



Board of Directors MEETING NOTICE

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

March 25, 2025

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, March 25, 2025, for instructions to join the teleconference.

AGENDA

1. Brief Self-Introductions
2. EFFECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
 - a. PRESENTATION: World Cup Communications Update and introduction of Tracy Whelpley, KC2026
3. THRIVING OLDER ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES
 - a. REPORT: Aging Services Update
4. EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION AND QUALITY PLACES
 - a. REPORT: Connected KC 2025 regional transportation plan update
5. BRIEF REPORTS
 - a. REPORT: Update of Mid-America Regional Council federal grants and pass-through funds
 - b. REPORT: Community data tools for regional planning
6. Executive Director's Report

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

7. VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda
 - a. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the February 25, 2025, Board Meeting
 - b. VOTE: Approve changes to employee fringe benefit package effective July 1, 2025.
 - c. VOTE: Authorize a grant application to the Darr Family Foundation for \$300,000 dollars to support the Double Up Food Bucks Program.
 - d. VOTE: Approve submission of Amendment #1 of the SFY 2025 Area Plan and Budget to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.
 - e. VOTE: Authorize an application to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the KC Regional Community Health Worker Collaborative.
 - f. VOTE: Approve 2024 federally required performance measures
 - g. VOTE: Approve 2024 functional classification system updates
 - h. VOTE: Authorize consultant agreement with Toole Design Group for the Greater Kansas City Regional Bikeway Plan update.
 - i. VOTE: Authorize consultant agreements for four 2025 Planning Sustainable Places studies.



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- j. VOTE: Authorize an application for the Municipal Investment Fund opportunity through International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives - Local Governments for Sustainability.
- k. VOTE: Approve actions taken on the March 11, 2025, Head Start Advisory Committee meeting.
- l. VOTE: Approve the acquisition of additional Motorola VESTA 911 workstations to support emergency communications operations.
- m. VOTE: Approve an agreement with Segra (formerly United Private Networks - UPN) to provide circuit connections supporting the PSAP at American Medical Response's new location.
- n. VOTE: Authorize an agreement with CommCARE to provide Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training for first responders, mental health professionals, school counselors and hospital staff in Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri.

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
Dove, Willie	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
Fricke, Scott	Platte 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
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
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
Pretz, George	Miami County	Commission Chairman
Ramirez, Christian	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
Redline, Chris**	MoDOT	District Engineer
Rowland, Rory	Independence, MO	Mayor
Sandifer, Mickey	Shawnee, KS	Mayor
Skoog, Curt	Overland Park, KS	Mayor
Stephens, Tom	Bonner Springs, KS	Mayor
Stieben, Mike	Leavenworth County	Commissioner
Tracy, Sheila	Ray County	Presiding Commissioner
Turnbow, Kristofer	Raymore, MO	Mayor
Vaughan, Tyler	Miami County	Commissioner
Vogt, Marge	Olathe, KS	Council member - 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	Council member
Wright, Chris	Platte County	Recorder of Deeds
Younis, Inas	Overland Park, KS	Council member

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

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

March 2025
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.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

March 2025
Item No. 2a
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

PRESENTATION: World Cup Communications Update and introduction of Tracy Whelpley, KC2026

BACKGROUND:

Earlier this year, Tracy Whelpley was named the Director of Regional Impact for KC2026 and is the primary point of contact on economic development, small business engagement, stakeholder engagement and other regional coordination efforts. She will give an update on KC2026 planning, including a monthly update to public officials and the expanded goals of the [events portal](#) that the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is hosting, along with other updates.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm, Executive Director

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

March 2025
Item No. 3a
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

REPORT: Aging Services Update

BACKGROUND:

The Aging and Adult Services Department is home to many services and programs, including nutrition, transportation, community care management, caregiver support, community senior centers, health and wellness workshops, legal services, long-term care ombudsman, veteran directed care, and community health worker training and workforce development.

Updates to include:

- SFY 2026 Area Plan virtual public hearing, April 7, 2025, 11am-noon.
- Older Americans Month is May 2025, with theme 'Flip the Script on Aging'. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is hosting events including the annual Age Positive Conference on May 2, 2025, and Age of Celebration, May 30, 2025.
- Missouri supplemental approved extending appropriation authority for federal funds to continue flowing to AAAs.
- Update on consumer-directed in-home services.
- The Community Support Network (CSN), a national community care hub model, has convened a CSN Advisory and CBO Coalition to inform network design and funding mechanisms.
- Renovations for the nutrition repack facility in North Kansas City are nearly complete.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The Area Agency on Aging updates primarily impact Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray Counties in Missouri.

The CSN update impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

March 2025
Item No. 4a
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

REPORT: Connected KC 2050 regional transportation plan update

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is currently updating Connected KC 2050 (CKC2050), the region's long-range metropolitan transportation plan (MTP) that was originally adopted in June of 2020. The MTP is a key element of the metropolitan planning process and is required to be updated at least every five years under the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2022 (IIJA). The MTP includes goals, strategies and prioritized projects for a planning horizon of at least 20 years and serves as a framework to guide investment of federal transportation funds within the region. This policy framework is intended to reflect the planning factors that are required by federal planning rules and regulations as well as other priorities which may be unique to the region.

Work towards completion of this plan update is nearing completion. During the March Board meeting, staff will provide a report on the following:

- Key completed steps, including findings and takeaways, to date
- Adjusted policy framework and project prioritization
- Reframing of policy framework in light of shifting federal policy landscape
- Next steps prior to plan update in June 2025, and
- Steps to be pursued post plan adoption

The plan is currently scheduled for release for public review and comment in April of 2025. A final round of public outreach and engagement will occur in May. Final plan review and adoption is scheduled by June of 2025.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

[Connected KC 2050 Plan](#)

COMMITTEE ACTION:

All planning modal, policy committees, the TTPC and the Board of Directors have been engaged on this plan update since 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. This item is for information only.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment
Martin Rivarola, Assistant Director of Transportation and Land Use Planning

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

March 2025
Item No. 5a
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

REPORT: Status of Mid-America Regional Council federal grants, pass-through funds and other funding

BACKGROUND:

In light of recent executive orders and changes in the federal government, at the last Board meeting, staff reported the status of each federal grant currently held by MARC. Because the situation is changing daily, staff will present another update at this meeting.

General changes we have seen over the past few weeks include:

- Reversal of pause on some grants
- New grant opportunities withdrawn
- Changes to reimbursement submittal processes
- Slow or no response to inquiries

Staff has also put together an inventory of current foundation funded work and are working across the organization on strategies regarding foundation grants going forward. We have heard from foundation partners that they have been overwhelmed with requests from community-based organizations across the region whose federal funding is being reduced or eliminated.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Staff continue to monitor cash flow, grants at risk, partner contracts and staffing. It is difficult to create funding projections because change is occurring so rapidly.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm, Executive Director
Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

March 2025
Item No. 5b
Competitive Economy

ISSUE:

REPORT: Community data tools for regional planning

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Data and Digital Services team has created several tools to make regional data more accessible over time. The team continues to update the tools to respond to the evolving needs of our member communities. Staff will demonstrate the tools and highlight updates to them that are responsive to new priorities outlined by the administration.

Population Explorer: <https://data.marc.org/populationexplorer/>

Community Views: <https://data.marc.org/CommunityViews/>

Additional regional data tools and resources: <https://www.marc.org/data-maps/data-tools-and-interactive-maps>

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Amanda Graor, Director of Data and Digital Services
Sara Hintze, Digital Services Manager

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

March 2025
Item No. 7a

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve minutes of the February 25, 2025, Board meeting

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the February 25, 2025, meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the February 25, 2025, meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm, Executive Director
McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant

MARC

MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY
FEBRUARY 25, 2025
12:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, KS - MARC Board Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Lopez, Lee's Summit, MO - MARC Board 1st Vice Chair
Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO - MARC Board 2nd Vice Chair
Council member Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS - Treasurer
Council member Bridget McCandless, Independence, MO - Secretary
Legislator Jalen Anderson, Jackson County, MO
Mayor John Bacon, Olathe, KS
Commissioner Tom Burroughs, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
Commissioner Jeff Culbertson, Leavenworth County, KS
Mayor Leonard Jones, Grandview, MO
Mayor Eric Mikkelson, Prairie Village, KS
Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, KS
Mayor Michael Poppa, Roeland Park, KS
Mayor Mickey Sandifer, Shawnee, KS
Mayor Curt Skoog, Overland Park, KS
Mayor Tom Stephens, Bonner Springs, KS
Commissioner Mike Stieben, Leavenworth County, KS
Commissioner Shelia Tracy, Ray County, MO
Mayor Kris Turnbow, Raymore, MO
Mayor Rick Walker, De Soto, KS
Chris Wright, Recorder of Deeds, Platte County, MO

STAFF PRESENT

Executive Director David Warm and other MARC staff

OTHERS

Chris Redline, MODOT

INTRODUCTIONS AND BOARD SHARING TIME

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed attendees. Due to the meeting being held remotely and in-person, Commissioner Hanzlick provided instructions for participation. She 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.

REPORT: Status of Mid-America Regional Council federal grants and pass-through funds.

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration, provided an overview of the status of current federal grants that MARC is under contract to administer, along with a listing of potentially impacted partners. This documentation was available to board members via hyperlink and printed for those in person. Ms. Gonzales reported that by the time of the

meeting, federal decisions and delays have had or are likely to have the highest impact on the following areas for which MARC administers funds:

- Grants relating to energy conservation, alternative energy strategies.
- Grants relating to climate change impacts and remediation.
- Grants or grant narratives that reference factors that do not comply with new limitations on specific sub-populations.

The reduction or elimination of key grants have implications for cash flow and program continuity. MARC staff are carefully monitoring these implications and will be reporting to the MARC board in the future of any changes in funding, directions from federal agencies, staffing needs, or other related topics.

Mayor Mikkelson asked if our economy was exposed because of the recent federal job loss and if we have a sense of the total of employees affected. Frank Lenk, Director of the office of Economic Research, answered that it is not clear right now the implications or numbers of jobs lost in the KC region but we do know that we have the 8th highest concentration of employees in the nation.

Mayor John Bacon asked if we can leverage community match percentages in order to strengthen the funding streams. He would also like to see the percent total of community match for each of the grants listed in the document.

Legislator Jalen Anderson expressed concern about the aging reauthorization bill that needs to be addressed by federal Congress. David Warm did call attention that the state of Missouri does not have the budgetary authority to utilize the federal money that is available. MARC is hopeful that Governor Kehoe's supplemental appropriation will move through the MO house and senate.

Commissioner Hanzlick asked about the impact on DBE grant requirements due to recent executive orders. Ms. Gonzales answered that there may be an impact on affirmative action and Mr. Achelpohl said there has been no specific guidance to share on the impacts yet.

REPORT: Smart Moves transit plan update and implementation strategy overview.

Martin Rivarola, Assistant Director of Transportation and Land Use, provided background about the Smart Moves plan that was adopted in 2017 as an integrated set of strategies and project proposals to improve transit services throughout the region. Mr. Rivarola stated that while this plan has provided a framework for most of the region's recent high profile transit investments, the pace of implementation has been slow due to a variety of factors, particularly the lack of locally supported implementation plans and funding. Now there is a sense of urgency about public transportation in the context of rising needs and declining services in many parts of the region. The plan update will include objectives such as focusing on opportunities to deploy enhanced, regionally connected transit services at a local or county-based level, identifying priority routes and services/programs for each of the subject counties, identifying annual/long-term capital and operating costs for enhanced transit services and programs, exploring statutory requirements and identify potential funding and governance mechanisms, and building consensus around action steps to be taken towards implementation of enhanced transit services. At the conclusion of this effort, MARC staff anticipate major Smart Moves service recommendations will be re-prioritized, and costs will be updated and potential local funding mechanisms will be outlined. A future phase of this work will expand on this effort to include a benefit cost analysis, informational materials, etc. likely later in the 2025 year.

Commissioner Mike Stieben asked for clarification on the meaning of low job access by transit and Mr. Rivarola stated that is the total percentage of jobs that are near or able to be accessed by frequent transit services.

Commissioner Jery Nolte expressed concern about the northland community's representation on the KCATA board.

Legislator Anderson asked if the plan will look at how states and federal can help support the new plan. Mr. Rivarola answered that MARC presented a Peer Transit Review report last year to the MARC board that showed how different areas across the US utilize their funding streams and those outcomes will help inform the recommendations in the Smart Moves update.

BRIEF REPORTS:

REPORT: Mid-America Regional Council transportation committee process and structure review.

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, provided an update to the recent transportation committee process and structure that MARC utilizes for planning purposes. Mr. Achelpohl reported that issues with the current structure have surfaced which prompted MARC staff to conduct a benchmarking review of peer MPO agencies around the country to assess MARC's process and structure against national norms. During the meeting Mr. Achelpohl discussed the current structure and the pros and cons as well as the issues that could be addressed if changes occur. MARC has a total of 16 transportation committees (4 are policy committees, 7 are planning advisory committees, and 5 are programming committees). In comparison to peer MPOs, MARC ranks second highest in committee totals. The next steps of the review process will be to facilitate conversations with regional leadership to discuss is a simplification of committee structure desired and if there is interest in more predictable, substantive, full body of work for various committees? The final recommendations are expected by summer 2025.

VOTE: Approve Mid-America Regional Council Head Start Advisory Committee charter.

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director, introduced Molly Merrigan, Head Start Advisory Committee President to request authorization for the committee's charter. She explained that the Advisory committee was originally created in 2008 and it serves as an independent group of informed community advisors of the MARC Head Start program. Committee members oversee program governance and program improvement including the review and approval of the program's major policies, financial audits, fiscal operations, grant applications, and the results of monitoring and follow-up activities on behalf of the MARC Board of Directors. This new charter will outline the number of meetings, quorum regulations, reporting standards that will be submitted to the MARC Board, and the responsibilities thereof.

REPORT: Update on social service access for KCHousingLocator.com

Anna Van Brunt, Housing Coordinator, provided an update on a new social service access platform housed on the KC Housing Locator tool. Ms. Van Brunt reminded the board that the Regional Housing Partnership was created on the basis of seven pillars: data and analysis, networked leadership, financing tools, production capacity, rental and homeownership resources, public policy, and public engagement. This access tool falls under the rental and homeownership resources category and will allow case managers to obtain a password protected social service agency login. To receive access to property listings serving special needs populations, caseworkers must be approved and undergo confidentiality training. Those requesting access will be required to complete a survey evaluating the individual based on caseload and special populations served, among other criteria.

Mayor John Bacon asked if there was place for those using the tool to input their credit score? Ms. Van Brunt said no, but each person that reaches out to a property owner will follow that property owner's path of approval for the unit. The tool is to help connect people with property owners not act as a screening tool.

Commissioner Stieben asked if the pricing needs of the community are being met with the units that are being listed. Ms. Van Brunt pointed the board to the housing data hub for more

information on jurisdictional specific data but most of the units that are on the tool are affordable rate units. She noted that there is more demand than supply in general.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

David Warm, MARC's Executive Director, mentioned that some MARC board members and himself went to NARC and there were three matters of importance to bring back to the board: reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, potential budgetary resolution March 14 and beyond, and the reauthorization of the surface transportation bill that expires in 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda

- a. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the January 28, 2025, Board Meeting
- b. VOTE: Authorize application to Missouri Department of Transportation for the Missouri Elderly & Handicapped Assistance Program for transportation for essential services.
- c. VOTE: Ratify authorization for grant application to the Administration for Community Living to support older adult behavioral health.
- d. VOTE: Approve Community Support Network subcontract with Jewish Family Services to support ongoing services.
- e. VOTE: Authorize contract for the Mid-America Regional Council Aging and Adult Services Senior Services Growth and Development Program with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for State Fiscal Year 2026.
- f. VOTE: Authorize acceptance of funds from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the regional Community Health Worker Collaborative certificate program.
- g. VOTE: Authorize application to the Health Forward Foundation to continue funding for the Regional Housing Partnership.
- h. VOTE: Approve Mid-America Regional Council Head Start carryover funds request for renovations and facility upgrades.
- i. VOTE: Authorize the purchase of Layer 3 routing hardware from SHI for regional 911 sites to sustain system reliability.
- j. VOTE: Approve 2025 air quality ozone season public outreach campaign media purchases.
- k. VOTE: Approve a contract with ETC Institute not to exceed \$75,000 to conduct annual Air Quality Public Awareness Surveys in 2025, 2026 and 2027.
- l. VOTE: Authorize a grant application to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to develop and administer APWA 5600 Stormwater Standards training for stormwater professionals.
- m. VOTE: Authorize consultant agreements for a 2025 Planning Sustainable Places study in Lee's Summit, Missouri.
- n. VOTE: Authorize receipt of FFY 2027-2028 Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality program and Surface Transportation Block Grant program funds for Mid-America Regional Council transportation programming.

MOTION: Legislator Jalen Anderson moved for approval of all agenda items and the consent agenda and Council member Bridget McCandless seconded. Commissioner Hanzlick 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.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

March 2025
Item No. 7b
Exemplary Core Capacities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve changes to employee fringe benefit package effective July 1, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

MARC’s cafeteria, health, dental and vision insurance plans operate on a July 1 – June 30 plan year. MARC currently offers four health insurance plans, one dental plan and one vision plan to employees, all obtained through Midwest Public Risk (MPR). Annually, our benefits consultant, Hallier Benefit Advisors, compares our plan structures and premiums to the market to ensure they are competitive. Periodically, we do a full marketing of our health benefits. Premium increases have been relatively small the past four years. For the upcoming plan year, the MPR Board of Directors approved an array of plans with some slight plan changes and a 3% premium increase for all health plans and no increases for dental or vision coverage. With this pricing, the plans remain very competitive with the market both in structure and price.

Health Plans

Staff is recommending continuing the same health plans. As a basis for cost sharing, MARC’s practice has been to designate the plan with the largest number of employees as a basic “core insurance plan”. A percentage of employer paid premium is applied to that plan for family, tier 2 and single coverages, and that static amount is carried through to all plans. Current employer premium cost sharing percentages are 72% for family, 78.3% for Tier 2 and 82.3% for individual coverage. Because the increase is relatively small this year, staff is recommending that the core plan employee premiums remain flat, and MARC absorb the 3% increase, increasing those percentages to 72.8% for family, 79% for Tier 2 and 82.8% for individual coverage. The chart below shows the differences in 12 month employer contributions.

2024-2025 Employer Contribution	2025-2026 Contribution with same percentages	Increase from 2024-2025 with same percentages	2025-2026 Contribution keeping employee share constant	Increase from 2024-2025 with employee share constant	Difference between same percentages vs keeping employee share constant
\$1,367,532	\$1,409,016	\$41,484	\$1,421,232	\$ 53,700	\$ 12,216

Other Benefits

Dental and Vision insurance rates are not changing for the 2025-2026 plan year. MARC does not contribute toward these plans. Staff recommends continuing to offer both benefits.

All employees (whether on MARC’s health insurance or not) currently receive a monthly cafeteria allowance which helps offset insurance costs and/or to purchase optional benefits of dental, vision, life and disability insurance and/or to contribute to a flexible spending account or health savings account. The current amount is \$220/month. Staff recommends no increase to that allowance at this time.

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For many years, MARC has offered a Health Savings Account pre-fund option for the QHDHP plans. This approach provided the employee with some funds available in the HSA to help with any medical expenses that occur early in the plan year. Because high deductible plans are so common now, staff recommends not offering that program for the 2025-2026 plan year.

Summary of Recommendations

Recommendations for the 2025-2026 Plan Year monthly premiums are as follows:

- Health Insurance

Plan	Total Premium	Employer		Employee	
Copay Plan 1500					
Family	\$2,070	\$1,221	59.0%	\$849	41.0%
Tier 2	1,763	1,118	63.4%	645	36.6%
Single	768	505	65.7%	263	34.3%
Copay Plan 2500					
Family	\$1,996	\$1,221	61.2%	\$775	38.8%
Tier 2	1,700	1,118	65.8%	582	34.2%
Single	737	505	68.5%	232	31.5%
High Deductible 1650*					
Family	\$1,677	\$1,221	72.8%	\$456	27.2%
Tier 2	1,415	1,118	79.0%	297	21.0%
Single	610	505	82.8%	105	17.2%
High Deductible 2500					
Family	\$1,508	\$1,221	81.0%	\$287	19.0%
Tier 2	1,279	1,118	87.4%	161	12.6%
Single	534	505	94.7%	29	5.3%

*Core Plan

- Vision and Dental Insurance. Employees who elect Vision and/or Dental plans may use their Cafeteria Plan Allowance for premiums. There is no other cost sharing from MARC.

	Employee Total Monthly Premium		
	Family	Tier 2	Individual
Vision	\$ 22.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 8.00
Dental	88.00		36.00

- Cafeteria Plan Allowance at \$220/month.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

All employer share of benefit costs are budgeted in the Indirect and Clearing Fund and funded through our Fringe Benefits allocation rate. Budgeted numbers are calendar year, and include 6 months of one plan year, and 6 months of the next plan year.

AGENDA REPORT

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Employer Costs	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	
Health Insurance	\$1,555,450	\$1,366,191	\$1,501,921	Based on proposed cost sharing
Cafeteria Allowance	476,300	458,810	473,220	

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize changes to the employee fringe benefit package effective July 1, 2025, including offering the Copay Plan 1500, Copay Plan 2500, QHDHP 1650 and QHDHP 2500 with the cost sharing shown above; continuing to offer employee funded Vision and Dental insurance; continuing the Cafeteria Plan Allowance at \$220/month; and discontinuing the health savings account prefunding program.

STAFF CONTACT

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

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

March 2025
Item No. 7c

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a grant application to the Darr Family Foundation for \$300,000 dollars to support the Double Up Food Bucks Program.

BACKGROUND:

The Double Up Food Bucks (DUFb) program is currently supported by two grants from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and both grants are ending in 2025. One grant will end June 30, 2025 and the other will end August 31, 2025. To continue the program, the Double Up Heartland Collaborative, led by the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), would like to pursue another USDA GusNIP grant. The request for applications (RFA) for 2025 was released by the USDA in January but was paused for review. If the RFA is re-released, it will require a 50% match.

In anticipation of this requirement, MARC is having conversations with current funders and prospective new funders. The Darr Family Foundation requires a written application to be completed for their Board to consider a funding request. The Darr Family Foundation funds activities in southwest Missouri, including the Springfield area. There are 18 participating locations (farmers markets, grocery stores) in their catchment area that offer Double Up Food Bucks to their customers. In 2025, those locations redeemed over \$100,000 of Double Up Food Bucks for fresh fruits and vegetables. The Collaborative would like to request \$300,000 for matching funds to a three-year grant from the Darr Family Foundation.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$300,000
Source	The Darr Family Foundation
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Media	
Incentives	\$300,000
Postage/Printing	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Commission on Aging considered this item at its March meeting and recommended Board approval.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts the Missouri counties of Christian, Greene, Lawrence, Polk, Taney and Webster with existing Double Up Food Bucks participating locations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an application for \$300,000 to the Darr Family Foundation to support Double Up Food Bucks after 2025. This funding will be included as part of the match for an upcoming application to the USDA for a healthy food incentive grant.

STAFF CONTACT:

Donna Martin, Public Health Program Manager
Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services

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Item No. 7d

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

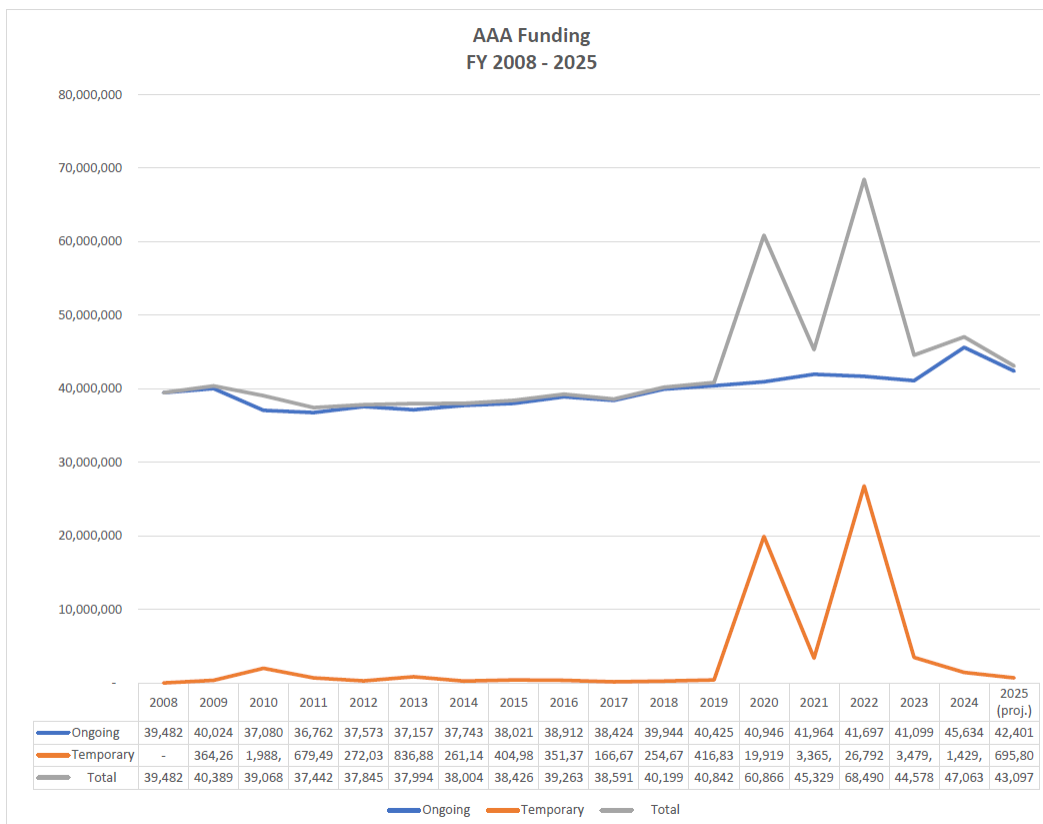
VOTE: Approve submission of Amendment #1 of the SFY 2025 Area Plan and Budget to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

BACKGROUND:

Much has changed since the initial state fiscal year (SFY) 2025 Area Plan budget was submitted. To incorporate changes in personnel, programs and to accommodate updated funding, we must submit this updated information to the State Unit on Aging (SUA) at the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHHSS), from which we receive all Older Americans Act (OAA) funding.

All Area Agencies on Aging submit budget amendments as programmatic activity becomes more clear, compared to early allotment table projections. The number of allotment table updates varies each state fiscal year. We received a second allotment table prior to this budget amendment. Key changes from the originally submitted SFY 2025 Area Plan budget allocate carryover and Senior Services Growth and Development (SSGDP) funds to supplement OAA federal funding.

We are unwinding from temporary funding peaks and bringing services back down to pre-Covid levels. With the exception of temporary funding such as ARPA, the following graph depicts relatively flat allotment tables since 2008 despite the aging trend and inflation.



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BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The Aging Services budget is divided among major categories of services that include Supportive Services, Congregate Meals Nutrition, Home Delivered Meals Nutrition, Disease Prevention/Health Promotion, National Family Caregiver Support, Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, and Administration Services. The attached page to this provides snapshot of the costs of these programs, and funding sources utilized.

EXHIBITS:

[Amendment #1](#)

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Commission on Aging considered this item at its March meeting and recommended Board approval.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Missouri counties of Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray.

RECOMMENDATION

Support the submission of an amendment updating the SFY 2025 Area Plan budget.

STAFF CONTACT

Andréa Lauren, Fiscal Administrator

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services

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Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an application to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the KC Regional Community Health Worker Collaborative.

BACKGROUND

MARC has received funding over the past nine years to support the collaborative's work from foundations and state agencies. The work over the past year has focused on advocacy to encourage agencies to consider adding CHWs to their workforce; supervisory, CEU and other training and enrollment in a state credential for CHWs in both Missouri and Kansas to increase professionalism of those in the workforce; and preparation of toolkits and other resources to help agencies understand how to use billing codes for reimbursement of CHW services.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services has encouraged MARC to submit a funding proposal to support additional supervisory training for CHW supervisors, update of the CHW core competency training in Spanish, and resource materials and webinars on the integration of CHWs into healthcare teams and ways to use billing codes to secure reimbursement through Medicare for CHW services.

Budget

Expenses	
MARC Personnel (salary, fringe, indirect, rent)	\$11,000
Supervisory Trainings for CHW Supervisors - CGA Consulting	\$12,000
Translation of CHW Core Competency Training into Spanish (Trainers - Alma Vargas and Guadalupe Tredway)	\$18,000
Toolkit Content and Webinars on Reimbursement for CHW Services to Patients through Medicare (ES Saleski - Contractor)	\$24,000
Total	\$65,000

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the submission of a proposal, and if funded, accept funds from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services of \$65,000 to support curriculum development in Spanish, supervisory training and information and webinars on use of Medicare for CHW service reimbursement. Authorize agreements with CGA Consulting, ES Advisors and trainers Alma Vargas and Guadalupe Tredway, as outlined above.

STAFF CONTACT

Marlene Nagel, Director of the Office of Resource Development
Hannayd Ruiz, Community Health Program Manager

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March 2025
Item No. 7f

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve 2024 Federally Required Performance Measures

BACKGROUND:

Performance-based Planning and Programming (PBPP) is a method to use transportation performance management principles in planning and programming processes to ensure that the funding decisions being made will help the region make progress towards the established targets for each measure. PBPP is a federal requirement and as such, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is required to establish targets for and monitor progress related to Safety (PM1), Pavement and Bridge Condition (PM2), Performance of the National Highway System (NHS), Freight, and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (PM3), Transit Safety and Transit Asset Management.

In support of a performance-based planning process, Connected KC 2050 includes a set of regional performance measures related to the vision and goals defined in the plan's Policy Framework. Since 2010, MARC has produced regular Performance Measures Reports to monitor trends and help MARC and regional transportation stakeholders to better understand and evaluate progress towards achieving the plan goals. The [2025 Transportation Performance Measures Report](#) looks at a subset of the performance measures identified in Connected KC 2050.

New targets for the PM1, PM2 and PM3 regional measures were reported on at the January 2025 Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) meeting. These have been included in the March 2025 TTPC agenda for review and adoption at that time. Assuming TTPC's concurrence with these regional performance measures and targets, these targets are hereby proposed for final review and adoption by the MARC Board.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

MARC's Highway Committee, Destination Safe Coalition and the Total Transportation Policy Committee have reviewed and provided input into this target setting process.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

[2025 Transportation Performance Measures Report](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the targets for Safety, Infrastructure Condition, System Performance, Transit Safety and Transit Asset Management as presented

STAFF CONTACT:

Robert Evans, Principal Planner

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March 2025
Item No. 7g
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve 2024 functional classification system updates

BACKGROUND:

Functional classification is the process by which streets and highways are organized according to how they move vehicles across our transportation network. This designation is based on factors such as roadway volume and speed limit, among other criteria established by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Functional classification is used in transportation planning, roadway design, and is one factor in determining if a roadway project is eligible to receive federal funds.

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Kansas City Region, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is responsible for developing and maintaining the Functional Classification system of roadways within its planning boundaries through coordination with local cities, counties, and departments of transportation. MARC follows an established schedule of two updates per year (spring and fall). To ensure requests meet FHWA guidelines, coordination with neighboring jurisdictions and DOTs is required.

For the Fall 2024 call, MARC processed 23 requests for functional classification changes from five jurisdictions (four in Missouri and one in Kansas). All requests were reviewed by MARC staff and the applicable DOT's, additional coordination with requesting jurisdictions occurred as needed, the requests were organized into the following four (4) recommendation categories.

- Approve: 14 requests (61%)
- Approve with modification: 7 requests (30%)
- Table: 1 request (4%)
 - These requests are eligible to be resubmitted during a future call.
- Withdraw: 1 request (4%)

MARC coordinated with the requesting jurisdictions to develop a final list of request change recommendations. Attached to this report is the complete list of request changes and recommendations.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

In some cases, functional classification determines the eligibility of roadways to receive federal funds, most notably the STP funds that MARC's programming committees award every two years.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

EXHIBITS:

[2024 Functional Classification System changes](#)

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COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Transportation Policy Programming Committee took action on this item on March 18, 2025.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve 2024 Functional Classification System changes as presented.

STAFF CONTACT:

Alicia Hunter, Transportation Planner III

Fall 2024 Call for Changes to the Functional Classification System

City	State	Roadway Name	From	To	Current Classification	Proposed Classification	Recommendation
Belton	MO	Markey Parkway	Markey Rd	N. Scott Avenue	NA – Planned Roadway	Major Collector	Withdraw request (administrative correction)
Belton	MO	Markey Road	N. Scott Avenue	Bales Ave	NA – Planned Roadway	Major Collector	Approve as requested
Belton	MO	Markey Road/Parkway	Bales Ave	Route 58	NA – Planned Roadway	Major Collector	Approve as requested
Belton	MO	Peculiar Dr	E Cambridge Rd	N Cass Parkway	NA	Major Collector	Approve as requested
Belton	MO	S Outer Rd	E 155th St	E 163rd St	NA	Major Collector	Approve as requested
Belton	MO	E Cambridge - W Lucy Webb Rd	Peculiar Dr	E Outer Rd	NA – Planned Roadway	Major Collector	Table
Belton	MO	N Cass Parkway	Peculiar Dr	S. Mullen Rd	NA – Planned Roadway	Major Collector	Approve with Modification
Belton	MO	N Cass Parkway	Peculiar Dr	I-49	NA	Major Collector	Approve as requested
Belton	MO	Markey Parkway	Route 58	Hwy Y	NA	Major Collector	Approve with Modification (administrative correction)
Harrisonville	MO	Anaconda Road	Clearwater Dr	Precision Dr	Local	Major Collector	Approve as requested
Harrisonville	MO	Clearwater Dr	MO Route 2	Anaconda Rd	Local	Major Collector	Approve as requested
Harrisonville	MO	Preceison Dr	Anaconda Rd	E. 267th St	NA	Major Collector	Approve as requested
Harrisonville	MO	E. 267th Street	Precision Dr	S. Brickplant Rd	Local	Major Collector	Approve as requested
Harrisonville	MO	S. Brickplant Raod	E. 267th St	Anaconda Rd	NA	Local	Approve as requested
Harrisonville	MO	S. Commercial Extension	S Brookhart Dr	S. Brickplant Rd	NA – Planned Roadway	Major Collector	Approve as requested
Harrisonville	MO	Anaconda Road (Brickplant Rd)	S. Brickplant Rd	Missouri Pacific RR	Local	Remove Road	Approve as requested
Harrisonville	MO	S Commercial St	S Brookhart Dr	I-49 Ramp	Local	Major Collector	Approve as requested
Kearney	MO	NE 164th St	County Rd C	Bauman Rd	Local	Minor Collector	Approve with Modification
Kearney	MO	Bauman Rd	NE 164th St	NE 162nd St	Local	Minor Collector	Approve with Modification
Kearney	MO	NE 162nd St	Bauman Rd	MO-33/N Jefferson St	Local	Minor Collector	Approve with Modification
Lansing	KS	McIntyre Road	147th St	US-73 HWY/Main St	Local	Major Collector	Approve as requested (administrative correction)
Platte City	MO	NW Interurban Road	NW 128th St	HWY Z	Local	Major Collector	Approve with Modification and Pending Notification
Platte City	MO	NW River Road	I-435	Main St	Local	Major Collector	Approve with Modification

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Item No. 7h

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize consultant agreement with Toole Design Group for the Greater Kansas City Regional Bikeway Plan update.

BACKGROUND:

The Greater Kansas City Regional Bikeway Plan was conducted in 2014 and approved by the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Board in early 2015. The plan envisioned a network of over 2,000 miles of on-street bikeways across the then-8-county MPO region. It also expanded the proposed Metro Green network into Miami County, KS.

The primary goal of this update is to better facilitate implementation of safe and low-stress bicycle facilities in the MARC region, prioritizing interjurisdictional connections. Other outcomes of the plan will include, but not be limited to, engagement with local government stakeholders, a revised proposed regional bikeway network, and an updated regional bicycle/pedestrian data and counts plan.

After a request for proposals was issued in January, Toole Design Group and its team (including Vireo, Kimley-Horn, and BikeWalkKC) was selected for the project.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

This work is listed as an activity in MARC's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and is budgeted for \$200,000 in Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a contract with Toole Design Group for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the Greater Kansas City Regional Bikeway Plan Update.

STAFF CONTACT:

Patrick Trouba, Transportation Planner II

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Item No. 7i

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize consultant agreements for four 2025 Planning Sustainable Places studies.

BACKGROUND:

For studies funded through Planning Sustainable Places (PSP), the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) will hold the contracts on individual projects, although the project leads and local match will be provided by the local sponsors. Details for the projects are provided below. A qualifications-based competitive selection process was used in the selection of all consulting teams.

Leavenworth, KS - Leavenworth Seventh Street Corridor Study.

This study will review previous planning, assess existing conditions, engage the public and stakeholders, and develop recommendations for a multimodal transportation corridor connecting downtown Leavenworth to Fort Leavenworth. The final report will include a list of strategies and recommendations including potential funding mechanisms and strategies for implementation. Proposals from six prospective consulting teams were received. A shortlisting process was conducted with three teams interviewed. Key components of the plan will include:

- Develop a vibrant community with a welcoming image and attractive physical appearance that celebrates community heritage through quality new development, appropriate redevelopment, and preservation of historic and cultural resources.
- Better connect people within our City and the region with a complete transportation system offering a variety of different transportation modes.
- Invest in Leavenworth to promote growth, revitalization and high quality of life for all.

The consulting team of GBA, Shockey Consulting, Atlas Surveying, and CFS Engineering was selected for this study.

Osawatomie, KS - Osawatomie Mile Zero Trailhead Master Plan.

This study will review previous planning, assess existing conditions, engage the public and stakeholders, and develop recommendations for a trailhead connecting Osawatomie to the Flint Hills Trail. The final report will include a list of strategies and recommendations including potential funding mechanisms. Proposals from three prospective consulting teams were received. Given the smaller budget of the study, the three teams were asked to submit answers to a set of questions in lieu of interviews. Key components of the plan will include:

- Completed Pedestrian Network for Osawatomie Trails and Multi-Use Pathways
- Comprehensive Site Plan for Final Development of Flint Hills Trail State Park Trailhead (Mile Zero)
- Considers Sustainability Practices for Active Tourism Site

The consulting team of Landworks Studio LLC, Shockey Consulting, and CFS Engineers was selected for this study.

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Kansas City, MO - Kansas City's Forgotten Homes and Independence Plaza Study.

This study will review previous planning, assess existing conditions, engage the public and stakeholders, and develop recommendations for a multimodal transportation system connecting the two neighborhoods and adjacent areas. The final report will include a list of strategies and recommendations including potential funding mechanisms and budget. Proposals from five prospective consulting teams were received. A shortlisting process was conducted with three teams interviewed. Key components of the plan will include:

- Improve multimodal connectivity and safety
- Address housing stock conditions and new housing development
- Placemaking, Open Space, and Climate Resilience

The consulting team of Hoxie Collective, Mend Collaborative, and WSP was selected for this study.

Parkville, MO - Parkville Sidewalk Gap Inventory and Rating Plan.

This study will provide the missing links throughout Parkville to pedestrians to access destinations and neighborhoods. The final deliverable will be a scoring tool for prioritization of sidewalk gaps. A proposal from a single consulting team was received. Given the small budget size and the specific nature of the study, the decision was to proceed with the responding team. This decision was made after confirming with Parkville that the proposed scope of work satisfactorily met the city's objectives. Key components of the plan will include:

- Analyze the City's existing sidewalk network inventory data.
- Prioritize gaps and connections for Parkville's Public Works Department to implement in future years through a rating system. The rating system will be constructed with input from elected officials, citizens and staff.

The team of McClure and Shockey Consulting was selected for this study.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The projects will use Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding with a required local match as follows:

Leavenworth, KS: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$58,500) with the required local match of \$65,000 provided by the City of Leavenworth.

Osawatomie, KS: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$36,000) with the required local match of \$9,000 provided by the City of Osawatomie.

Kansas City, MO: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$150,000) with the required local match of \$37,500 provided by the City of Kansas City.

Parkville, MO: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$19,000) with the required local match of \$5,000 provided by the City of Parkville.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARC Board authorized the award of the PSP funds for the project and the receipt of its local match on September 24, 2024.

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RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The consultant contracts involve the jurisdictions of: Leavenworth, KS; Osawatomie, KS; Kansas City, MO; and Parkville, MO.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into the agreements as listed above.

STAFF CONTACT:

Beth Dawson, Principal Planner

Martin Rivarola, Assistant Director of Transportation and Land Use

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment

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March 2025
Item No. 7j
Healthy Environment

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an application for the Municipal Investment Fund opportunity through International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives - Local Governments for Sustainability.

BACKGROUND:

The International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives - Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI USA), in partnership with Coalition for Green Capital, is offering funding and technical support to help local governments access capital for public and private clean energy projects within their jurisdiction. Selected communities in this Phase I award will be qualified to pursue additional predevelopment and project capital through Coalition for Green Capital's Municipal Investment Fund. This application proposes that the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) support Johnson County, Kansas in a feasibility study exploring investment in multifamily buildings, strengthening severe weather infrastructure for public buildings, and integrating solar with agricultural land use. If awarded, MARC would support Johnson County in setting community goals, establishing public-private partnerships, and identifying potential projects. Johnson County will serve as a pilot for clean energy investment with other jurisdictions having expressed interest in scaling investment regionally once established. The feasibility study activities will take place April-July 2025 with Phase II awards available August 2025.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

If awarded and contracted, MARC would receive \$250,000 to develop the Phase I feasibility study. \$71,000 of the total award will support local partners and community participants.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Johnson County, Kansas is impacted by this item.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an application to the Municipal Investment Fund in partnership with Johnson County for \$250,000 for work to be performed over the course of April-July 2025.

STAFF CONTACT:

Tom Jacobs, Chief Resilience Officer and Environmental Programs Director
Ashley Sadowski, Executive Director of Building and Energy Exchange

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March 2025
Item No. 7k
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve actions taken on the March 11, 2025, Head Start Advisory Committee meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The Head Start Advisory Committee reviewed and approved the following program information reports at its September meeting:

- Approval of January 2025 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
- Approval of February 2025 Shared Governance Meeting Minutes

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Head Start Advisory Committee considered this information at its March 11, 2025, meeting and recommended MARC Board approval.

EXHIBITS:

[Advisory Committee meeting packet](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the actions taken at the March 11, 2025, Head Start Advisory Committee meetings.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director

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March 2025
Item No. 7I
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve the acquisition of additional Motorola VESTA 911 workstations to support emergency communications operations.

BACKGROUND:

The Blue Springs Police Department and Riverside Police Department have each identified a need for additional Motorola VESTA 911 workstations to enhance their emergency communications capabilities. As part of the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) regional 911 system, both departments require these additional workstations to manage increasing call volumes and improve operational redundancy.

Blue Springs Police Department is requesting two additional workstations to accommodate growing service demands and ensure uninterrupted 911 call processing. Riverside Police Department is requesting one additional workstation to maintain reliability and redundancy within its PSAP operations.

These workstations will be fully integrated into the existing VESTA 911 system, ensuring seamless interoperability with regional public safety agencies. The purchase includes both hardware and software, as well as an extension of the five-year support agreement. This acquisition supports ongoing efforts to maintain a reliable and efficient emergency response infrastructure across jurisdictions.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The Motorola firm proposals include \$72,012.66 for the two workstations for Blue Springs and \$37,229.87 for the one workstation for Riverside, for a total cost of \$109,242.53. Funding for these purchases is included in the 911 Allocation Budget (Cost Share).

REVENUES	
Amount	\$109,242.53
Source	911 Allocation Budget (Cost Share)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$109,242.53
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The 911 Technical Sub-Committee conducted a review of the request, including an analysis of statistical call data, to develop a recommendation for the Public Safety Communications Users Committee and the Public Safety Communications Board. The Users Committee approved the request on April 17, 2024; the Public Safety Communications Board granted final approval on April 24, 2024.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This request directly supports the Blue Springs Police Department and Riverside Police Department, contributing to the overall resiliency of the regional 911 network.

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EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the cost-shared purchase of two additional VESTA 911 workstations for the Blue Springs Police Department and one additional workstation for the Riverside Police Department at a total cost of \$109,242.53.

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Program Director

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March 2025
Item No. 7m
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve an agreement with Segra (formerly United Private Networks - UPN) to provide circuit connections supporting the PSAP at American Medical Response's new location.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) 911 provides emergency call delivery services to 43 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) across an 11-county region. To ensure reliable and redundant connectivity, MARC 911 maintains two distinct pathways into each PSAP, ensuring uninterrupted call delivery in case of a network failure.

This agreement with Segra will establish one of the two required circuit connections to support the relocation of American Medical Response's (AMR) PSAP. A second redundant connection is still under evaluation, and a provider has not yet been identified. These new connections will enhance system reliability at the new location, ensuring continued redundancy for emergency communications.

Once the move is completed, the connections and associated costs for the old PSAP will be terminated, facilitating an efficient transition and cost management. The agreement with Segra is structured for a five-year (60-month) term at a cost of \$1,200 per month, resulting in a total cost of \$72,000 over the contract period.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Funding for these circuit connections is included in the 2025 911 Allocation Budget (Network) for the current and future fiscal years.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$72,000
Source	911 Allocation Budget (Network)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$72,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

COMMITTEE ACTION:

This expenditure is a standard cost planned within the 911 system Capital Projects budget, which received approval from the Public Safety Communications Board on November 20, 2024.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This request supports American Medical Response's (AMR) PSAP relocation and the city of Independence, Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the agreement with Segra to provide circuit connections for the AMR PSAP relocation at a total cost of \$72,000 over five years.

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Communications Director

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March 2025
Item No. 7n
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an agreement with CommCARE to provide Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training for first responders, mental health professionals, school counselors and hospital staff in Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) partnered with six certified community behavioral health organizations (CCBHOs) in Missouri and CommCARE (988 hotline operator) to develop a strategic plan to prepare for implementation of the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline. The strategic plan was completed in July 2022 concurrent with the launch of 988. Five of the project partners worked together to submit a successful Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant application through MARC for funds to implement the strategic plan through a shared approach to enhancing mobile crisis response. In December 2024 we brought to the Board a request to carryover unobligated year two grant funds to be reallocated for year three activities. The budget included \$67,500 to cover the cost to train 270 individuals in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST). ASIST is an evidence-based training and providing suicide intervention training to first responders, mental health professionals and hospital staff is a required grant activity.

CommCARE (the 988 call center) has staff trained to deliver the ASIST training. MARC will reimburse CommCARE at a rate of \$250 per person for each individual that attends the training. \$100/person covers the cost of required materials and \$150/person covers the cost of CommCARE staff time and additional materials.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$67,500
Source	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Award #1H79SM0872360-01)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
ASIST Training @ \$250/person with a maximum of 270 individuals trained	\$67,500

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The item impacts Jackson, Clay, Platte and Ray Counties in Missouri.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a Professional Services agreement with CommCARE in an amount not to exceed \$67,500 to provide ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) for first responders, mental health professionals, school counselors and hospital staff.

STAFF CONTACT:

Julie Phillips, Shared Services Director
Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration