

**Missouri STP Priorities Committee
October 8, 2024
Meeting Summary**

Voting Members Present:		Voting Members (continued)	
Belton	Greg Rokos	Parkville	Dan Miller
Blue Springs (1 of 2)	Adam Hilgedick	Peculiar	
Blue Springs (2 of 2)		Platte City	
Excelsior Springs		Pleasant Hill	Nici Wilson
Gladstone		Raymore	Trent Salsbury
Grain Valley	Mark Trosen	Raytown	Robinson Camp
Grandview	Doug Wesselschmidt	Richmond	
Greenwood		Smithville	Chuck Soules
Harrisonville	Patty Hilderbrand, Chair	Cass County	
Independence (1 of 2)	Alex Lopez	Clay County	Scott Wagner
Independence (2 of 2)	Rodney Honeycutt (alt.)	Jackson County	
Kansas City (1 of 4)	Nicolas Bosonetto	Platte County	Wes Minder (alt.)
Kansas City (2 of 4)	Scott Overbay	Ray County	Matt Nolker
Kansas City (3 of 4)	Todd LaTorella	FHWA (Ex Officio)	Cecelie Cochran (alt.)
Kansas City (4 of 4)	Jason Waldron (alt.)	KCATA	AJ Farris
Kearney	Shelie Daniel	MoDOT	Melissa Schmitz
Lee's Summit (1 of 2)	Michael Park	Bike/Ped Com Rep.	Noel Bennion
Lee's Summit (2 of 2)	George Binger	Goods Movement	Mike Duffy
Liberty	Sherri McIntyre, Vice Chair	Highway Com Rep.	
North Kansas City		RTCC Rep.	
Oak Grove	Corey Alford		
MARC Staff:	Other Attendees:	Other Attendees (continued):	
Marc Hansen	Belton: Ryan Haupt (alt.)	Art Gough	
Ron Achelpohl	Grain Valley: Dick Tuttle (alt.)	Greenwood: Stephen Larson	
Megan Broll	Grandview: Athena Huynh (alt.)	Independence: Ryan Dickey	
Beth Dawson	Harrisonville: Carl Brooks (alt.)	Orrick: Cindy Lampton, Eric Stevens	
Darryl Fields	Independence: Mark Green (alt.)	Platte City: Tom Cole	
Ellie Hall	Kansas City: Angie Laurie (alt.)	Richmond: Rob Swafford	
Katie Newman	Kearney: Loren Snyder (alt.)	Clay County: Pat Klein	
Martin Rivarola	Lee's Summit: Susan Barry (alt.)	Advantage Project Management: Kimberly Pemberton	
Cy Smith	Liberty: John Findlay (alt.)	Affinis: Jeff Bryan	
Patrick Trouba	Raytown: Jason Hanson (alt.)	Lamp Rynearson: Chad Thompson	
Ray Webb	Smithville: Mayra Toothman (alt.)	Office of U.S. Representative Sam Graves: Matt Volke	
	MoDOT: Juan Yin (alt.), Krystal Jolly, Donald Cate Tucker	Office of U.S. Senator Eric Schmitt: Santos Arellano	
		TranSystems: Deanne Winkelmann	

1. Welcome and Introductions

Committee Chair Patty Hilderbrand welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Attendees in person and online introduced themselves.

2. Approve the September 24, 2024, Meeting Summary

George Binger of Lee's Summit clarified that the meeting summary needed to swap comments for the Lee's Summit projects (the priorities listed were correct).

Sherri McIntyre moved to approve the September 24, 2024 meeting summary as amended, and George Binger seconded the motion. The meeting summary was approved with amendments, and the motion passed.

3. MoDOT Updates

Melissa Schmitz informed the committee that SRO program applications are open on the website until the 15th of November.

4. Status of the Current Program

Principal Planner Marc Hansen updated the committee on obligation limitations and targets, noting programmed projects successfully met the committee's obligation targets and the 2024 ending balance is \$721,018.85. Mr. Hansen reviewed the 2025 program with that balance forward and new allocation of \$26,660,669; currently, \$44,905,600 is programmed. All projects should be on track with the exception of the 31st Street (Linwood to Van Brunt) project in Kansas City; to avoid construction during the 2026 World Cup, they may request to swap this project with the North Oak Reconstruction (42nd to Vivion) project from the 2026 program (though programming for 2027-2028 could affect which projects get moved). No other changes are expected for the 2026 program at this time.

5. 2027-2028 Call for Projects

In anticipation of funding allocation proposals, Marc Hansen reviewed the voting status of committee members. Members or alternates representing their jurisdiction/agency are required to attend 60% of committee meetings in the twelve months preceding the deadline for suballocated funding applications to remain in good standing. Committee members were informed at the August meeting that members falling below the 60% threshold included:

- Excelsior Springs
- Greenwood
- Oak Grove
- Parkville
- Pleasant Hill
- Raytown
- Richmond*
- Cass County
- KCATA
- Highway Committee
- Regional Transit Coordinating Council

*No formal action was taken at the August meeting regarding voting status, but the committee had discussed making an exception for the City of Richmond, which was not a member of the MARC MPO for the full term.

Mr. Hansen clarified that applying the attendance policy by jurisdiction (and not by individual voting seat) aligned with the approach taken by the committee in 2022, therefore, jurisdictions with multiple seats fulfilled the attendance requirement so long as at least one member or alternate attended 60% of the meetings. The committee discussed how turnover may impact a jurisdiction's ability to send a named member/alternate, and considered reevaluating the attendance policy to apply to each seat (versus whole jurisdiction) for future programming cycles. The member/alternate seats representing the Highway Committee are currently vacant, and Michael Park encouraged anyone eligible and interested in those seats to contact him. Local jurisdictions should inform MARC of any changes to members or alternates and can do so any time by emailing Marc Hansen or Megan Broll. Voting status does not impact a jurisdiction's ability to apply for funding or participate in committee discussion. The attendance policy will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Scott Wagner moved to accept the voting roster (with exclusions noted above), and Michael Park seconded the motion. Robinson Camp voted no, and the motion passed.

Project scores for the current programming round were distributed to committee members in advance of the meeting. Applicants were given the opportunity to review and question scores and revisions.

Mark Trosen moved to approve the finalized scores as provided, and Wes Minder seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Programming targets are estimates based on expected obligation limitations for 2027-2028, minus funding for OGL Operations (as approved by the Total Transportation Policy Committee and MARC Board in February of 2024). Estimated funding available for programming totals \$58,016,543. This estimate is based on 2026 numbers, and is beyond the window of the current federal transportation bill. Previous estimates in February of this year projected roughly \$7m more in funding.

Mr. Hansen reviewed other programming committees, noting the Active Transportation Programming Committee (ATPC) programs TA funds, and the newly formed Transportation Emissions Committee (TEC) will program CMAQ and CRP. Both committees will meet the final week of October. Some projects requesting STBG funding have applied for other funding sources, and those projects are identified in resources shared with the committee. Members who also served on other committees identified themselves in the room. Independence expressed their 23rd Street Mobility & Safety Improvement Project, which applied for all types of funding, had flexibility and could split the project into five phases as discussed in their project presentation.

Mr. Hansen presented three illustrative scenarios, meant to serve as a starting point for discussion amongst the committee:

- Scenario 1 based funding on score and full request amount
 - Funds projects in seven jurisdictions
 - Four projects in Jackson County, two in Clay County, one each in Platte and Cass County, and one regional
 - Three projects have the same score at the cut-off
- Scenario 2 based funding on alignment status, score, and full request,
 - Funds ten jurisdictions
 - Four projects in Jackson County, two in Clay County, one each in Platte and Cass County, and one regional
- Scenario 3 based on highest scoring in each project category
 - Funds ten jurisdictions
 - Four in Jackson County, three in Clay County, two in Platte County, zero in Cass County, and two regional projects
 - Once all categories had top scoring projects funded, remaining funds distributed across next highest overall scores

None of the above scenarios consider sponsor priority.

With consideration of other programming committees' schedules, the committee agreed to hold the October 29th meeting as scheduled. Mr. Hansen reviewed the ongoing timeline for programming, with development of funding recommendations expected to be complete by mid-December.

The committee will be provided with historical funding information and public comments, and requested the following additional resources:

- Contact list for project applicants
- Scoring sheet updated with applicants' project priority
- Map of project locations
- Implementation/completion status of previous funding rounds
- Status of current projects
- Percentage of total cost requested

Committee members are invited to submit funding proposals for consideration, and Chair Hilderbrand asked proposals to be submitted to Marc Hansen by 10/24 so that members can review them ahead of the next meeting.

Committee members discussed the option of capping funding to maximize the number of projects awarded funding, identifying ten projects requesting \$8m or more in funding. Project sponsors were encouraged to be prepared to identify the minimum funding amount required to implement a project.

6. Conflict of Interest & Whistleblower Policies

Committee members are asked to review the Conflict of Interest & Whistleblower Policies available on the MARC website at <https://marc.org/about-marc/policies>. Members are not required to sign the policies, and are welcome to contact MARC staff if they have any questions about the policy.

7. Other Business

No other business was called.

8. Adjournment

The next special meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2024. The meeting was adjourned.