



Board of Directors BUDGET & PERSONNEL

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April 22, 2025

11:15 a.m.

In-person attendees in MARC's Westview 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, April 22, 2025, for instructions to join the teleconference.

AGENDA

1. Approve Contracts, Grants, and Other Major Expenditures

EXEMPLARY CORE CAPACITIES

- a. REPORT: Review Fiscal Year 2025 Year-to-Date Financial Reports through March.

EFFECTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND QUALITY PLACES

- b. VOTE: Authorize a consulting contract with Cambridge Systematics-WSP-Insight Transportation Team for the Development of an Activity-Based Travel Demand Model for Kansas City region.
- c. VOTE: Authorize consultant agreements for four 2025 Planning Sustainable Places studies.

HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

- d. VOTE: Approve receipt of funds from the Institute for Market Transformation for educational resources for building owners.
- e. VOTE: Authorize an update to the memoranda of agreement with seven local government partners to administer additional funds for phase two of the Little Blue River Watershed Feasibility Study with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

QUALITY EARLY LEARNING

- f. VOTE: Approve renewal of Mid-America Regional Council's contract for the Learning Genie platform to support Head Start child outcomes.
- g. VOTE: Authorize contract amendment and lease negotiations with a current Head Start partner to occupy the Thomas Roque facility.

SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES

- h. VOTE: Approve an agreement with Bluebird Network to provide circuit connections supporting the Public Safety Answering Point at American Medical Response's new location.

2. VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda (Administrative Matters and Minor Expenditures)

- a. Approve the Minutes of March 25, 2025, Meeting

3. Other Business

4. Adjournment

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Item 1a
Exemplary Core Capacities

ISSUE:

REPORT: Review Fiscal Year 2025 Year-to-Date Financial Reports through March.

BACKGROUND:

Based upon prior discussion, financial reports will be provided and presented quarterly to the B&P Committee (January, April, August, October).

EXHIBITS:

[FY25 YTD March Financial Package](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Andrew Molloy, Finance Director

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration

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Item No. 1b

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a consulting contract with Cambridge Systematics-WSP-Insight Transportation Team for the Development of an Activity-Based Travel Demand Model for Kansas City region.

BACKGROUND:

Over the past 30 years, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has developed and maintained a regional Travel Demand Forecast Model (TDFM) for our bi-state planning area. This model analyzes travel patterns and plays a critical role in the development of long-range transportation plans and making informed decisions about our transportation system. According to the Federal Highway Administration, the next MARC Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) will be due by 2030, with a planning horizon of 2060. In light of significant shifts in travel patterns observed in the post-pandemic era, we are preparing to transition to a next-generation Activity-Based Travel Model. This advanced model will provide greater insight into key issues such as traffic congestion, remote work trends, community impacts analyses, and multimodal transportation planning.

On March 3, 2025, MARC published a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking responses from qualified firms to develop the next generation regional travel model. MARC received only one proposal in response to the RFP. A selection committee made up by MARC, KDOT, MoDOT and KCATA staff reviewed and evaluated the proposal submitted by the Cambridge Systematics-WSP-Insight Transportation Team for the Development of an Activity-Based Travel Demand Model in MARC region. An in-person interview was conducted on April 11, 2025. The selection committee recommends selection of the Cambridge Systematics-led team for this project.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

This project will use 2025 budgeted CPG funds not to exceed \$1,100,000

REVENUES	
Amount	\$1,100,000
Source	Consolidated Planning Grant funds (CPG)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$1,100,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a contract with Cambridge Systematics-WSP-Insight Transportation Team to develop the next generation Regional Travel Demand Model with a length of 18 months and a contract amount not to exceed \$1,100,000.

STAFF CONTACT:

Martin Rivarola, Assistant Director of Transportation and Land Use
Eileen Yang, Transportation Modeling Manager

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Item No. 1c

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.

Basehor, KS - Basehor Town Center Trail and Recreation.

This study focuses on the planning for a 240-acre study area that will serve as the future Basehor downtown and plan for its future transportation infrastructure, trails, parks and other amenities. The final report will include a list of strategies and recommendations including potential funding mechanisms and strategies for implementation. The initial release of the RFP received a single submittal. The RFP was reviewed and rereleased but garnered a single submittal again. The responding team was interviewed to ensure alignment of the city and proposing firm's understanding of the study. Key components of the plan will include:

- **Trail Network Integration:** Establish an extensive, connected trail system within Basehor Town Center (BTC), linking to Basehor's existing downtown, Civic Campus, and the regional Metro Green Trail. This will promote active transportation options and foster connectivity throughout the city.
- **Sustainable Mixed-Use Development:** Implement a mixed-use development plan that balances commercial, residential, and recreational spaces, ensuring economic vitality and sustainable growth. The design will include housing options for various age groups and incomes while promoting a pedestrian-friendly environment.
- **Parks and Recreational Amenities:** Develop over 40 acres of parkland and recreational spaces within BTC, responding to community requests for expanded parks. These areas will host year-round events, provide gathering spaces, and offer both indoor and outdoor recreational opportunities.
- **Community Engagement and Economic Growth:** Foster public participation to align the development with local needs while driving job creation and attracting visitors through amenities like the community center, farmers market, and future commercial ventures.
- **Shared-Use Infrastructure and Accessibility:** Plan for shared-use parking facilities to accommodate downtown and BTC visitors, improving accessibility and encouraging foot and bike traffic between the areas. Ensure that all parks, trails, and public spaces are designed to be accessible and inclusive for all ages and abilities.

The consulting team of BHC, RDG Planning & Design, and Venice Communications was selected for this study.

Bonner Springs, KS - Bonner Springs Connectivity and Walkability Plan.

This study will identify valuable connections throughout Bonner Springs - to parks, activity/retail centers, downtown, or to job opportunities outside the city limits. Project deliverables will include an existing conditions assessment, and recommended improvements

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with funding sources. Proposals from two prospective consulting teams were received. The two teams were interviewed. Key components of the plan will include:

- Evaluate connections (bike/ped): assess current - including condition, identify missing routes and connections, recommend improvements both to condition and new connections.
- Develop recommendations to improve connections (bike/ped).
- Examine and develop recommendations for transit both within and connecting Bonner Springs to the greater region.

The consulting team of Lamar Johnson Collaborative and Trekk Design Group, LLC was selected for this study.

Overland Park, KS - Overland Park Wayfinding Master Plan.

This study will develop a new wayfinding program to facilitate navigation and improve the trail user experience. The recommendations will address navigation, generalized placement, safety, enhance accessibility, encourage active transportation, boost engagement, support economic activity and strengthen the Overland Park brand/identity. The final report will include a recommendations including potential funding mechanisms and budget. Proposals from six prospective consulting teams were received. A shortlisting process was conducted with Four teams interviewed. Key components of the plan will include:

- **Definition:** Identify locations for all new signage located along the Indian and Tomahawk creek trail in accordance with other surrounding cities mile markers. Use clear symbols, color coding for different routes and difficulty levels. Provide multilingual or universally recognizable icons for users.
- **Safety and Accessibility:** Design signs that comply with ADA standards. Include reflective materials, emergency call locations or stations.
- **Connectivity:** Include maps, distances, restrooms, parking, landmarks and surrounding amenities. Integrate digital tools such as QR codes or apps for real-time navigation and updates. Show connections to public transportation, nearby attractions and overall trail networks.
- **User engagement:** Include educational or interpretive information about the environment, local culture, history or natural features.

The consulting team of Toole Design Group LLC and Venice Communications was selected for this study.

Kansas City Area Transportation Authority - Blue Ridge TOD and Transit Center Study.

This study will identify three locations for transit oriented development along with conducting an existing conditions analysis, broad stakeholder and community engagement, assess market conditions, and provide a TOD Development Plan for the KCATA #28 Blue Ridge transit route. The final deliverable will include goals and implementation strategies. Proposals from three prospective consulting teams were received. The three teams were interviewed. Key components of the plan will include:

- Identify potential TOD sites along the corridor.
- Analyze current land use and transportation infrastructure.
- Engage stakeholders and the community in the planning process.
- Identify 3 locations on the Blue Ridge Transit Corridor for a TOD with Transit Center, with one location being Blue Ridge Crossing.
- Develop a strategic plan for TOD implementation.
- Recommend policy changes and incentives to support TOD.

The team of WSP, Vireo and Confluence was selected for this study.

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BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

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

Basehor, KS: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$34,000) with the required local match of \$41,000 provided by the City of Basehor.

Bonner Springs, KS: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$58,500) with the required local match of \$21,500 provided by the City of Bonner Springs.

Overland Park, KS: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$57,600) with the required local match of \$20,400 provided by the City of Overland Park.

Kansas City Area Transportation Authority: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$142,000) with the required local match of \$37,500 provided by the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority.

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.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The consultant contracts involve the jurisdictions of: Basehor, KS; Bonner Springs, KS; Overland Park, KS; and the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority service area.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the following agreements:

Basehor, KS: Agreement with BHC for the Basehor Town Center and Recreation study for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

Bonner Springs, KS: Agreement with Lamar Johnson Collaborative for the Bonner Springs Connectivity and Walkability Plan for an amount not to exceed \$79,821.01.

Overland Park, KS: Agreement with Toole Design Group LLC for the Overland Park Wayfinding Master Plan for an amount not to exceed \$77,999.81

Kansas City Area Transportation Authority: Agreement with WSP for the Blue Ridge TOD and Transit Center Study for an amount not to exceed \$179,268.82

STAFF CONTACT:

Beth Dawson, Principal Planner

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Item No. 1d
Healthy Environment

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve receipt of funds from the Institute for Market Transformation for educational resources for building owners.

BACKGROUND:

Building Performance Standard Pathway Alternatives and Training Hubs Program (PATH) is a Department of Energy grant that supports the development of technical tools for improving the energy performance of buildings in the Kansas City metro area. In partnership with the Institute for Market Transformation and nonprofit building performance hubs across the country, this grant provides Kansas City metro area building owners access to specialized technical resources to support energy efficiency and renewable upgrades to their buildings including connecting projects a growing workforce pipeline of service providers.

Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) will be contracted as a subrecipient with the Institute for Market Transformation for \$200,000 over the grant period of Jan. 2025 - Dec. 2027 to support educational resources for building owners.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$200,000
Source	Institute for Market Transformation
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$200,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve receipt of funds from the Institute for Market Transformation for \$200,000 for work to be performed over the course of Jan. 2025 - Dec. 2027 to support educational resources for building owners.

STAFF CONTACT:

Tom Jacobs, Environment Director
Ashley Sadowski, Building and Energy Program Director

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April 2025
Item No. 1e
Healthy Environment

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an update to the memoranda of agreement with seven local government partners to administer additional funds for phase two of the Little Blue River Watershed Feasibility Study with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

BACKGROUND:

The Little Blue River Watershed is a 224 square-mile watershed, comprised of 12 jurisdictions with 81% of the land area in the watershed located in the Missouri jurisdictions of Kansas City, Jackson County, Lee's Summit, and Independence. The watershed includes many substantial regional assets, including Longview and Blue Springs Lakes, and important recreational and habitat assets tied to the Little Blue Trace Trail. Significant challenges in the watershed include flooding, water quality, sedimentation in the lakes, and erosion in the banks and bed of the main stem of the Little Blue and its tributaries.

At the request of local jurisdictions, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers launched a watershed feasibility study in 2021. The study evaluates the causes and dynamics of those identified challenges and will formulate alternative solutions. Once the study is completed in 2027, the Corps will work with local communities to implement solutions, with an anticipated cost share rate of 65%/35% (federal/local).

In June 2021, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Board approved MARC serving as the formal study sponsor on behalf of participating communities, and entering into a Federal Cost Share Agreement with the Corps. In this role, MARC administers and manages the project and facilitates discussions among the Corps and participating communities. The participating communities of Blue Springs, Independence, Jackson County, Kansas City, Missouri, Grandview, Lee's Summit and Raytown contributed the 50% project share based on land area in the watershed.

The overall project at that time was estimated to cost three million dollars, with fifty percent contributed by local partners. Phase 1 funds for initial project scoping were approved in June 2021 and Phase 2 funds for the full study were approved in September 2022 by the MARC Board. At this time, the Corps requests an additional \$500,000 in local funds (matched by an equal amount of federal funds) to address emergent issues related to risk, public safety and geotechnical feasibility that were not included in the initial scope of work. All project partners concur with the need for additional funds. The full project budget, including phase two additional funds, is shown below. Partners agreed to compensate MARC with an additional \$60,000 for project coordination and facilitation services.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

This additional amount will result in a total project cost of \$4,000,000 with \$2,000,000 of federal funds and \$2,000,000 from contributing local jurisdictions.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$560,000
Source	Local community contributions
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$60,000
Contractual	\$500,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

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Item No. 1f
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve renewal of Mid-America Regional Council’s contract for the Learning Genie platform to support Head Start child outcomes.

BACKGROUND:

The Learning Genie application supports implementation of the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) early childhood assessment system. Learning Genie provides an electronic portfolio for each child in Head Start. Evidence of the children’s learning and development can be entered into portfolios by educators, who are able to connect the evidence to DRDP measures. Educators can also rate children’s progress on each measure three times each year and run child outcomes reports for individuals and groups. This assessment of children’s progress and reporting of child outcomes is required for Head Start grantees. Children’s learning plans are adjusted when deficiencies are reported in order assist the child to progress appropriately. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Head Start program began contracting with Learning Genie in 2017. Learning Genie has customized the application to meet the needs of MARC Head Start providers and has provided effective technical support to educators.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$60,480
Source	Administration for Children and Families
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$60,480
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Clay, Jackson and Platte counties in Missouri are impacted by this item.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Learning Genie contract from July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$60,480.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director
Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning

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Item No. 1g
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize contract amendment and lease negotiations with a current Head Start partner to occupy the Thomas Roque facility.

BACKGROUND:

On March 11, 2025, The YMCA of Greater Kansas City notified Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) that they will no longer continue with Head Start services in four locations that are located in the Missouri counties of Clay, Jackson, and Platte after May 2025. During this nearly 20-year partnership more than 8,000 children and families in the Kansas City region were provided services. MARC staff launched a Request for Qualification (RFQ) process to find new partners to serve the children and families for three of the four locations.

MARC is the owner of the fourth facility and has immediate responsibility for services there. Therefore, staff solicited responses from current Head Start providers to assume facility operations and early learning service. This separate process resulted in four current Head Start partners requesting a tour and expressing interest in operating at the Thomas Roque facility.

The MARC Head Start team created a standardized rubric, reviewed by MARC's Grants Compliance Manager, the Head Start Policy Council and Advisory Committee to assess each interested internal partner. The Head Start director and managers completed the rubric for each site. Assessment criteria included program philosophy, staffing, reimbursement rates, current enrollment, self-assessment data and child health and safety data. MARC staff are requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Guadalupe Centers who scored the highest during the assessment.

The Guadalupe Centers Early Childhood Center first opened its doors in 1985 and is accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Guadalupe Centers currently serves 96 Head Start children at its current location and would tentatively serve 126 Early Head Start and Head Start children if operations were moved to the Thomas Roque Facility.

If mutually agreeable terms for a contract amendment cannot be reached, we request permission to move forward with the next highest scoring current partner.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Head Start Policy Council and Advisory Committee approved this action on April 18, 2025.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Jackson County, Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize contract amendment and lease negotiations with a current Head Start partner to occupy the Thomas Roque facility.

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EXHIBITS:

None.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director

Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning

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April 2025
Item No. 1h
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve an agreement with Bluebird Network to provide circuit connections supporting the Public Safety Answering Point at American Medical Response's new location.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) 911 program 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 Bluebird will establish the secondary circuit connections to support the relocation of American Medical Response's (AMR) PSAP. These new connections will ensure continued redundancy and system reliability at the new location.

The agreement with Bluebird Network is structured for a three-year (36-month) term with \$1,000 installation fee, per path and a monthly cost of \$660, resulting in a total cost of \$74,280 over the contract period.

<i>Location</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>MRC</i>	<i>NRC</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Point A</i>	36	\$660.00	\$1,000.00	\$24,760.00
<i>Point B</i>	36	\$660.00	\$1,000.00	\$24,760.00
<i>Point C</i>	36	\$660.00	\$1,000.00	\$24,760.00
Total				\$74,280.00

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	\$74,280
Source	911 Allocation Budget (Network)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$74,280
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

COMMITTEE ACTION:

This expenditure is a routine, budgeted item within the 911 system Capital Projects plan and was approved by the Public Safety Communications Board on November 20, 2024.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This request directly supports American Medical Response's (AMR) PSAP relocation and strengthens the overall stability and reliability of the regional 911 network.

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EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the agreement with Bluebird Network to provide circuit connections for the AMR PSAP relocation at a total cost of \$74,280 over three years.

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Communications Director



BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Meeting
Summary
March 25, 2025
11:15 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Council Member Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS - Chair of the MARC Budget and Personnel Committee
Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO
Commissioner Becky Fast, Johnson County, KS
Commissioner Scott Fricker, Platte County, MO
Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, KS
Victor Hurlbert, Auditor, Clay County, MO
Council member Bridget McCandless, Independence, MO
Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, MO
Commissioner Mike Stieben, Leavenworth County, KS
Commissioner Sheila Tracy, Ray County, MO
Commissioner Tyler Vaughn, Miami County, KS
Mayor Pro Tem Marge Vogt, Olathe, KS

STAFF PRESENT

David Warm, Executive Director
Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration
Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment
Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services
Marlene Nagel, Director of the Office of Resource Development
Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Communications Program Director
Tom Jacobs, Chief Resilience Officer and Environmental Programs Director
Julie Phillips, Shared Service Program Director
McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant

OTHERS

CALL TO ORDER

Council member Holly Grummert, Chair of the MARC Budget and Personnel Committee, called the meeting to order at 11:16 a.m. Due to the meeting being conducted remotely and in-person, Council member Grummert 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 with one vote at the end of the meeting. Members would have an opportunity to abstain or object to any items necessary during the final vote.

Approve Contracts, Grants, and Other Major Expenditures

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

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration, presented the 2025 - 2026 MARC employee fringe benefit package for approval. The plan runs from Jul1 - June 30 of every year and offers 4 health

insurance plans, one dental plan and one vision plan to employees, all obtained through Midwest Public Risk (MPR). 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. 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. The board memo contains the breakdown of each plan and the monthly cost.

Commissioner Tyler Vaughn asked when the last time MARC went to market for comparable pricing for the insurance. Ms. Gonzales said 2020 was the last time.

Mr. Victor Hurlbert asked who the health insurance carrier was and she answered UMR.

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

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, requested authorization for a grant application to support the DUFB program. 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. The grant application is for a total of \$300,000 for a three-year grant.

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

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, requested approval to submit amendment #1 to Missouri DHSS for the SFY 2025 Area Plan. She noted that these changes are to adjust as programmatic activity becomes clearer. 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. The funding streams are starting to level out after the COVID "peaks" of surge funding and are showing a relatively flat funding mechanism despite the aging trend of population and inflation. The amendment was posted on the MARC website and located in the meeting packet for review.

Mr. Hurlbert asked if this amendment was due to the Missouri supplemental budget changes. Ms. Bohling-DaMetz indicated that no. That supplement allowed the state to write the check for funds that were already allocated.

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick commented that Johnson County is watching the OAA reauthorization at the federal level for the betterment of their aging community.

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

Marlene Nagel, Director of the Office of Resource Development, requested authorization to apply for the KC regional Community Health Worker Collaborative via funds that are available through Missouri's DHSS. The grant will 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. Total grant application is \$65,000.

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

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Communications Program Director, requested approval to purchase three additional workstations to accommodate growing service demands and ensure uninterrupted 911

call processing at the Blue Springs Police Department and Riverside Police Department. These workstations will be fully integrated into the existing VESTA 911 system, ensuring seamless interoperability with regional public safety agencies. Total cost for all three stations is estimated to be \$109,242.53.

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.

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Communications Program Director, requested approval to 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. Total cost of the connection is \$72,000.

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.

Julie Phillips, Shared Services Program Director, requested approval of an agreement with CommCARE to provide Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training. CommCARE 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. Maximum number of individuals that can be trained is 270 with the budget total of \$67,500.

Commissioner Hanzlick asked if this training was specific to first responders, mental health professionals, school counselors and hospital staff only. Ms. Phillips said that this training can be applied to anyone who wishes to take the course, however, the grant has specific deliverables to reroute calls away from jails and hospital to those services mentioned above.

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

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, requested approval to contract with Toole Design Group to update the Greater Kansas City Regional Bikeway Plan. The 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, engagement with local government stakeholders, a revised proposed regional bikeway network, and an updated regional bicycle/pedestrian data and counts plan. Total contract will be \$200,000.

Commissioner Vaughn asked if the Metro Green Network was part of the comprehensive plans that are happening in Miami County, Spring Hill, etc. to make sure that those plans are in line with the bikeway plan update. Mr. Achelpohl indicated that yes engagement to ensure alignment with those comprehensive plans would be a part of this work.

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

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, requested approval of four 2025 Planning Sustainable Places study agreements. The projects include, Leavenworth, KS: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$58,500) with the required local match of \$65,000 provided by the City of Leavenworth. The consulting team of GBA, Shockey Consulting, Atlas Surveying, and CFS Engineering was selected for this study. Osawatomie, KS: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$36,000) with the required local match of \$9,000 provided by the City of Osawatomie. The consulting team of Landworks Studio LLC, Shockey Consulting, and CFS Engineers was selected for this study. 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. The consulting team of Hoxie Collective, Mend

Collaborative, and WSP was selected for this study. Parkville, MO: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$19,000) with the required local match of \$5,000 provided by the City of Parkville. The team of McClure and Shockey Consulting was selected for this study.

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

Tom Jacobs, Environment Director, requested approval for an application to ICLEI USA for a feasibility study exploring investment in multifamily buildings, strengthening severe weather infrastructure for public buildings, and integrating solar with agricultural land use in Johnson County. The feasibility study activities will take place April-July 2025 with Phase II awards available August 2025. Total award amount for phase 1 is \$250,000 with \$71,000 of the total award will support local partners and community participants.

Council member McCandless asked if this grant requires Congressional allocation? Mr. Jacobs said that EPA has awarded these funds and they are in Citi Bank's possession.

Commissioner Mike Stieben asked what the name of the \$20 billion fund was. Mr. Jacobs said the broad name is Greenhouse Gas Reduction fund and this is one of the three pots in the fund. The Commissioner asked what some of the projects are that would have money allocated to them. Mr. Jacobs said energy efficiency updates, increasing emergency preparedness, and solar projects would likely be the choices once the criteria are announced.

Commissioner Becky Fast asked if the board would approve the projects as the next steps in the process. Mr. Jacobs said that this first phase of money is focused on creating a plan and engaging the public in the county to generate a list of projects that would create a pipeline for phase II of funding.

VOTE: Approve the Minutes of the February 25, 2025 Meeting.

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick moved for approval of all agenda items and Council member Bridget McCandless seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Council member Grummert adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.