

**OPEN MEETING NOTICE**  
**Mobility Advisory Committee**

Jim Huffman, MARC Co-chair

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 9:30AM**

Hybrid via Zoom virtual meeting platform and in person at the MARC Board Room of the Mid-America Regional Council Offices, 600 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64105. See meeting invite for login info.

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**AGENDA (Total Time: 90 minutes)**

**Procedural Business**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (3 minutes)** (Jim Huffman, Life Unlimited, Inc., MARC Co-chair)  
If attending via Zoom, please sign in by typing your name and organizations into the chat box. Introductions will be round robin based on the frames on Zoom.
- 2. Approval of September 11, 2024 Meeting Summary (2 minutes)**

**Main Business**

- 3. Mobility Services Audit for Communities for All Ages (30 minutes)** (Lauren Schaumburg, MARC)
  - Get advisory committee's feedback on the Communities for All Ages Mobility Services Audit survey: <https://marc.jotform.com/cknecht/caa-mobility-services-audit-agency>
  - Discuss potential use of data set for mobility management initiatives
- 4. 2023-2024 Section 5310 Next Steps (15 minutes)** (Lukas Yanni, MARC)
- 5. Client-Serving Agency Mobility Coordination (15 minutes)** (Lukas Yanni, MARC)
- 6. Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Plan Update (10 minutes)** (Lukas Yanni, MARC)

**Additional Business**

- 7. Member updates (10 minutes)**
  - 8. Co-chair selection process (5 minutes)** (Lukas Yanni, MARC)
  - 9. Future Meeting Dates - 2025 (all from 9:30AM-11:00AM)**
    - Wednesday, March 12
    - Wednesday, June 11
    - Wednesday, September 10
    - Wednesday, December 10
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Meeting will be held in person and online in the MARC Board Room as well as via Zoom at the link below:

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# Meeting Summary

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### Meeting Summary

#### Procedural Business

##### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Jim Huffman welcomed attendees to the meeting and asked that participants sign in using the Zoom chat box. Members marked their attendance via the chat box by adding their name and organization, as reflected on the attendance page below.

##### **2. Approval of August 14, 2024, meeting summary**

Jim Huffman reminded members that the August 14, 2024, meeting summary was distributed to members and interested parties as well as posted on the MARC.org website. Huffman then asked for a motion to approve the meeting summary. A motion to approve was provided by Terry O'Toole (J WHC zTrip) and seconded. The motion passed unanimously without abstention.

#### Main Business

##### **3. 2023-2024 Section 5310 Application Review**

Lukas Yanni reminded committee members that the Section 5310 call for projects received 11 applications with a total ask of approximately \$3.58 million. He also reminded members that there is \$1.6 million in funding to be programmed to these projects. There was clarification made that the 2023-2024 selection process only includes capital projects, and information given about the cap for funding that certain projects can take, reflected in the Scenarios provided by staff. Yanni shared the timeline for applications. Committee members were also told that they should have received an information packet reflecting the scoring of the applications.

Yanni then explained the three Scenarios staff created to help the committee decide when programming funds. All Scenarios were based on a distribution of funds to top scoring projects first, with remaining funds distributed to tied projects based on weight. These are as follows:

Scenario 1: 100% of ask

- This Scenario would fund five projects. Some of these projects would be funded fully and others would be funded partially.

Scenario 2: 75% of ask

- Top scoring projects receive 75% of full funding and the remainder of funds would be distributed proportionately between three of the applications at a smaller percentage of full funding.

Scenario 3: 60% of ask

- Top scoring projects receive 60% of full funding and the remainder of funds would be distributed proportionately between three of the applications at a smaller percentage of full funding.

Clarification was needed on Scenarios #2 and #3 by members of the committee. Yanni explained the reasoning behind the Scenarios and mentioned that committee members were able to create their own Scenario if they chose to do so.

#### **4. \*2023-2024 Section 5310 Committee Discussions**

Martin Rivarola opened the floor to discussion for committee members about the proposed Scenarios.

Anne Miller (Don Bosco Center) expressed concern that with Scenarios #2 and #3 there would be agencies receiving funding at such low amounts that it would not be useful. She talked about this trend in previous funding cycles. Jim Huffman (Life Unlimited) added that during the waiting period for funding, the amount of funding will remain the same, but vehicle prices may rise. He related this to the concern of low funding for certain agencies.

Terry O'Toole (WHC/zTrip) asked for clarification on the project submitted by Dedicated Transportation Services asking for 99% of funding. Yanni clarified that funding of 99% is not possible and capped at 90%.

A member voiced their support for Scenario #1 as to avoid the dilution of funds for projects that did not score as high. Yanni explained that this Scenario allows for deeper funding as opposed to wider funding with the other two Scenarios.

Heath Rath (PACE KC) spoke about the sustainability portion of the grant application. He mentioned that the agency had already scaled back the request made to ensure a competitive application and felt that further scaling would dilute the ability to fulfill the services planned for possible grant money. With that he showed support for bypassing the possible issues of funding and advocated for Scenario #1.

Deasiray Bush (Unified Government Transportation) explained that the agency went into the application process with an understanding that they would likely have to scale the project back. She mentioned the geographical area that the grant serves, and reminded the committee that the goal is to enhance transportation services in the region. She explained that Scenario #1 is geared toward the Johnson County area, while Scenarios #2 and #3 allowed for a bit more diversity in geographic area. She showed support for Scenario #2.

Martin Rivarola asked the partially funded projects whether they would be viable at each of the funding levels provided in the scenarios. Bush stated that the Unified Government would be able to utilize the funds to obtain a vehicle, although not as many as are needed. Billy McClinton (Dedicated Transportation Services) answered that any funding would be accepted, and the organization would benefit from grant allocation. Yanni expressed his willingness to follow up with members from Center of Developmentally Disabled to gauge their scalability and ability to take/utilize partial funding.

Rivarola offered an option that should the committee decide on Scenario #2 that they could approve a Scenario #2A that would allow each of the three tied organizations to receive partial funding and Scenario #2B that would allow for funding from the third organization to be split evenly between the remaining two should they not be able to scale their project back.

Anne Miller asked for clarification that The Farmer's House and Easter Seals are not part of the funding. Yanni explained that based upon the competitive nature of the funding, the organizations did not make the cut for funding in any of the three Scenarios.

**Motion: Terry O'Toole made a motion to approve Scenario #2 that allocates 75% of the request for top scorers and allocates the remaining funding to the tied applications. He also approved the caveat of Scenario #2B, referencing a split between the two applicants should the third not accept the funding.**

**Second: Deasiray Bush**

Edward Murphy (Swope Health) asked if he could make another motion different from the proposed motion. Rivarola explained that the committee should let the initial motion play out and vote on the first motion. Should the first motion not carry, then the committee would be asked for a new motion.

Martin Rivarola conducted a roll call vote. **The motion received eight votes in favor, three votes against. Motion Passed.** Yanni reiterated the motion that was passed for the committee.

### **Additional Business**

#### **5. Member Updates**

Shaun Duffy asks for an update on sedans that were awarded in the previous funding cycle.

Tracey Logan explained that the KCATA is going to have to do a recurement for those vehicles.

She noted that she will be asking for a scope of work for each vehicle requested and will send it out after the meeting.

An update was given from Wyandotte County that the commissioners voted revenue neutral and approved the budget. This means that Wyandotte County will see some fixed route changes

in the coming months. To supplement, the organization is in the process of optimizing existing routes to provide coverage to the area.

Anne Miller asked about vans approved previously. Tracey Logan explained that cutaways are anticipated for January and vans are expected 90 days after order.

Tracey Logan introduced KCATA's new grant specialist, Jessica Blanchard.

#### **6. Future Meeting Dates**

October 2024 – TTPC release of Section 5310 recommendations for public review and comment.

November 2024 – TTPC and Board approvals of Section 5310 applications.

December 11 – Regular MAC meeting (FTA approves Section 5310 applications)

**\*Agenda items with an asterisk are action items that require a vote.**

## ATTENDANCE

September 11, 2024

**Co-Chair:** Jim Huffman, Life Unlimited

**Other Attendees:**

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Angel	Rose	City of Liberty
Terry	O'Toole	KC Transportation Group, zTrip
Justus	Welker	Johnson County
Anne	Miller	Don Bosco Centers
Amy	Stoll	Down Syndrome Innovations
Shaun	Duffy	Johnson County Mental Health
Heath	Rath	PACE KC
Deasiray	Bush	Unified Government
Dana	Chatlin	The Farmer's House
Janine	Clampitt	Ray County Transportation
Edward	Murphy	Swope Health
Leonard	Mckinzy	Dedicated Transportation
Margaret	Brown	Johnson County Transit
Billy	McClinton	Dedicated Transportation

**MARC and KCATA Staff:**

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Denise	Adams	KCATA
Pete	Comer	KCATA
Richard	Cowart	KCATA
Tracey	Logan	KCATA
Jessica	Gibilisco-Blanchard	KCATA
Kristen	Emmendorfer	KCATA
Martin	Rivarola	MARC
Ellie	Hall	MARC
Lukas	Yanni	MARC
Cy	Smith	MARC