\$ 38,683	\$ 6,500
Year 2	\$ 38,683	
Year 3	\$ 39,456	
Year 4	\$ 57,227	
Year 5	\$ 57,227	
	TOTAL	\$ 237,776

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize entering into a five-year agreement with ADP for an HRIS at a cost estimated at \$237,776 over the five-year period.

STAFF CONTACT

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration
Jeremy Medlin, Human Resource Manger
Andrew Molloy, Finance Director
Sasan Baharaeen, Information Technology Director

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Item No. 7m

Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize grant application to the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency to support the Mid-America Missouri Local Emergency Planning District.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Emergency Services department supports the Missouri Local Emergency Planning District with their hazardous materials preparedness activities. The Mid America Missouri Local Emergency Planning District (LEPD) includes Clay, Platte, Jackson, Ray, and Cass Counties in Missouri. Mid America Missouri LEPD has entered a contract with MARC to provide administrative, planning, training, and exercise support. The LEPD collects and maintains information on the types and quantities of hazardous materials at facilities throughout the metropolitan area; develops and updates a regional hazardous materials plan; conducts hazardous materials training courses and exercises; provides technical assistance to counties in developing their local operational plans; and works on state and federal public policy issues related to hazardous materials and emergency response.

State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) announced September 23, 2024, of the release of the Local Emergency Planning Commission/Local Emergency Planning District Grant program - the application deadline is October 16, 2024. Members of the Mid America Missouri LEPD including representatives of area hazmat teams, hospital and public health representatives, and LEPD leadership met to discuss the opportunity and prioritize needs. The Missouri LEPD members voted to approve the application. The application was submitted by the October 16 deadline so this action is asking the Board for affirmation of that application.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The application seeks funding for the following items to advance hazardous materials preparedness and response for a total amount of \$145,251.91.

- Contractual support to increase the identification of Non-Compliant Tier II facility reporting (\$30,000)
- Hazmat Training (\$15,000)
- Detection & Identification Equipment (Kansas City MO FD; Central Jackson County Fire Protection District; Independence Fire Department; Lee's Summit Fire Department)
 - Personal Radiation Detection (PRD) - 16 Total (\$24,000)
 - Redwave XplorIR FTIR (\$18,000)
- Hospital Decontamination Tents:
 - 3-line decontamination tent - Liberty Hospital (\$28,625)
 - 2-line decontamination tent - Lee's Summit Medical Center (\$17,626.81)
- Replacement PAPR Hoods & Filters/Canisters - 10 replacement hoods and 30 Filters (\$12,000.10) Kansas City MO Health Department

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REVENUES	
Amount	\$145,251.91
Source	Local Emergency Planning Commission/Local Emergency Planning District Grant
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$45,000
Equipment	
Other (supplies, equipment, etc.)	\$100,251.91

COMMITTEE ACTION:

On October 14, 2024, the Mid America Missouri LEPD approved an application submittal as described above.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Seven agencies will receive the equipment as described above, and all counties in the MARC region benefit from this grant. Although the application is submitted on behalf of Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray counties in Missouri, the equipment is deployable in the entire MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

The Mid America Missouri LEPD recommends approval of the application and, if awarded, authorization to accept and expend up to \$145,251.91 of Local Emergency Planning Commission/Local Emergency Planning District grant funds as noted above.

STAFF CONTACT:

Erin Lynch, Emergency Services and Homeland Security Program Director
John Davis, Fiscal Administrator

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October 2024
Item No. 7n
Healthy Environment

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a contract with Metropolitan Energy Center for \$205,184 to support the implementation of the City of Kansas City, Missouri updated energy code through educational programming.

BACKGROUND:

Beginning July 1, 2023, the City of Kansas City, MO adopted the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) energy code for all new residential and commercial construction. To support the real estate industry in successfully designing and building to these standards, Metropolitan Energy Center secured Department of Energy's Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation Grant (RECI) to create educational programming across the region. As a program partner, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) will provide educational events and digital resources to architects, engineers, and affordable housing providers designing and operating in Kansas City, Missouri. Digital resources can support building decision-makers across the region in advancing the energy performance of their buildings.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$205,184
Source	Metropolitan Energy Center (Prime) via Department of Energy Resilient Efficient Code Implementation Grant
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$196,324
Contractual	
Pass-Through	
Other (meetings, travel)	\$8,860

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Kansas City, Missouri and other jurisdictions exploring advanced energy code adoption.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a contract with Metropolitan Energy Center for \$205,184 to support the implementation of Kansas City, Missouri's updated energy code through educational programming.

STAFF CONTACT:

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