

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTICE



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Meeting Date: September 27, 2011

Board Member Lunch: Noon / Meeting: 12:15 p.m.

LOCATION: MARC Conference Center

2nd Floor Board Room, 600 Broadway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64105

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AGENDA

1. Introduction and Board Sharing Time
2. Recognition of MARC Employee
3. REPORT: Report by Mayor Reardon and Mayor James on the Mayors' Bistate Innovations Team
4. REPORT: Update on the Creating Sustainable Places Initiative
5. REPORT: Update on the Kansas City Regional TIGER Grant
6. REPORT: Update on the Commuter Corridor Alternatives Analysis Study
7. REPORT AND VOTE: Approve the 2012 State Legislative Platform
8. REPORT AND VOTE: Authorize the Executive Committee (MARC Board officers) to act on behalf of the Board in certain matters
9. REPORT: Review Annual Conflict of Interest Policy for MARC boards and commissions

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

10. VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve minutes of the August 23, 2011 Board meeting
 - b. Accept monthly Head Start reports for budget and expenditures, credit card transactions, free and reduced meals served, and program data
 - c. Approve contract with the Metropolitan Community College District for The Francis Institute to provide coaching support for the Hall Program Administration Scale project
 - d. Approve contract with the Metropolitan Community College District for The Francis Institute to provide coaching support for the Hall Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) project
 - e. Approve contract with The Family Conservancy to provide coaching support for the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) project
 - f. Authorize Aging contract modifications with HomeCare of Mid-Missouri
 - g. Approval to apply for and receive Veterans Transportation & Community Living Initiative funds from the Federal Transit Administration
 - h. Authorize an agreement with INRIX, Inc. to purchase archived travel data for the purpose of updating the MARC Regional Travel Time Study
 - i. Approve the Functional Classification change for 155th Street in Kansas City, Missouri
 - j. Authorize an agreement with a vendor for 2012 aerial imagery of the Kansas City area region and vicinity

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- k. Authorize acceptance of grant funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Economic Development Administration
 - l. Authorize contract with the selected vendor to assist Ray County with floodplain management planning services
 - m. Authorize acceptance of funds for planning and legal services to support the Rock Island Corridor Coalition
 - n. Authorize submission of a Community Planning Challenge Grant to HUD
 - o. Authorize application to the Federal Home Loan Bank Board of Des Moines for Minor Home Repair in the Green Impact Zone
 - p. Authorize MARC CSC, on behalf of the Regional Health Care Initiative, to submit a Regional Initiative Grant application to the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City and to the REACH Healthcare Foundation, and to accept and expend funding if awarded
 - q. Authorize acceptance and administration of funds to MDNR Clean Diesel projects as determined by RFP and other processes
 - r. Authorize solicitation and acceptance of funds from the State of Missouri for MARC's air quality program
 - s. Approve an increase to the existing agreement with Applied Ecological Services (AES)
 - t. Authorize an agreement with Highlands Consulting Group, LLC to develop an interoperable communications training curriculum
 - u. Approve Homeland Security/Emergency Services contracts, expenditures and grant applications
- 9. Executive Director's Report
 - 10. Other Business
 - 11. Adjournment

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ISSUE:

Introduction and Board sharing time

BACKGROUND:

Time has been reserved on the MARC 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

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ISSUE:

Recognition of MARC Employee

BACKGROUND:

Terry Anderson has reached a significant milestone in her employment with MARC. Terry is the Administrative/Program Assistant for the Research and Transportation Departments, and is celebrating 15 years. Terry will be recognized at the meeting for her contributions to the agency.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

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ISSUE:

REPORT: Report by Mayor Reardon and Mayor James on the Mayors' Bistate Innovations Team

BACKGROUND:

Unified Government Mayor/CEO Joe Reardon and Kansas City, Missouri, Mayor Sylvester James have appointed a Bistate Innovations Team of 12 individuals led by Dr. Ray Daniels and Mike Burke. The goal of the team is to be imaginative, innovative and inspired in recommending ways the Google Ultra High-Speed Fiber ("Google Fiber") can benefit the KC metro area and its citizens. The group will explore ways the community can use Google Fiber to improve public services; create community; assist and advance education; spark economic development; create jobs; or otherwise improve the standard of life in the KC metro area.

The Innovations Team is charged with creating a playbook that identifies creative uses of the Google infrastructure and how best to market the KC metro's high-speed fiber connectivity in recruiting business, industry and institutional interests to the area. A key goal of the team is to support the mayors in modeling how communities can effectively cooperate in a strategic, sustained initiative to advance the progress of the region.

The appointees are:

Barbara Atkinson
Christopher Carroll
Latoria Chinn
Bernard Franklin
Sandra Lawrence

Anthony Magliano
Alex Couchonnal McManus
Bill Miller
Daniel Serda
Jase Wilson

The Mid-America Regional Council will convene/facilitate the group. Entities such as the Kansas City Area Development Council, the Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City, the Wyandotte Economic Development Council and the Kauffman Foundation will be asked to serve as advisers/resources. In addition, other advisers and resources may be used upon agreement of the Innovations Team. Finally, the Mayors will also ask Google to serve in advisory/resource role to the extent it is willing. More detail is needed on how to integrate the work and contribution of these groups with the Innovations Team. The work of the Innovations Team should be coordinated when possible with public sessions/Town Hall meetings surrounding the project and conducted by other area stakeholder organizations.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

MARC is preparing a proposal to submit to one or more local foundations to cover MARC staff time and support development and maintenance of a website. Funds will also be used to cover the costs of several town hall events as well as committee and other meetings.

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RECOMMENDATION:

None at this time. Staff may seek authorization for grant requests at a later date.

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ISSUE:

REPORT: Update on the Creating Sustainable Places Initiative

BACKGROUND:

MARC received a three-year HUD Sustainable Communities Initiative grant in the fall of 2010 and started its grant work in January. We are now concluding the first phase of work.

Using the HUD Sustainable Communities initiative grant MARC created its Creating Sustainable Places initiative to follow through on the work of Transportation Outlook 2040 and other regional and local plans which have emphasized building a sustainable region. A thirty-member Coordinating Committee was created to oversee this initiative and become a central body to coordinate sustainability activities in the region. The Coordinating Committee is co-chaired by MARC Board members Jan Marcason and Curt Skoog.

Some of the most significant accomplishments this first six months have been the following:

- ☐ Prepared the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development
- ☐ Coordinating Committee adopted Guiding Principles for the initiative (attached)
- ☐ Held two Partners Congresses
- ☐ Held an equity meeting at the Green Impact Zone
- ☐ Produced a market assessment for housing in the metro area
- ☐ Developed a housing proposal for the Green Impact Zone which includes renovation of an abandoned school and two neighborhood revitalizations and includes two national developers
- ☐ Developed a catalog of all available data within the metro area (through the university partners)

We anticipate the following activities occurring the next few months:

- ☐ Completion of the Creating Sustainable Places Guidebook including a planning guide and resources, engagement strategy, tool development strategy, and indicators strategy.
- ☐ Corridor planning work will get underway by convening stakeholders who will begin the process of defining their corridors planning needs and identifying key measures of success.
- ☐ Adopt a primary technology platform for the tools and a strategy to begin to develop this platform into a useful visualization and economic assessment tool.
- ☐ Identify and begin using existing tools to assist in corridor and place planning.
- ☐ Identify the appropriate Natural Resource Inventory scope and begin work.
- ☐ Coordinating Committee adopts a set of regional indicators and a guide for creating complementary corridor and place indicators.
- ☐ A twenty person delegation will attend the PolicyLink Equity Summit in Detroit in November.

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RECOMMENDATION:

No action is required by the Board at this time.

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Introduction

Creating Sustainable Places is a regional initiative to develop a path to a more sustainable future. It includes many partners from the private, nonprofit and public sectors and addresses many aspects of what makes a region great and what makes it sustainable. The vision and history of this initiative, and the plans it is built on, are contained in the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development.

The following vision, strategy and principles will guide the initiative in the coming years. This work represents more than 10 years of planning and discussion at the local and regional levels and the more recent work of the Creating Sustainable Places Coordinating Committee, which was formed in early 2011 to lead the initiative.

Changing Needs

Over the next 30 years, the population of the Greater Kansas City region is expected to expand from today's 2 million to an estimated 2.7 million. Where will these people live and work? How will they travel? Can we find ways to retain the character of our communities and still have a thriving, sustainable region? What can we do now to create a better community for our children and grandchildren?

Along with population change, we also face economic and demographic changes that force us to reevaluate past practices. The rising costs of infrastructure, energy and public services demand that we find more efficient ways to grow; environmental expectations require us to more fully respect our natural systems; and an older, more diverse population will demand new housing and mobility choices.

Vision

Working together, citizens and leaders throughout the region have developed a shared vision for a sustainable region — one that balances a thriving economy, social equity and a healthy environment — meeting today's needs without compromising the needs of future generations. This vision is reflected in local plans, regional strategies and public priorities.

In January 2009, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Board of Directors adopted the following vision statement to guide this work.

"Greater Kansas City is a sustainable region that increases the vitality of our society, economy and environment for current residents and future generations."

Strategy

Implementing this vision will require action on many different fronts. One of the ways we can create a more sustainable region is to focus on how the region develops and grows. In 2009, more than 80,000 residents participated in *Imagine KC*, a nearly yearlong discussion of this very question — how should the region develop and grow? The results of that discussion — imagining Kansas City as a sustainable region of vibrant, connected, green places — were incorporated into *Transportation Outlook 2040*, the region’s long-range transportation plan.

So exactly what are vibrant, connected, green places and why are they sustainable?

Vibrant places provide easy accessibility to jobs and services; offer choices in housing, recreation, shopping and transportation; foster connections between neighbors and social engagement; and promote access to arts and culture. Vibrant places make efficient use of public and private assets and resources and are attractive to residents and businesses not only today and tomorrow, but well into the future.

Connected places provide multiple choices in transportation, accommodating walking, biking and public transportation as well as automobile travel. Such corridors attract development, help connect residents to jobs and services, and connect the region’s vibrant places.

Green places make the most efficient use of resources and have the smallest impact on our natural world. They also provide residents with easy access to green spaces and natural areas where families can gather, stay connected to nature, and find recreation. They are places that promote healthy lifestyles.

Vibrant, connected, green places are enduring, resilient and adaptable — they are places that stand the test of time and will be as attractive 50 years from now as they are today. Sustainable places provide a high quality of life for residents today without harming the ability to do the same for future generations.

Over the next few years and beyond, our region will focus on developing vibrant, connected, green places through plans and actions using a set of guiding principles adopted by the Creating Sustainable Places Coordinating Committee.

Guiding Principles

Equity

- **Residents of all races, economic means and abilities are welcome and equipped to participate in all aspects of community life.**

A region is most likely to be sustainable, and nationally and globally competitive, if all its residents are active participants in its economy, community and public life.

Environment

- **Environmental and natural resources and assets are preserved, protected and restored.**

Clean air and water, along with natural assets such as wetlands and open space, are essential for the health and vitality of the region’s residents and places.

Economy

- **A competitive, robust economy is supported and promoted by fostering innovation, supporting quality education, and enhancing access to quality jobs.**

A sustainable region requires a productive, resilient, adaptable and innovative economy. Full participation in the economy by a well-educated workforce with easy access to next-generation job opportunities strengthens the economy, increases quality of life, and makes the region more sustainable. Increasingly, the strength of a region's economy is measured by how well it competes across the country and the world, not by how much it competes within itself.

Places

- **Sustainable places, wherever they occur, are vibrant, efficient and enduring and are characterized by:**
 - **Reinvestment** — *investment in existing communities and neighborhoods ensures that they remain or become vibrant, connected, green places*
 - **Transportation Choices** — *travel choices help reduce family transportation costs, reduce air pollution, and connect families to jobs and services*
 - **Housing Choices** — *housing choices for all ages, lifestyles, incomes, races and ethnicities help connect families and jobs and support a robust economy and healthy housing industry*
 - **Development in Corridors and Activity Centers** — *vibrant corridors, with housing, employment and commercial development, support public transportation, create new development opportunities, provide increased lifestyle choices, make efficient use of existing public and private assets, and help knit the region together*
 - **Design for Healthier Lifestyles** — *places designed for healthier lifestyles and access to healthy foods improve the health of residents, reduce health-care costs and contribute to vibrant neighborhoods*
 - **Preservation of Unique Community Characteristics** — *distinctive communities and historic and cultural assets increase the vibrancy of the region and contribute to its overall economic health*
 - **Energy Efficiency and Resource Conservation** — *sustainable places conserve resources for future generations and in the process reduce costs and increase economic and fiscal efficiency.*

Processes

- **Partnerships are created and strengthened between government, the private sector, regional institutions and the public to better coordinate public policy and private investment in support of sustainability.**

As society becomes more complex and resources more limited, it is increasingly necessary that all sectors collaborate to maximize the benefits of strategic investments and minimize long-term costs.

- **Stakeholders and the public, especially residents who have not typically engaged, are involved in the development of plans and policies.**

An ambitious vision cannot be accomplished if the residents of the region are not engaged and supportive of its principles, plans and policies.

- **Organizational and institutional processes promote learning from past experience and building capacity for effective change.**

In a sustainable, competitive region, local institutions are enduring, resilient and adaptable, and have the capacity to address major issues and changing conditions. A key element is the ability to continuously learn from past efforts and from successful practices in other institutions and regions.

- **Decision-making processes are integrated to simultaneously maximize environmental, economic and social benefits through multi-benefit solutions.**

The interdependence of issues requires integrated solutions that maximize benefits, leverage resources and minimize unintended consequences.

Action

Creating Sustainable Places will align leadership, plans and actions to foster a more sustainable metropolitan area. Through the initiative, regional leaders, stakeholders and community members will come together to help the region achieve more sustainable development patterns. The Creating Sustainable Places Coordinating Committee, a diverse cross-section of metropolitan interests and leadership, is leading this work. The initiative uses the following three-step process:

- Generate a deeper public understanding of benefits and strategies to create a more sustainable future.
- Identify and develop tools to facilitate this future.
- Incorporate the guiding principles by applying these tools.

References

More about the Creating Sustainable Places vision, strategy, principles and the plans that led to them can be found online in the *Regional Plan for Sustainable Development*

(www.marc.org/sustainableplaces/RPSD032111.pdf) and Transportation Outlook 2040

(www.marc.org/2040).

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REPORT: Update on the Kansas City Regional TIGER Grant

BACKGROUND:

In February 2010 the Kansas City region received a \$50 million grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's TIGER (Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recover) program to support the implementation of the Kansas City Regional TIGER project. The Kansas City Regional TIGER Project was a collaborative, multi-jurisdictional proposal involving dozens of partners and supporters in both Kansas and Missouri.

The \$50M TIGER grant will ultimately support the region's desire for increased access to opportunity through two primary elements of investment which are described below.

Green Impact Zone-

The Green Impact Zone is a cooperative effort to focus recovery funds on green solutions affecting the quality of life of residents in 150 inner-city blocks within Kansas City, MO. Improvements made within the zone include new streetscape, street resurfacing, traffic signal upgrades, pervious surfacing, and a Troost Pedestrian Bridge over Brush Creek.

Regional Transit -

Transit corridor improvements outlined in this award will build on past successes, provide benefits for existing transit users, and bring the region closer to full realization of an expanded rapid transit network as described in the Smart Moves Regional Transit Vision. Funded transit improvements include:

- State Avenue Transit Investments
- Metcalf/Shawnee Mission Pkwy. Transit Investments
- North Oak Transit Investments
- Eastern Corridor Transit Investments

Since the announcement of the grant award MARC staff and project stakeholders have been working diligently to initiate program implementation, complete design work, and launch construction activity. MARC staff will provide an update on overall project activity and present the first project video which helps to convey the objectives of the Kansas City Regional TIGER project.

See the projects website for more information: <http://www.marc.org/tiger/>

RECOMMENDATION

None. Information only.

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REPORT: Update on the Commuter Corridor Alternatives Analysis Study

BACKGROUND:

Last summer MARC in partnership with Kansas City, Missouri, Jackson County, Missouri, and the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) submitted a coordinated regional grant application for Federal Transit Administration Alternatives Analysis funds. The regional application targeted detailed planning related to the region's highest priority commuter rail corridors (Rock Island and I-70 corridors) in addition to a downtown distribution (street car) system. On December 21st, 2010 the Federal Transit Administration announced a \$1.8M grant award to support these planning efforts. Since June the Partnership Team has been working to advance the two related alternatives analysis studies outlined below.

Jackson County Commuter Corridors Alternatives Analysis: This study is assessing commuter transit alternatives in the I-70 East and Rock Island corridors. The first stakeholder advisory committee was held on August 31st and the project's draft purpose and need statement along with seven alternatives (including both rail and bus options) were presented and refined for presentation to the public. The first public meeting for the CCAA is scheduled for September 27th at the Independence Innovation Center from 4 to 7 PM.

In related news, Jackson County has received a FHWA grant to complete an Alternatives Analysis of the US-71/Grandview corridor. The Partnership Team is currently working to integrate this award into existing planning efforts already underway.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

In future months the MARC Board may be asked to consider formal adoption of one or more "locally preferred alternatives" into MARC's Long-Range Transportation Plan, *Transportation Outlook 2040*, based on the results and findings from the referenced studies.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

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ISSUE:

REPORT AND VOTE: Approve the 2012 State Legislative Platforms

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the MARC Board considers and approves state and federal legislative platforms to guide agency advocacy efforts during the year. The issues are identified through MARC committees, and some issues continue to be concerns from last year. Once developed, these platforms are shared with local governments and organizations to encourage metro-wide consistency in positions on issues of common concern. The issues are identified through discussions with the board, with MARC committees, and with community partners. The MARC Board is asked to adopt provide input to the 2012 state legislative agenda.

Missouri

State Budget

- ❑ MARC recognizes that 2012 will be a challenging year for the Missouri General Assembly in balancing its budget with diminished state resources and increasing demands. The Kansas City metropolitan area and other urban areas of the state contain a large share of the state's business base, and are home to a substantial portion of the state's population. *MARC encourages the Missouri General Assembly to consider the needs of the Kansas City area in its consideration of budget issues and possible reductions in state programs and projects.*

Transportation

- ❑ *State legislators are urged to protect the integrity of state funding to address highway, major roadway and bridge infrastructure and public transit needs in the state and metro area.* The need to identify new funding sources has been identified by local and state officials and other stakeholders. However, given a tight budget environment, legislators are encouraged to begin evaluation of new funding sources that could be implemented as the economy recovers.
- ❑ State legislators are urged to support the following traffic safety issues, which have been identified as priorities by the Destination Safe Coalition, including

Primary Seatbelt Law

Support passage of a primary seat belt law. Seven out of 10 Missourians killed in a traffic crash are unbuckled. Missouri's current seat belt law (307.178 RSMo) is a secondary law, which means that law enforcement officers cannot pull over vehicles solely for a seat belt violation. Missouri's 2010 overall seat belt usage rate is 76 percent, compared to 85 percent nationwide. National data demonstrates that seat belt use continues to be higher in the States with primary laws. The current law restricts law enforcement's ability to protect the traveling public and sends the wrong message to the public.

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Texting Ban for All Ages

Broaden state restrictions on texting while driving to include all drivers. Distracted driving is a serious threat safety on our public highways. According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) research, distraction-related fatalities represented 16 percent of overall traffic fatalities in 2009. Thirty states now have bans on text messaging for all drivers. In 2009, the Missouri General Assembly enacted a law banning texting while driving for drivers 21 years old and younger. Texting while driving is a serious distraction regardless of the age of the driver. Nearly one-fourth of all traffic fatalities involve distracted drivers in the greater Kansas City area.

Cell Phone Ban for Young Drivers

Enact provisions that restrict cell phone use for young drivers who lack driving experience under the graduated drivers licenses (GDL). The current GDL does restrict text messaging but not cell phone use. Twenty-eight states with GDL laws ban cell phone use.

Motorcycle Helmet Law

Maintain current state law requiring motorcycle helmet use. The universal motorcycle helmet law that was enacted by the General Assembly in 1967 has saved hundreds of Missouri lives. Based on studies of the effects of other states' enactment, repeal, or weakening of universal helmet laws, use approached 100 percent when all motorcyclists were required to wear helmets, compared with about 50 percent when there was no helmet law or a law applying only to some riders. In states that either reinstated or enacted universal motorcycle helmet laws, helmet use increased dramatically, and motorcyclist deaths and injuries decreased. In states that repealed or weakened their universal helmet laws, helmet use declined sharply, and motorcyclist deaths and injuries rose.

Human Services

- ❑ The General Assembly appropriates funds to supplement federal funds to meet the growing needs of elderly residents of the state. These state and federal funds are administered by Area Agencies on Aging, including the Mid-America Regional Council. Changes in Medicaid and Medicare with federal health care reform will result in the need for information services for many of the state's senior adults. **State legislators are urged to support or restore funding for Area Agencies on Aging for home delivered meals and to provide enhanced information and care coordination and other direct services at existing or increased levels. In addition, state legislators are urged to support funding for the Area Agencies on Aging in Missouri to provide "benefits" counseling to assist seniors in understanding the changes in Medicare and Medicaid, and to access services for which they may be eligible.**
- ❑ The availability and affordability of quality early education programs for all children is critical to Missouri's economic future. Numerous studies show a return on investment of up to 700 percent as a result of targeted funding spent on high-quality early learning programs. However, early learning programs and initiatives in Greater Kansas City often lack the resources to consistently provide high quality experiences to the children currently attending these programs. As a result, nearly one in three children arrives at school without the skills needed to succeed.

With the significant budget shortfall last year, Parents-As-Teachers received a drastic budget cut of 13 million dollars requiring many of the Parents-As-Teachers programs across the state to be reduced. Because of this 59 percent budget cut,

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Parents-As-Teachers has had to limit services to parents. Research is clear that early intervention and programs like Parents-As-Teachers are significantly important in assisting parents in helping their young children's early development. ***State legislators are asked to restore state funding to the Parents-As-Teachers.***

In Missouri, 926,000 people or 15.5 percent of the state's population were living below the federal poverty level in 2009, and almost one-fourth of Missouri's children live in poverty. Currently, Missouri provides child care assistance to low-income families up to 127 percent of poverty. This places Missouri 49th among all states. The national average for child care assistance in the United States is 185 percent of poverty. Child care assistance is essential for allowing low-income families to enter and remain in the workforce. ***The General Assembly is urged to maintain funding for Child Care Assistance. If funding is available, state legislators are urged to increase Child Care Assistance to reach more of Missouri's low-income families.***

Public Safety

- ***Support enabling legislation to allow voters to broaden the scope of communication devices where users are levied a fee to support 9-1-1, with revisions to state 9-1-1 statutes to allow for a statewide fee on all communication devices, including landline, wireless and VOIP devices to support emergency telephone 9-1-1 costs.*** The Kansas City regional 9-1-1 system offers high quality services to area residents, businesses and visitors. The Kansas City regional system handles almost 2 million calls annually among 45 public safety answer points. The region's counties recognize the critical importance of this system and have invested in improvements to receive and process all 9-1-1 calls, including those from wireless devices. This high quality system is threatened as the financial resources supporting its maintenance and operation are declining. National industry experts estimate that 12 percent of all households rely exclusively on wireless communications devices and do not have a land-line phone in their homes. Missouri wireless customers do not contribute to the cost of 9-1-1 operations, and Missouri is the only state in the nation that has not enacted a surcharge to support wireless 9-1-1.

State legislation was enacted a number of years ago for a statewide surcharge on wireless services, but the law's provisions do not meet current needs. In the Kansas City region, about 60 percent of all 9-1-1 calls come from wireless services. Adequate funding to improve 9-1-1 services statewide and for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the regional 9-1-1 system are critical. Local officials in the Kansas City area see 9-1-1 as a critical component of the public safety and emergency response system.

Efforts are underway to develop a statewide consensus among public safety and municipal associations for a statewide tax on all communication devices, with a set fee for all device customers and a percentage of the revenues used in a state fund to support small and rural communities achieve basic levels of 9-1-1 service.

- ***The General Assembly is urged to amend existing statutes as necessary to ensure that all first responders, particularly, local law enforcement officers, have the ability to cross the state line to provide mutual aid, apprehend individuals in emergency situations, and assist with certain investigations.*** Local governments and emergency response agencies in the Kansas City area support one another on a daily basis, and during major disaster events.

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Law enforcement agencies need the ability under state mutual aid laws to cross state lines to work together on major incidents. In some cases, such as the area's bomb squads, personnel are federalized and can cross the state line to provide mutual aid. In other cases, law enforcement personnel are limited in their ability to respond in major incidents across the state line unless a formal disaster declaration is made. Section 70.837 allows Kansas officers to assist Missouri agencies in response to natural disasters. This statute could be amended to include a terrorist act, a school shooting or other man-made incident. Section 70.875 establishes multi-jurisdictional anti-fraud investigation groups. This statute could be amended to allow for investigative units or response teams composed of officers from multiple jurisdictions, including those in Kansas, to address or respond to a violation of any law.

- ❑ Local governments have identified the problem of drivers running red lights as a major traffic safety problem. Technology exists to identify and record drivers running red lights so that traffic citations may be issued. Pilot tests in the Kansas City area and full implementation in local communities around the country have demonstrated the problem of red light running and the capability of existing technology to better enforce existing traffic laws. State law does not specifically enable local law enforcement agencies to use this approach, and authorizing legislation is desired by local governments. *The MARC Board supports the ability of local governments to issue citations for running a red light when offenders are identified by an automated camera.*

Local Government Revenues/Rights

- ❑ State and federal government agencies often identify potential strategies to address problems in communities and enact legislation to respond to these problems. In most cases, the response actions that are required impact city and county governments and their budgets. In addition, as the state tightens its budget to respond to fiscal challenges, the result often impacts local governments. *The Missouri General Assembly is asked to consider the impacts of new requirements and state budget decisions on local governments and avoid placing additional requirements, particularly those with financial mandates, on local governments without new resources.*
- ❑ The state of Missouri provides state incentives for economic development and enables local communities to use a variety of tools to support the retention and growth of existing businesses and the attraction of new businesses. The state's economic development office works closely with regional and local economic development officials to respond to business interest in investing in Missouri. In some cases, a lack of clear state policy on the use of incentives creates uncertainty for local officials in working with business prospects. The state provides support to the development of affordable housing through Low-Income Housing Tax Credits and Historic Tax Credits. These credits have allowed non-profit and for-profit developers to add to the region's affordable housing inventory at a time when the need for such housing is growing. *The Missouri General Assembly is asked to consider enhancements to the state's economic development policies that support economic recovery, avoid restrictions on existing economic development tools used by local governments and those developing affordable housing, and encourage the state economic development office to assist local officials with clear guidance on the availability and use of state incentives.*

Environmental Protection/Green Infrastructure

- ❑ The Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District has worked to reduce waste going to area landfills for over 20 years, and encourages waste reduction, waste diversion and recycling through public education, and provides programs and grants to improve the

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infrastructure for waste diversion and recycling. The SMWD Board adopted a strategic plan last year encouraging local governments to pursue a goal of waste diversion of 80 percent by 2013. To achieve this goal, preserve the life of area landfills and reduce the cost of solid waste management, legislative action is necessary.

State legislators are urged to protect local government rights to develop and implement local and regional integrated solid waste management systems and strategies, including waste disposal and materials diversion facilities and services, which are designed to protect human health and the environment and to maximize waste reduction and diversion.

State legislators are urged to protect the statewide solid waste disposal tonnage fee, currently set at \$2.11, which funds state, regional and local solid waste planning and waste reduction efforts. In addition, state legislators are urged to reinstate the annual price adjustment, as defined by the US Dept. of Labor, to set the tonnage fee.

Local governments are evaluating measures to increase the efficiency of solid waste management and recycling, reduce the impact of hauling operations on local infrastructure, and ensure quality and affordable services to residents. Current law requires that cities and counties give considerable notice of the intent to modify local waste ordinances. *State legislators are asked to reduce or eliminate the two year notice statute governing how a local government informs private haulers of its intention to provide solid waste services.*

The Solid Waste Management District has focused its efforts to meet state goals of waste diversion, and has recognized that ban of yard waste has made a significant contribution to helping the state achieve its waste diversion goals. *State legislators are urged to continue the yard waste ban, effective since 1992, to divert yard waste materials from landfills. Support the organics recycling industry to achieve greater diversion of these and other organic materials through recycling and composting.*

- ❑ The city of Kansas City, Missouri, and other area communities are challenged in meeting the need to separate sanitary and storm sewer systems, replace aging infrastructure and support infrastructure investments for economic growth. *The area's state legislators are asked to encourage the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to allocate the revolving loan funds for wastewater system improvements so that all parts of the state, including the urban areas, have access to those resources.*
- ❑ *The General Assembly is asked to support enabling legislation to allow first class charter counties and contiguous counties in the Kansas City region to seek voter approval of a Regional Parks and Trails District similar to enabling authority granted to St. Louis area counties.* The Kansas City metropolitan area has been working toward a regional greenway trail system for over a decade, and interest and support for such a system continues to increase among area residents, community leaders and local government officials. The greenway trail system is part of a metropolitan-wide effort to preserve important natural areas along stream and river corridors, and provide alternative transportation corridors and greater recreational opportunities. Local communities are challenged in responding to growing interest among their residents to provide additional park and recreational opportunities, as land prices continue to

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rise and local city and county budgets are strained to support daily operations. In 1999, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation (SB405) that allowed the St. Louis region to establish a regional parks and recreation district. Today, St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County support a regional district that has resulted in new regional and local parks and trails investments with strong public support.

- ❑ MARC, local governments and area utilities are working to increase energy efficiency and conservation efforts in the Kansas City region. State tax credits and state programs are important elements to an overall system of support for residential, commercial and industrial property owners to achieve energy conservation objectives. *The General Assembly is asked to support legislation to encourage greater energy conservation and use of alternative fuels by businesses, utilities, government organizations and individuals.*

Kansas

Transportation

- ❑ The Kansas Legislature passed T-WORKS in May 2010 to support continued investment in the state's transportation system. The Kansas Department of Transportation has outlined a spending plan to provide \$4.6 billion on preservation projects to ensure the preservation of the state's highways and bridges. All regions throughout the state will receive some level of support, and projects have been selected with local input. Funding will also be provided to support transit, aviation and rail projects. *The Kansas Legislature is to be applauded for passing this legislation during tough economic times, and is encouraged to ensure that the funds committed to T-WORKS are not redirected for other state budget needs.*
- ❑ *State legislators are urged to support the following traffic safety issues, which have been identified as priorities by the Destination Safe Coalition, including*

Motorcycle Helmet Law

Expand the current Kansas law to require helmets for riders of all ages. Expanding the law to cover all ages would increase helmet use. Based on studies of the effects of states' enactment, repeal, or weakening of universal helmet laws, use approached 100 percent when all motorcyclists were required to wear helmets, compared with about 50 percent when there was no helmet law or a law applying only to some riders.

Alcohol Excise Tax

Consider a modest increase in the alcohol excise tax. Underage drinking is a significant issue that affects every Kansas community and is a huge drain on the state budget. Research conducted by Kansas Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free Committee found that Kansas spends only 0.27 percent of its budget on substance abuse and addiction prevention, treatment and research but spends 17.4 percent of its total state budget on the burdens of substance abuse and addiction. The alcohol excise tax in Kansas has not changed since 1977, however inflation has eroded the budget for substance abuse and addiction prevention, treatment and research. A modest increase in the excise tax could provide important new revenues to address this important problem in Kansas.

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Unattended Children in Vehicles

The state legislature is encouraged to consider changes to state law to protect children from being left in unattended motor vehicles. Leaving a child in a vehicle unattended is dangerous and should never happen, yet many children have died or been injured as a result of being left alone in motor vehicles. Law enforcement officials have limited ability to deal with parents or those caring for the child, either through a warning or a charge of child endangerment. The first option in many cases is not strong enough and the second option may be too severe resulting in the loss of custody.

Public Safety

- ❑ *Allow local law enforcement officers to cross the state line to provide mutual aid, apprehend individuals in emergency situations, and assist with certain investigations.* Local governments and emergency response agencies in the Kansas City area support one another on a daily basis, and during major disaster events. Law enforcement agencies need support under state mutual aid laws to cross state lines to work together on major incidents. In some cases, such as the area's bomb squads, personnel are federalized and can cross the state line to provide mutual aid. In other cases, law enforcement personnel are limited in their ability to respond in major incidents across the state line unless a formal disaster declaration is made.

Human Services

- ❑ *Support funding for the Area Agencies on Aging in Kansas to provide "benefits" counseling to assist seniors in understanding the changes in Medicare and Medicaid, and to access services for which they may be eligible.*
- ❑ *Protect the current funding level for the Children's Initiative Fund.* Greater Kansas City is committed to building a high quality early learning system to prepare all children for success in school. The Children's Initiatives Fund (CIF) was created by the Kansas Legislature in 1999 and is administered by the Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund. Funding for the CIF comes from payments made to the state from the master tobacco settlement. Programs that receive CIF funding undergo a rigorous evaluation by the Children's Cabinet to ensure that state dollars are being spent effectively. The 2011 legislative session resulted in budget cuts for early education services. About half of all children in the state, are served by programs that rely on CIF dollars. These programs serve children of all ages with the primary focus on children birth to age five. It is critical that the current funding level for the CIF be maintained.

Environmental Protection

- ❑ MARC, local governments and area utilities are working to increase energy efficiency and conservation efforts in the Kansas City region. State tax credits and state programs are important elements to an overall system of support for residential, commercial and industrial property owners to achieve energy conservation objectives. MARC has initiated a review of state legislation to support PACE (Property Assessment Clean Energy) programs, and depending on the outcome of that review, additional state legislation may be needed to enable local communities (cities and counties) in Kansas to establish PACE programs. *The state legislature is asked to support legislation to encourage greater energy conservation and use of alternative fuels by businesses, utilities, government organizations and individuals.*

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Local Government Revenues/Rights

- State and federal government agencies often identify potential strategies to address problems in communities and enact legislation to respond to these problems. In most cases, the response actions that are required impact city and county governments and their budgets. In addition, as the state tightens its budget to respond to fiscal challenges, the result often impacts local governments. *The state legislature is asked to consider the impacts of new requirements and state budget decisions on local governments and avoid placing additional requirements, particularly those with financial mandates, on local governments without new resources.*

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the 2012 State Legislative Agendas.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel

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September 2011
Item No. 8

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize the Executive Committee (MARC Board officers and past chairs) to continue to act on behalf of the Board in certain matters and ratify and approve past actions by the Executive Committee

BACKGROUND:

The MARC Board of Directors adopted bylaws in 1972 with its formation, and amended those bylaws in April 2008. The MARC Board of Directors meets on a monthly basis, and the bylaws require a minimum of ten (10) days of notice to call a special meeting. The bylaws provide for the formation of an Executive Committee composed of the Board's officers (chairman, first and second vice-chairmen, secretary, treasurer, and past chairs if remaining on the Board). The Executive Committee meets regularly to provide guidance to the executive director and to address issues that may require immediate action.

From time to time, it is necessary for the MARC Board to take actions on urgent or sensitive matters that make it impractical to address at regular or special meetings of the full Board. Most recently, MARC staff and its legal counsel have been in communication with Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) regarding the termination of the Low-Income Weatherization Program as reported to the Board at its August meeting. MDNR may require MARC to respond to a letter regarding their response to a request for review of their decision between Board meetings. This delegation of authority would specifically authorize the Executive Committee to meet to approve any required MARC response to MDNR.

To clearly document the Executive Committee's authority to take action on behalf of the MARC Board and to ratify and approve past actions by the Executive Committee, we are asking the MARC Board to approve the resolutions below.

Section 5.9 of MARC's bylaws provides:

Committees. The board of directors, by resolution adopted by majority vote, may designate one or more committees, each of which ... shall have and exercise the authority of the board in the management of this Corporation to the extent provided in the designating resolutions. ... Such committees may include:

(a) Executive Committee. The board of directors may designate an executive committee comprised of the officers of this Corporation and two or more directors who previously served as past chairman of the board and continue to serve on the board, which committee, to the extent provided in the designating resolution or resolutions, shall have and may exercise all of the authority of the board of directors in the management of this Corporation

The proposed action would constitute that resolution and delegate the authority to the Executive Committee to take action on behalf of the entire MARC Board when such action is required and the MARC Board cannot be convened in a timeframe to allow such action to be taken.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the following resolutions:

Authorization of Executive Committee

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of the MARC Board shall consist of MARC Board officers and past chairpersons of MARC, and such Executive Committee shall have and may exercise all the powers and authority of the MARC Board with respect to urgent or sensitive matters between meetings of the Board or as otherwise directed by the Board or the Bylaws, and which Executive Committee is further defined and described by the following terms:

(a) Appointment. The Executive Committee shall be appointed by the MARC Board from time to time for a term, and each MARC Board officer and each past chairperson of MARC hereby is appointed as a member of the Executive Committee to serve at the pleasure of the MARC Board until such member's successor is duly elected and qualified or until such member's earlier resignation or removal. The number of terms for which each Executive Committee member may be nominated and approved is not restricted.

(b) Vacancies. Any vacancy on the Executive Committee may be filled by the MARC Board or may be allowed to remain vacant, as the case may be, in the discretion of the MARC Board.

(c) Authority. The Executive Committee shall have and may exercise all the powers and authority of the MARC Board between meetings of the MARC Board. Actions taken by the Executive Committee shall be considered the actions of the MARC Board.

(d) Meetings. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the Chairman of the Executive Committee or a majority of the members of the Executive Committee. A majority of the Executive Committee members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting so called. The vote of a majority of the members present at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may meet in person or telephonically, and may act by unanimous written consent without a meeting. The Executive Committee shall establish its own rules of procedure, which shall be consistent with the bylaws of the Corporation and these resolutions of the MARC Board of Directors.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers of MARC be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and empowered for, in the name of and on behalf of MARC to take any and all actions and to execute and deliver such other documents as they, or any of them, may deem necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent and purposes of the foregoing resolutions.

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Ratification of Past Executive Committee Actions

RESOLVED, that any and all actions heretofore taken by the Executive Committee, including but not limited to actions in connection with the MDNR matter, be, and the same hereby are, in all respects ratified, confirmed and approved as the act and deed of MARC.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm

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September 2011
Item No. 9

ISSUE:

REPORT: Review Annual Conflict of Interest Policy for MARC Board and Commissions

BACKGROUND:

In August 2009, the MARC Board approved the attached Conflict of Interest Policy. MARC strives to operate in an open and transparent way that inspires confidence that the organization is an effective steward of public resources. The MARC Board of Directors and a number of MARC committees are responsible for authorizing grants and funding allocations that benefit local governments, public agencies and other organizations in the Kansas City metropolitan area. The committee processes ensure that federal, state and local funds available to the metropolitan area are invested in ways that benefit the region and local communities. The purpose of the Conflict of Interest Policy is to ensure that participants on the MARC board and committees have clear guidance when a participant in any MARC decisions-making process could have a conflict of interest and what the appropriate action would be in those circumstances.

The policy is designed to help directors, officers, employees and volunteers identify conflicts of interest and disclose them to the appropriate authority. It is also designed to provide a procedure to appropriately manage conflicts in accordance with legal requirements and the goals of accountability and transparency in all MARC operations.

The policy is intended to supplement but not replace any state or federal laws that govern conflicts of interest in public, non-profit, and charitable organizations.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

MARC boards and committees involved in making decisions or recommendations regarding funding awards will also have this topic on its agenda for its next meeting. Currently, this list includes:

- MARC Board of Directors
- MARC CSC Board of Directors
- MARC Budget and Personnel Committee
- Total Transportation Policy Committee (including its supporting planning and programming committees)
- Head Start Policy Council
- Commission on Aging
- Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee
- Solid Waste Management District

STAFF CONTACT:

Dorothy Pope

Mid-America Regional Council
Conflict of Interest Policy
Governing all Boards, Commissions, Committees and Subcommittees

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is dedicated to building a stronger metropolitan region by promoting regional cooperation and developing innovative solutions to regional challenges. MARC strives to operate in an open and transparent way that inspires confidence that the organization is an effective steward of public resources. The purpose of this conflict of interest policy is to ensure that participants on the MARC board and committees have clear guidance when a participant in any MARC decision-making process could have a conflict of interest and what the appropriate action would be in those circumstances.

It is in the best interest of the MARC Board of Directors, Mid-America Head Start and all other boards, commissions, committees and subcommittees to be aware of and properly manage all conflicts of interest and any appearances of conflicts of interest. This conflict of interest policy is designed to help directors, officers, employees and volunteers identify conflicts of interest and disclose them to the appropriate authority. It is also designed to provide a procedure to appropriately manage conflicts in accordance with legal requirements and the goals of accountability and transparency in all MARC operations.

The MARC Board, and boards that work through MARC such as the Mid-America Solid Waste Management District, make decisions in a number of program areas that impact the availability of federal, state and local government funds and private contributions. This conflict of interest policy is intended to support those decision-making processes.

This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any state or federal laws that govern conflicts of interest in public, non-profit, and charitable organizations.

1. Interested Person

Any member of a MARC board, commission, committee or subcommittee charged with decision-making or making recommendations for funding, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

2. Financial Interest Defined

A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

- a.** An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which MARC has a transaction or other financial arrangement,
- b.** A compensation arrangement with MARC or with any entity or individual with which MARC has a transaction or arrangement, or
- c.** A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which MARC is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

For purposes of this policy, “family members” includes spouses, significant others, parents, children, siblings, and any other family member who resides with the employee or those related by marriage.

3. Procedure

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the conflict of interest to members of the committee considering the proposed action or recommendation.

A person who has a conflict of interest in a certain matter shall not participate in the discussion of that matter except to disclose material facts and to respond to questions. Such person shall not attempt to exert his or her personal influence with respect to the matter, either at or outside the meeting.

The interested person shall abstain from any votes on funding recommendations, contracts or transactions in which there is an interest as defined above, and shall abstain from any votes for all meeting minutes or other records of the meeting.

4. Gifts, Gratuities and Entertainment

MARC committee members and directors shall avoid accepting, directly or indirectly, any rebate, gift, money or anything of monetary value from an organization or vendor that could benefit from a MARC committee action regarding funding recommendations, vendor selection or other transactions. From time to time, vendors may pay for lunch apart from a bid process.

5. Committee Representation

MARC makes decisions on federal and state funding that benefits local communities within the Kansas City region. The MARC Board and many of its committees are composed of local officials representing the communities that may benefit from MARC Board decisions. It is not a conflict of interest for a board member or a committee member, who are also elected officials or local government staff members, to advocate for or vote on issues that will affect their jurisdiction. If an elected official serves on another public board by virtue of their elected office, it is not a conflict of interest for that elected official to participate in discussions and vote on matters affecting that other public body.

In the past, smaller communities have been represented at times by consulting engineers on committees which rely on both technical and community considerations to make funding recommendations. Private consultants or other private parties shall abstain from any discussion or vote on all matters before the committee that pose a conflict of interest, either in terms of a relationship between the project applicant and the private consultant. The private consultant or party shall limit any participation in discussion to answering questions asked by other committee members. Individual committees may adopt specific procedural requirements for participation by members and others present at meetings.

6. Disclosure, Notification, and Review Policy

Each director, officer, and committee member shall disclose any relationships, positions or circumstances in which he or she is involved that he or she believes could contribute to a conflict of interest when and if such situations arise.

If a board member or committee member is unsure as to whether or not a conflict of interest exists, it is their responsibility to consult a MARC staff member associated with that committee to make a determination. If after such consultation, the individual is still unsure, then a determination will be made by the executive director of MARC.

If the board of directors, the Head Start Policy Council or other commission or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, that body shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.

This policy shall be distributed annually to all decision-making bodies associated with the Mid-America Regional Council, including but not limited to the Mid-America Head Start, for their review.

Adopted by the MARC Board of Directors, August 25, 2009

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MARC Board of Directors

September 2011
Item No. 10-a

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve minutes of the August 23, 2011 Board meeting

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the August 23, 2011 meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the August 23, 2011 meeting.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL
600 Broadway, Suite 200
Kansas City, Missouri 64105

August 23, 2011
12:15 p.m.

Minutes of Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Schultz, Independence, MO - MARC Board Chair
Councilmember Jan Marcason - MARC Board 2nd Vice Chair
Commissioner Ed Peterson - MARC Board Treasurer
Commissioner Kathy Dusenbery, Platte County, MO - MARC Board Secretary
Mayor Ron Shaffer, Prairie Village, KS
Presiding Commissioner Pam Mason, Clay County, MO
Legislator Scott Burnett, Jackson County, MO
Mayor Don Reimal, Independence, MO
Councilmember Ed Ford, Kansas City, MO
Mayor Juan Alonzo, Raymore, MO
Mayor David Bower, Raytown, MO
Presiding Commissioner George Pretz, Miami County, KS
Commissioner Jim Wise, Miami County, KS
Mayor Clausie Smith, Bonner Springs, KS
Mayor Laura McConwell, Mission, KS
Councilmember Curt Skoog, Overland Park, KS
Mayor Adrienne Foster, Roeland Park, KS

OTHERS PRESENT

Valorie Carson, Homelessness Task Force
Jeff Cox, The Independence/Blue Springs/Grain Valley Examiner
Brad Dusenbery
Charley German, Homelessness Task Force
Jim Giles, City of Kansas City, MO
Nancy Leazer, Homelessness Task Force
Robbie Makinen, Jackson County, MO
Ron McLinden, Transit Action Network
Dan Niec, Missouri Dept. of Transportation
Aaron Otto, City of Roeland Park, KS
Mike Scanlon, City of Mission, KS
Heath Steele, Fort Leavenworth, KS

STAFF PRESENT

David A. Warm, executive director, and other MARC staff members.

INTRODUCTIONS AND BOARD SHARING TIME

Mayor Pro Tem Schultz called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m. He thanked participants for attending the meeting, and members introduced themselves and shared items of interest from their jurisdictions. Mayor Pro Tem Schultz welcomed Heath Steele, senior aide to Lt. General Robert Caslen, Commander of Fort Leavenworth, and Dan Niec, new District 4 Engineer for MoDOT. A revised consent agenda item 6-w was distributed.

RECOGNITION OF MARC EMPLOYEES

Jody Craig and Charles Gorugantula have each reached significant milestones in their employment with MARC. Jody is the Public Affairs Director, and is celebrating 15 years. Charles is the Modeling Manager in the Transportation Department, and is celebrating 10 years. David Warm recognized each of their contributions to the agency, and Mayor Pro Tem Schultz presented them with tokens of appreciation.

REPORT ON HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE FINAL PLAN AND PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS

Marlene Nagel reported that at the April 2011 meeting, the MARC Board agreed to provide transitional support services to the Homelessness Task Force as it moves from research and dialogue to implementing recommendations from its initial 18-month time period. The task force has issued its report, *Homeward Bound: Greater Kansas City Housing Sustainability Plan*. An executive summary of the Plan was distributed to the Board. This ambitious plan outlines over 100 strategies for prevention and response to the problem of homelessness in the Kansas City region.

The Homelessness Task Force has identified nine priority areas with specific strategies to advance community action and achieve progress. The nine strategy areas include:

- Public Education and Awareness: Educate stakeholders and the public about the causes and solutions to homelessness to increase community understanding and mobilize the community to action.
- No Homeless Youth or Children: Develop and implement policies to eliminate homelessness among youth and children.
- Increased Inventory of Affordable Housing: Increase funding for affordable housing, reduce the risk of foreclosure and connect housing resources with the homelessness response system.
- Increase Employment Opportunities: Increase meaningful and sustainable employment for homeless and precariously housed persons through increased coordination with the public workforce system and with employers.
- Reduce Homeless in Criminal Justice System: Implement the GAINS Center Sequential Intercept Model to keep homeless out of the criminal justice system when alternate services can better serve them and the community.
- Common and Integrated Entry Process for Services: Establish a coordinated entry process for those needing services and a more robust information and referral system.
- Focus Homelessness Services on a Housing First Model: Implement solutions for connecting homeless families and individuals with services focused on securing housing first with wrap around coordinated services.
- Establish a Regional System for Collaboration and Coordination: Develop mechanisms for programs and services to work together more efficiently across state, county and city boundaries.

Work is currently underway to release the report to the community, with presentations to local elected officials, key stakeholder groups and the public this fall. A transition committee is focused on identifying early action steps from among the task force recommendations; a new governance structure that keeps interested parties engaged and invites new participants to the work; and funding

strategies to support the work of the task force. Copies of the Draft 2011-2012 Action Plan were distributed.

The initiative fits with MARC's role to convene multi-sector regional partnerships, and it is also related to other MARC initiatives in areas that include housing, mental health and public safety.

Valorie Carson, Vice-Chair of the Homelessness Task Force, indicated that a regional approach to homelessness was used because the population moves across the region in search of resources. To address the homeless problem, local governments, philanthropic organizations, employers, builders and other community development agencies need to be engaged. Poverty has increased dramatically in recent years. There are more than 210,000 people under the poverty level, and 6.3 percent of those individuals are homeless. Conservative estimates put the number of homeless in the six-county Kansas City area at about 13,000 individuals with almost half of them in families. Area school districts identified nearly 5,000 homeless school-age children. The challenge faced by the region is meeting the increasing needs of newly poor individuals, who are at great risk for homelessness. Agencies that provide resources for the homeless are often concentrated in the urban core, while the growth in poverty and homelessness is greatest in the suburban areas of the region.

Ms. Carson pointed out that the Task Force is focusing on several priority areas in order to make the biggest difference in the next year. One is No Homeless Youth or Children, which not only impacts young lives now, but our future workforce. A second priority area is to transform the Homeless Response System, which will identify barriers and solutions for integrating housing into outreach, prevention, and treatment practices.

Nancy Leazer, Chief of Staff for the Homelessness Task Force, reported on the priority area of Reducing Homeless in the Criminal Justice System. There is a need to incorporate programs into the municipal justice system based on the GAINS Center Sequential Intercept model for persons accused of "quality of life" offenses. This model keeps homeless individuals out of the criminal justice system by placing them into appropriate mental health and substance abuse services, while simultaneously emphasizing the need for housing. Program partners include the police departments, the prosecutor's office, the courts, corrections and the community. All justice systems in the area could adopt this model.

Ms. Leazer also noted that the Task Force plans to organize and launch a 100,000 Homes Campaign. This is a national movement of communities working together to find permanent homes for 100,000 of the country's most vulnerable homeless individuals and families by July of 2013.

Charley German, Chair of the Homelessness Task Force, thanked the Board for their support of the Task Force. The final report, *Homeward Bound*, was published on June 30, 2011, and since then, members of the Task Force have been meeting with participating jurisdictions to present the Plan. To expand community awareness, presentations will be given at libraries, chambers of commerce, business and civic groups. Mr. German welcomed the opportunity to make a presentation to any interested community stakeholders. He said that the support and involvement of local elected officials in reducing homelessness was very important.

Mayor Alonzo asked if the Plan included victims of domestic violence, who are often vulnerable to homelessness. Mr. German said the Task Force is continuing its work to identify a coordinated network of regional resources.

UPDATE ON REGIONAL TRANSIT ACTIVITIES AND AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1.2M AND TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FUNDS IF AWARDED

Tom Gerend reported that MARC in partnership with the region's transit agencies (KCATA, UGT, JCT) and local jurisdictions have worked together to jointly develop the Smart Moves Regional Transit Plan,

outlining a strategy for an expanded regional transit service. Since 2009 the Smart Moves team has continued work on refining the Smart Moves Plan through the development of a supporting Regional Transit Implementation Plan consisting of a Phase I Urban Corridors Report, focused on advancing the region's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) network, and a Phase II Commuter Corridors report, focused on assessing commuter rail opportunities and defining a regional commuter transit service strategy.

In July 2010, MARC and its partner agencies (KCATA, Jackson County and the city of Kansas City, Mo.) submitted a joint application for \$2M for Alternatives Analysis funds to conduct detailed planning related to the region's highest priority commuter rail corridors in addition to a downtown distribution (streetcar) system. On December 21, 2010, FTA announced a \$1.8M award for the Kansas City region to support these planning efforts. Mr. Gerend noted that the Downtown and Commuter Rail studies are occurring simultaneously with the upcoming \$20M TIGER transit improvements to link the Metcalf/Shawnee Mission Parkway and State Avenue corridors in Kansas with the Main Street and Troost Avenue MAX BRT lines in Missouri. Later this year, the I-35 Bus on Shoulder project in Johnson County will begin construction.

The Downtown study area is a narrow two-mile corridor in Kansas City, Mo., running from the River Market on the north, through the Central Business District and the Crossroads areas to Union Station and Crown Center on the south. Its purpose is to provide an attractive transit option that will more conveniently connect people to key activity centers along the corridor. It will also support regional and city economic development objectives. In June 2011, the partnership team and consultants considered seven alternative street alignments, and two modal options (bus and streetcar). Continued analysis screened the alignments down to Grand and Main Streets. These recommendations were accepted by the city of Kansas City's Downtown Parking and Transportation Commission on August 17, 2011. Next steps in the process will be gathering additional data to compare the Grand and Main Street routes and two modal options, as well as identifying funding options and financial strategies. It is anticipated that a preferred mode and alignment will be recommended in September. A series of open houses are being held and the public will be able to review exhibits that explain the purpose of the study, route and mode alternatives that were evaluated and narrowed down, plus a general strategy to fund construction, operation and maintenance of the recommended service. Ultimately, a Locally Preferred Alternative will be advanced, which is a requirement of FTA and is necessary in order to obtain funding for the starter line.

Mr. Gerend invited Board members come by Union Station today until 5:30 p.m. to get a "sneak peek" at a modern streetcar. The Modern Streetcar Party is being hosted by the Kansas City Regional Transit Alliance.

Mr. Gerend also indicated that the Federal Transit Administration recently released a notice of funding availability for Alternatives Analysis (AA) planning grant funds, and local jurisdictions have indicated an interest in pursuing a joint application. This grant solicitation presents a timely opportunity to continue the partnership with the KCATA, Jackson County, and city of Kansas City, Mo. by submitting an additional coordinated regional grant application. The application would request funds to conduct more detailed planning intended to build off the Downtown and Commuter Corridors Alternatives Analysis, and would extend the Commuter Corridor Analysis to include the US-71/Grandview corridor. The grant request is \$1.2M and will require a 20% local match which will be provided by local partner jurisdictions and supporters.

Mayor Reimal moved to authorize the executive director to submit a \$1.2M Alternatives Analysis planning grant and to receive funds if awarded. It was seconded by Mayor McConwell and carried.

PROVIDE INPUT FOR 2012 STATE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORMS

Marlene Nagel reported that each year, the MARC Board considers and approves state and federal legislative platforms to guide agency advocacy efforts during the year. The issues are identified through MARC committees, and some issues continue to be concerns from last year. Once developed,

these platforms are shared with local governments and organizations to encourage metro-wide consistency in positions on issues of common concern. The MARC Board is asked to provide input to the 2012 state legislative agenda. Elements of the platform include support for:

Missouri

Transportation

- ❑ *State legislators are urged to protect the integrity of state funding to address highway, major roadway and bridge infrastructure and public transit needs in the state and metro area.* The need to identify new funding sources has been identified by local and state officials and other stakeholders. However, given a tight budget environment, legislators are encouraged to begin evaluation of new funding sources that could be implemented as the economy recovers.
- ❑ State legislators are urged to support the following traffic safety issues, which have been identified as priorities by the Destination Safe Coalition, including

Primary Seatbelt Law

Support passage of a primary seat belt law. Seven out of 10 Missourians killed in a traffic crash are unbuckled. Missouri's current seat belt law (307.178 RSMo) is a secondary law, which means that law enforcement officers cannot pull over vehicles solely for a seat belt violation. Missouri's 2010 overall seat belt usage rate is 76 percent, compared to 85 percent nationwide. National data demonstrates that seat belt use continues to be higher in the States with primary laws. The current law restricts law enforcement's ability to protect the traveling public and sends the wrong message to the public.

Texting Ban for All Ages

Broaden state restrictions on texting while driving to include all drivers. Distracted driving is a serious threat safety on our public highways. According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) research, distraction-related fatalities represented 16 percent of overall traffic fatalities in 2009. Thirty states now have bans on text messaging for all drivers. In 2009, the Missouri General Assembly enacted a law banning texting while driving for drivers 21 years old and younger. Texting while driving is a serious distraction regardless of the age of the driver. Nearly one-fourth of all traffic fatalities involve distracted drivers in the greater Kansas City area.

Cell Phone Ban for Young Drivers

Enact provisions that restrict cell phone use for young drivers who lack driving experience under the graduated drivers licenses (GDL). The current GDL does restrict text messaging but not cell phone use. Twenty-eight states with GDL laws ban cell phone use.

Motorcycle Helmet Law

Maintain current state law requiring motorcycle helmet use. The universal motorcycle helmet law that was enacted by the General Assembly in 1967 has saved hundreds of Missouri lives. Based on studies of the effects of other states' enactment, repeal, or weakening of universal helmet laws, use approached 100 percent when all motorcyclists were required to wear helmets, compared with about 50 percent when there was no helmet law or a law applying only to some riders. In states that either reinstated or enacted universal motorcycle helmet laws, helmet use increased dramatically, and motorcyclist deaths and injuries decreased. In states that repealed or weakened their universal helmet laws, helmet use declined sharply, and motorcyclist deaths and injuries rose.

Human Services

- The General Assembly appropriates funds to supplement federal funds to meet the growing needs of elderly residents of the state. These state and federal funds are administered by Area Agencies on Aging, including the Mid-America Regional Council. Changes in Medicaid and Medicare with federal health care reform will result in the need for information services for many of the state's senior adults. ***State legislators are urged to support or restore funding for Area Agencies on Aging for home delivered meals and to provide enhanced information and care coordination and other direct services at existing or increased levels. In addition, state legislators are urged to support funding for the Area Agencies on Aging in Missouri to provide "benefits" counseling to assist seniors in understanding the changes in Medicare and Medicaid, and to access services for which they may be eligible.***
- The availability and affordability of quality early education programs for all children is critical to Missouri's economic future. Numerous studies show a return on investment of up to 700 percent as a result of targeted funding spent on high-quality early learning programs. However, early learning programs and initiatives in Greater Kansas City often lack the resources to consistently provide high quality experiences to the children currently attending these programs. As a result, nearly one in three children arrives at school without the skills needed to succeed.

With the significant budget shortfall last year, Parents-As-Teachers received a drastic budget cut of 13 million dollars requiring many of the Parents-As-Teachers programs across the state to be reduced. Because of this 59 percent budget cut, Parents-As-Teachers has had to limit services to parents. Research is clear that early intervention and programs like Parents-As-Teachers are significantly important in assisting parents in helping their young children's early development. ***State legislators are asked to restore state funding to the Parents-As-Teachers.***

In Missouri, 926,000 people or 15.5 percent of the state's population were living below the federal poverty level in 2009, and almost one-fourth of Missouri's children live in poverty. Currently, Missouri provides child care assistance to low-income families up to 127 percent of poverty. This places Missouri 49th among all states. The national average for child care assistance in the United States is 185 percent of poverty. Child care assistance is essential for allowing low-income families to enter and remain in the workforce. ***The General Assembly is urged to maintain funding for Child Care Assistance. If funding is available, state legislators are urged to increase Child Care Assistance to reach more of Missouri's low-income families.***

Public Safety

- ***Support enabling legislation to allow voters to broaden the scope of communication devices where users are levied a fee to support 9-1-1, with revisions to state 9-1-1 statutes to allow for a statewide fee on all communication devices, including landline, wireless and VOIP devices to support emergency telephone 9-1-1 costs.*** The Kansas City regional 9-1-1 system offers high quality services to area residents, businesses and visitors. The Kansas City regional system handles almost 2 million calls annually among 45 public safety answer points. The region's counties recognize the critical importance of this system and have invested in improvements to receive and process all 9-1-1 calls, including those from wireless devices. This high quality system is threatened as the financial resources supporting its maintenance and operation are declining. National industry experts estimate that 12 percent of all households rely exclusively on wireless communications devices and do not have a land-line phone in their homes. Missouri wireless customers do not contribute to the cost of 9-1-1

operations, and Missouri is the only state in the nation that has not enacted a surcharge to support wireless 9-1-1.

State legislation was enacted a number of years ago for a statewide surcharge on wireless services, but the law's provisions do not meet current needs. In the Kansas City region, about 60 percent of all 9-1-1 calls come from wireless services. Adequate funding to improve 9-1-1 services statewide and for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the regional 9-1-1 system are critical. Local officials in the Kansas City area see 9-1-1 as a critical component of the public safety and emergency response system.

Efforts are underway to develop a statewide consensus among public safety and municipal associations for a statewide tax on all communication devices, with a set fee for all device customers and a percentage of the revenues used in a state fund to support small and rural communities achieve basic levels of 9-1-1 service.

- ***The General Assembly is urged to amend existing statutes as necessary to ensure that all first responders, particularly, local law enforcement officers, have the ability to cross the state line to provide mutual aid, apprehend individuals in emergency situations, and assist with certain investigations.*** Local governments and emergency response agencies in the Kansas City area support one another on a daily basis, and during major disaster events. Law enforcement agencies need the ability under state mutual aid laws to cross state lines to work together on major incidents. In some cases, such as the area's bomb squads, personnel are federalized and can cross the state line to provide mutual aid. In other cases, law enforcement personnel are limited in their ability to respond in major incidents across the state line unless a formal disaster declaration is made. Section 70.837 allows Kansas officers to assist Missouri agencies in response to natural disasters. This statute could be amended to include a terrorist act, a school shooting or other man-made incident. Section 70.875 establishes multi-jurisdictional anti-fraud investigation groups. This statute could be amended to allow for investigative units or response teams composed of officers from multiple jurisdictions, including those in Kansas, to address or respond to a violation of any law.

Local Government Revenues/Rights

- State and federal government agencies often identify potential strategies to address problems in communities and enact legislation to respond to these problems. In most cases, the response actions that are required impact city and county governments and their budgets. In addition, as the state tightens its budget to respond to fiscal challenges, the result often impacts local governments. ***The Missouri General Assembly is asked to consider the impacts of new requirements and state budget decisions on local governments and avoid placing additional requirements, particularly those with financial mandates, on local governments without new resources.***
- The state of Missouri provides state incentives for economic development and enables local communities to use a variety of tools to support the retention and growth of existing businesses and the attraction of new businesses. The state's economic development office works closely with regional and local economic development officials to respond to business interest in investing in Missouri. In some cases, a lack of clear state policy on the use of incentives creates uncertainty for local officials in working with business prospects. The state provides support to the development of affordable housing through Low-Income Housing Tax Credits and Historic Tax Credits. These credits have allowed non-profit and for-profit developers to add to the region's affordable housing inventory at a time when the need for such housing is growing. ***The Missouri General Assembly is asked to consider enhancements to the state's economic development policies that support economic recovery, avoid restrictions on existing economic development tools used by local governments and those developing affordable***

housing, and encourage the state economic development office to assist local officials with clear guidance on the availability and use of state incentives.

Environmental Protection/Green Infrastructure

- The Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District has worked to reduce waste going to area landfills for over 20 years, and encourages waste reduction, waste diversion and recycling through public education, and provides programs and grants to improve the infrastructure for waste diversion and recycling. The SMWD Board adopted a strategic plan last year encouraging local governments to pursue a goal of waste diversion of 80 percent by 2013. To achieve this goal, preserve the life of area landfills and reduce the cost of solid waste management, legislative action is necessary.

State legislators are urged to protect local government rights to develop and implement local and regional integrated solid waste management systems and strategies, including waste disposal and materials diversion facilities and services, which are designed to protect human health and the environment and to maximize waste reduction and diversion.

State legislators are urged to protect the statewide solid waste disposal tonnage fee, currently set at \$2.11, which funds state, regional and local solid waste planning and waste reduction efforts. In addition, state legislators are urged to reinstate the annual price adjustment, as defined by the US Dept. of Labor, to set the tonnage fee.

Local governments are evaluating measures to increase the efficiency of solid waste management and recycling, reduce the impact of hauling operations on local infrastructure, and ensure quality and affordable services to residents. Current law requires that cities and counties give considerable notice of the intent to modify local waste ordinances. *State legislators are asked to reduce or eliminate the two year notice statute governing how a local government informs private haulers of its intention to provide solid waste services.*

The Solid Waste Management District has focused its efforts to meet state goals of waste diversion, and has recognized that ban of yard waste has made a significant contribution to helping the state achieve its waste diversion goals. *State legislators are urged to continue the yard waste ban, effective since 1992, to divert yard waste materials from landfills. Support the organics recycling industry to achieve greater diversion of these and other organic materials through recycling and composting.*

- The city of Kansas City, Missouri, and other area communities are challenged in meeting the need to separate sanitary and storm sewer systems, replace aging infrastructure and support infrastructure investments for economic growth. *The area's state legislators are asked to encourage the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to allocate the revolving loan funds for wastewater system improvements so that all parts of the state, including the urban areas, have access to those resources.*
- *The General Assembly is asked to support enabling legislation to allow first class charter counties and contiguous counties in the Kansas City region to seek voter approval of a Regional Parks and Trails District similar to enabling authority granted to St. Louis area counties.* The Kansas City metropolitan area has been working toward a regional greenway trail system for over a decade, and interest and support for such a system continues to increase among area residents, community leaders and local government officials. The greenway trail

system is part of a metropolitan-wide effort to preserve important natural areas along stream and river corridors, and provide alternative transportation corridors and greater recreational opportunities. Local communities are challenged in responding to growing interest among their residents to provide additional park and recreational opportunities, as land prices continue to rise and local city and county budgets are strained to support daily operations. In 1999, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation (SB405) that allowed the St. Louis region to establish a regional parks and recreation district. Today, St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County support a regional district that has resulted in new regional and local parks and trails investments with strong public support.

- MARC, local governments and area utilities are working to increase energy efficiency and conservation efforts in the Kansas City region. State tax credits and state programs are important elements to an overall system of support for residential, commercial and industrial property owners to achieve energy conservation objectives. *The General Assembly is asked to support legislation to encourage greater energy conservation and use of alternative fuels by businesses, utilities, government organizations and individuals.*

Kansas

Transportation

- The Kansas Legislature passed T-WORKS in May 2010 to support continued investment in the state's transportation system. The Kansas Department of Transportation has outlined a spending plan to provide \$4.6 billion on preservation projects to ensure the preservation of the state's highways and bridges. All regions throughout the state will receive some level of support, and projects have been selected with local input. Funding will also be provided to support transit, aviation and rail projects. *The Kansas Legislature is to be applauded for passing this legislation during tough economic times, and is encouraged to ensure that the funds committed to T-WORKS are not redirected for other state budget needs.*
- *State legislators are urged to support the following traffic safety issues, which have been identified as priorities by the Destination Safe Coalition, including*

Motorcycle Helmet Law

Expand the current Kansas law to require helmets for riders of all ages.

Expanding the law to cover all ages would increase helmet use. Based on studies of the effects of states' enactment, repeal, or weakening of universal helmet laws, use approached 100 percent when all motorcyclists were required to wear helmets, compared with about 50 percent when there was no helmet law or a law applying only to some riders.

Alcohol Excise Tax

Consider a modest increase in the alcohol excise tax. Underage drinking is a significant issue that affects every Kansas community and is a huge drain on the state budget. Research conducted by Kansas Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free Committee found that Kansas spends only 0.27 percent of its budget on substance abuse and addiction prevention, treatment and research but spends 17.4 percent of its total state budget on the burdens of substance abuse and addiction. The alcohol excise tax in Kansas has not changed since 1977, however inflation has eroded the budget for substance abuse and addiction prevention, treatment and research. A modest increase in the excise tax could provide important new revenues to address this important problem in Kansas.

Unattended Children in Vehicles

The state legislature is encouraged to consider changes to state law to protect children from being left in unattended motor vehicles. Leaving a child in a vehicle unattended is dangerous and should never happen, yet many children have died or been injured as a result of being left alone in motor vehicles. Law enforcement officials have limited ability to deal with parents or those caring for the child, either through a warning or a charge of child endangerment. The first option in many cases is not strong enough and the second option may be too severe resulting in the loss of custody.

Public Safety

- ❑ *Allow local law enforcement officers to cross the state line to provide mutual aid, apprehend individuals in emergency situations, and assist with certain investigations.* Local governments and emergency response agencies in the Kansas City area support one another on a daily basis, and during major disaster events. Law enforcement agencies need support under state mutual aid laws to cross state lines to work together on major incidents. In some cases, such as the area's bomb squads, personnel are federalized and can cross the state line to provide mutual aid. In other cases, law enforcement personnel are limited in their ability to respond in major incidents across the state line unless a formal disaster declaration is made.

Human Services

- ❑ *Support funding for the Area Agencies on Aging in Kansas to provide "benefits" counseling to assist seniors in understanding the changes in Medicare and Medicaid, and to access services for which they may be eligible.*
- ❑ *Protect the current funding level for the Children's Initiative Fund.* Greater Kansas City is committed to building a high quality early learning system to prepare all children for success in school. The Children's Initiatives Fund (CIF) was created by the Kansas Legislature in 1999 and is administered by the Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund. Funding for the CIF comes from payments made to the state from the master tobacco settlement. Programs that receive CIF funding undergo a rigorous evaluation by the Children's Cabinet to ensure that state dollars are being spent effectively. The 2011 legislative session resulted in budget cuts for early education services. About half of all children in the state, are served by programs that rely on CIF dollars. These programs serve children of all ages with the primary focus on children birth to age five. It is critical that the current funding level for the CIF be maintained.

Environmental Protection

- ❑ MARC, local governments and area utilities are working to increase energy efficiency and conservation efforts in the Kansas City region. State tax credits and state programs are important elements to an overall system of support for residential, commercial and industrial property owners to achieve energy conservation objectives. MARC has initiated a review of state legislation to support PACE (Property Assessment Clean Energy) programs, and depending on the outcome of that review, additional state legislation may be needed to enable local communities (cities and counties) in Kansas to establish PACE programs. *The state legislature is asked to support legislation to encourage greater energy conservation and use of alternative fuels by businesses, utilities, government organizations and individuals.*

Local Government Revenues/Rights

- ❑ State and federal government agencies often identify potential strategies to address problems in communities and enact legislation to respond to these problems. In most cases, the response actions that are required impact city and county governments and their budgets. In addition, as

the state tightens its budget to respond to fiscal challenges, the result often impacts local governments. *The state legislature is asked to consider the impacts of new requirements and state budget decisions on local governments and avoid placing additional requirements, particularly those with financial mandates, on local governments without new resources.*

Mrs. Nagel welcomed feedback from Board members to assist in finalizing the 2012 platform.

Legislator Burnett asked about established PACE boards in Missouri. Mrs. Nagel responded that Jefferson City has adopted a PACE ordinance, offering private property owners a low-cost option of making energy conservation and renewal energy upgrades to their property. Efforts are also underway in St. Louis, but no formal action has been taken.

While the focus today is on the state legislative platforms, Mell Henderson wanted to brief the Board on the status of the current federal transportation law, SAFETEA-LU. A fact sheet was distributed. Since its expiration on September 30, 2009, Congress has authorized several extensions of this legislation. The current extension, along with the authority to collect federal motor fuel taxes, will expire on September 30, 2011. This legislation supports vital investments in roadway and public transportation infrastructure in the Kansas City region. Looking back at July and August, and watching what played out in Washington while Congress grappled with the extension of the Federal Aviation Administration authorization, there is heightened concern about what the surface transportation community may be facing if there is a disruption in the flow of federal transportation funds. As such, MARC assembled a list of obligated projects for FFY 2012, which would be at risk of not moving forward. In addition, a list of projects currently under construction was provided, which have the potential to be shut down if the motor fuel tax is not reauthorized. A letter will be sent to the region's Congressional delegation urging prompt action to extend SAFETEA-LU. Mr. Henderson noted that in 2008-2009, MARC convened its Transportation Legislative Advisory Committee (TLAC) to develop a MARC position on the next federal transportation authorization bill. That position was approved by the MARC Board and has been shared with our Congressional delegation on multiple occasions. MARC is reconvening TLAC to monitor actions in Washington, and to revisit the current position on the next federal transportation authorization bill.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Schultz said any item could be pulled from the consent agenda and voted on separately at the wish of the Board.

Mayor Smith moved to approve the consent agenda as revised. It was seconded by Councilmember Skoog and carried. The action included the following:

- a. Approve minutes of the June 28, 2011 Board meeting
- b. Authorize contract with Kansas Eastern Region Insurance Trust (KERIT) for accounting and administrative services
- c. Authorize issuance of a Request For Proposals for MARC's Annual Audit
- d. Approve Local Government Dues for 2012
- e. Accept monthly Head Start reports for budget and expenditures, credit card transactions, free and reduced meals served, and program data
- f. Authorize MARC, on behalf of Mid-America Head Start, to receive and expend the funds for Missouri Early Head Start Program for the period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012
- g. Authorize an addendum to contracts with Aging Services providers and vendors, beginning July 1, 2012
- h. Authorize receipt of funds for 2011 Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) Outreach projects
- i. Approve the proposed 2011 3rd quarter amendment to the FY 2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program

- j. Approve Amendment #4 to the 2011 Unified Planning Work Program
- k. Approve an amended Policy on Reasonable Progress for Missouri Transportation Enhancement Projects
- l. Approve FFY 2012 Missouri Section 5310 Vehicle Recommendations for 17 vehicles to replace, expand or start new service to support the elderly and people with disabilities
- m. Authorize agreements for 2011 Summer AirQ Public Outreach media advertising and promotion
- n. Approval to solicit and accept funds from the State of Kansas for MARC's air quality program for planning and outreach
- o. Authorize contracts with selected vendors for high efficiency decorative street lights for the cities of Lawson, Kearney, Merriam, North Kansas City, Oak Grove, Raymore, Raytown, and Pleasant Hill as part of the Smart Lights for Smart Cities project
- p. Authorize submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Energy's Rooftop Solar Challenge grant to reduce barriers to the implementation of solar energy projects and to accept and expend funds if awarded
- q. Authorize agreement with Patti Banks Associates for Energy Strategy Planning and Communications Services
- r. Approve submission of a Wetlands Program Development Grant proposal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and, if awarded, accept funds
- s. Approve amendment to existing agreement with Applied Ecological Services to provide advanced disaster planning and analysis in Platte County
- t. Approve amended contract with Asset Property Disposition (APD) Urban Planning & Management LLC to support housing planning services for the Green Impact Zone
- u. Authorize the Regional Health Care Initiative to contract with Collaborative Research, LLC to conduct a regional children's behavioral health needs assessment
- v. Authorize administration of funds and contracts between the Regional Health Care Initiative and five safety net clinics to continue to collaborate and expand safety net health care services
- w. Approve Homeland Security/Emergency Services contracts, expenditures and grant applications

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Warm noted the following items:

The 2011 Salary and Fringe Benefit Survey is now available. Over 60 local governments participated, and the survey lists salary and benefit information for more than 135 government jobs, as well as comparable private sector jobs. This annual publication serves as a valuable planning tool for local governments. Copies were provided to the Board.

Members were encouraged to view this month's episode of *Imagine KC*, a co-production of KCPT-TV and MARC. The sixth episode looks at plans and work underway to connect the six priority corridors to form the backbone of a regional transit system and how some of our region's most valued places will benefit from improvements and revitalization along these routes. This work is included in the Creating Sustainable Places Initiative that Councilmembers Marcason and Skoog are leading. Additional airings will be shown on KCPT, or it can be viewed online at www.imaginekc.org.

As the Board was advised last week, the Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources (MDNR) made the determination to shift the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program (LIWAP) managed by MARC to the city of Kansas City, Missouri's LIWAP program. The project began in 2010 with the receipt of an initial \$4.25 million grant through competitively-awarded ARRA funds administered through MDNR's Division of Energy. Funds were made available to conduct low-income housing weatherization in the Green Impact Zone and in the Smart Grid area in a slightly larger section of Kansas City. However, as experienced by other LIWAP programs across the state, work was slow to get underway. As part of a statewide reallocation plan in order to meet the Federal deadline to spend LIWAP funds by March 30, 2012, MDNR transferred some of the resources to other grantees in the state. By the middle of last week, MARC had overseen the weatherization of 112 homes, with another 140 in progress. Production was around 30-40 homes a week, and it seemed to be a good trajectory to get the program back on

track. But because of the low production schedule and concern in meeting the Federal deadline, MDNR shifted the program to the city of Kansas City, Mo., who is in a position to complete the weatherization program on time. Since the determination, MARC's priorities are to ensure that:

- 1) The community is well-served. We have worked seamlessly with Kansas City, Mo. to transfer all information and files in order for them to complete the work that MARC began.
- 2) MARC is reimbursed for costs incurred to date. We are working with MDNR to document expenses, and the process is going well.
- 3) A mutual understanding with MDNR is achieved about a number of administrative issues raised over the past year. There is a need to clarify those issues so that there is no impediment to MARC's work in the future and that MARC's reputation and ability to serve the community continues.

It has been a difficult process with an unforeseen conclusion; nonetheless, the LIWAP program will continue to serve the community under the management of the city of Kansas City. He noted that other work underway in the Green Impact Zone is going very well. The Smart Grid and TIGER transportation investments are on target. An announcement of significant housing investments and strategies in the Zone will be made in the coming months. It is anticipated that those strategies can be used throughout the region.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Jim Schultz, Chair

Date

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2011
Item No. 10-b

ISSUE:

VOTE: Accept monthly Head Start reports for budget and expenditures, credit card transactions, free and reduced meals served, and program data

BACKGROUND:

In December 2007, the Head Start Reauthorization Act was signed into law by President George W. Bush. As a part of the new reauthorization, the Head Start Grantee must report monthly to the Governing Board on:

- Budget and Expenditures
- Credit Card Expenditures
- Free and Reduced Meals Served
- Program Data

The monthly reports are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the monthly reports of Head Start budget and expenditures, credit card transactions, free and reduced meals served, and program data.

STAFF CONTACT:

Jim Caccamo
Evelyn Givens

Mid-America Head Start
Program Budget and Actual Expenditures
For the 10 month(s) ending August 31, 2011
Program Year 6: November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2011

	Grant Budget	Cummulative To Date Expenditures	Remaining Funds	Percent Expended
Major Program:				
Head Start Program & Admin	\$ 17,271,634	\$ 12,555,555	\$ 4,716,079	73%
Early Head Start Program & Admin	1,978,154	1,390,425	587,729	70%
Head Start Training	187,777	141,842	45,935	76%
Early Head Start Training	49,454	38,549	10,905	78%
Total by Program:	<u>\$ 19,487,019</u>	<u>\$ 14,126,371</u>	<u>\$ 5,360,648</u>	<u>72%</u>
By Agency:				
MARC	\$ 1,696,690	\$ 1,229,762	\$ 466,928	72%
Delegate Agency:				
Independence School District	5,455,395	3,688,242	1,767,153	68%
Young Men's Christian Association	5,020,216	3,822,424	1,197,792	76%
Family Conservancy	3,513,641	2,664,689	848,952	76%
Kansas City Missouri School District	3,801,077	2,721,253	1,079,824	72%
Total by Agency:	<u>\$ 19,487,019</u>	<u>\$ 14,126,371</u>	<u>\$ 5,360,648</u>	<u>72%</u>
Other Revenues (Match):				
Contributed Services	4,871,755	\$ 3,221,705	\$ 1,650,050	66%
Other Grant Revenue	-	-	-	0%
Total Other Revenues:	<u>\$ 4,871,755</u>	<u>\$ 3,221,705</u>	<u>\$ 1,650,050</u>	<u>66%</u>

FEDERAL HEAD START CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS

FOR THE MONTH OF September 2011

Expense Account	Federal Cost Category	Date of Transaction	MARC Employee	Account Code	Vendor	Date of Statement	Amount	Description	
5440	Meeting	8/26/2011	gvaldovino	61-2-55-41000-4100001-5440-00000	eg-Pizza Hut	visa090111	35.56	Emergency Preparedness Meeting 8/26/11	
	Total						<u>35.56</u>		
5700	Supplies	8/2/2011	gvaldovino	61-2-55-41040-4104000-5700-00000	eg-Brookes Publishing	visa090111	839.16	CLASS Manuals	
		8/4/2011	gvaldovino	61-2-55-41040-4104000-5700-00000	eg-Teachers College Press	visa090111	775.50	Books-Investigator of a Young Child	
		8/12/2011	gvaldovino	61-2-55-41000-4102001-5700-00000	eg-Brookes Publishing	visa090111	250.88	CLASS Score Sheets	
		8/31/2011	gvaldovino	61-2-55-41040-4104000-5700-00000	eg-Amazon	visa090111	80.00	Books-Teaching Parents	
		9/1/2011	gvaldovino	61-2-55-41040-4104000-5700-00000	eg-Amazon	visa090111	160.00	Books-Teaching Parents	
		9/1/2011	gvaldovino	61-2-55-41000-4104000-5700-00000	eg-Amazon	visa090111	133.11	Books-Investigator of a Young Child	
	Total						<u>2,238.65</u>		
total								<u><u>2,274.21</u></u>	

**Mid America Head Start
Governing Body Report
Delegate Free and Reduced Meals Served**

Monthly reports of meals provided through the Department of Agriculture and reported by Site, program option, and partnerships.

All children enrolled in Head Start are determined to be eligible for CACFP by the Healthy Meals for Healthy Americans Act (1994) under the National School Lunch Act.

ISD CACFP/Free and Reduced Meals Served August 2011

Location	Program Option	Breakfast	Lunch	PM Snack
Center	Head Start Part Day	498	726	358
Center	Head Start Expansion Part Day	120	221	101
Grandview	Head Start Part Day	355	679	324
Grandview	Early Head Start Expansion	161	161	161
Hickman Mills	Head Start Part Day	136	257	106
Lee's Summit	Head Start Part Day	88	199	111
Hanthorn	Early Head Start	155	155	155
Hanthorn	Head Start Full Day	305	305	305
Hanthorn	Head Start Part Day	409	868	459
Sunshine Center	Early Head Start	786	786	786
Sunshine Center	Early Head Start Expansion	130	130	130
Sunshine Center	Head Start Part Day	580	580	419
Benton	Head Start Full Day	213	213	213
Blackburn	Head Start Full Day	99	99	99
Fairmount	Head Start Full Day	183	183	183
Glendale	Head Start Full Day	93	93	93
Korte	Head Start Full Day	115	115	115
Luff	Head Start Full Day	117	117	117
Mill Creek	Head Start Full Day	178	178	178
Ott	Head Start Full Day	246	246	246
Procter	Head Start Full Day	254	254	254
Randall	Head Start Full Day	109	109	109
Santa Fe	Head Start Full Day	116	116	116
Spring Branch	Head Start Full Day	55	55	55
Sycamore	Head Start Full Day	120	120	120
William Southern	Head Start Full Day	35	35	35
Truman	Early Head Start	129	129	129

KCMSD CACFP/Free and Reduced Meals Served August 2011

Head Start Full Day	Operating days	Breakfast	Lunch	PM Snack
Attucks	13	501	501	501
Banneker	13	357	357	357
Carver	13	198	198	198
Faxon	13	582	582	582
FLA	13	217	217	217
Garcia	13	319	319	319
Garfield	13	430	430	430
Gladstone	13	367	367	367
Hartman	13	181	181	181
James	13	525	525	525
King	13	401	401	401
Longfellow	13	430	430	430
Paige	13	226	226	226
Pitcher	13	187	187	187
Trailwoods	13	452	452	452
Troost	13	320	320	320
Wheatley	13	563	563	563
Whittier	13	436	436	436
Head Start PD SpEd	Operating days	Breakfast	Lunch	
Attucks	11	48	48	
Faxon	11	69	69	
Garcia	11	26	26	
Gladstone	11	63	63	
Wheatley	11	58	58	
Totals		6,956	6,956	6,692

TFC CACFP/Free and Reduced Meals Served August 2011

Site Name	# of Children	Breakfast	Lunch	PM Snack
Children's TLC	31	221	253	218
Child's Play	21	325	396	340
De La Salle	0	0	0	0
Della Lamb	54	602	889	724
Learn A Lot	33	694	741	680
Plaza	58	852	992	923
St. Mark	50	798	852	769
OBI	252	4258	4740	4002
FCC	125	2263	2469	1986
Home-based	84	0	0	196
Brown's	33	695	718	682
Triality Tots	16	131	164	140
Totals	757	10839	12214	10660

YMCA CACFP/Free and Reduced Meals Served July 2011

Head Start Part Day	Operating days	Breakfast	Lunch	PM Snack
Excelsior Springs	3	45	91	45
Northland	3	178	350	173
Park Hill	3	90	166	76
Skyview	3	83	164	81
Thomas/Roque	3	293	401	314
Head Start Full Day				
Burlington	32	866	1237	1091
Metro	32	835	837	837
RCG	32	657	935	815
Thomas/Roque	32	831	933	908
Early Head Start				
Burlington	32	554	580	551
Metro	32	1126	1141	1131
Thomas/Roque	32	1014	1150	1024



HEAD START MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

MARC - 7/31/2011

	HS	EHS	COMBINED
Enrollment Status All class options/sessions were not in place as of the start of the new program year of July 1, 2011. Part Day programs to begin in August 2011. There were 40 HS vacant slots and 16 EHS slots all within 30 days. Delegates continue to work on completing applications for enrollment of children for PY07.	RED	YELLOW	RED
Health Services Status Numbers reported are for 12 month sites only. YMCA is at 93% complete for physical exams, 83% for dental. TFC's physicals are 88% complete and dentals are 83% complete. ISD's physical exams are 99% complete and dental exams are 76% complete. Information on new enrollees will be included in August KPI report.	RED	RED	RED
Disability Services The YMCA continues to partner with First Steps to recruit EHS children. First Steps Case managers have participated in the Y's Healthy Universities to share information about their program. 10 children referred last year to school district will be reassessed in August. TFC has 3 EHS children with disabilities on their wait list, 8 EHS children have been referred for evaluation and 12 are receiving private services.	YELLOW	YELLOW	YELLOW
Screening All three delegates with 12 month programs are at 100% complete for 45 day screening requirements!! Congratulations!!	YELLOW	YELLOW	YELLOW
Teacher Credentials The YMCA, ISD and KCMSD delegates are between 90% and 100% complete for Head Start Lead Teachers meeting teacher certification requirements. TFC is at 63% for Head Start Lead teachers' degree completion. The primary challenge is for teacher assistants and EHS teachers. All EHS teaching staff are considered teachers and must have at least a CDA, which is an ongoing challenge due to staff turnover and limited number of qualified applicants. Presently staff hired without CDA must agree to enroll in CDA classes upon hire.	YELLOW	YELLOW	YELLOW
Family Partnership All delegates are within compliance. Currently in the process of beginning their 1st Quarter file audits that will include FNA and FPA's.			GREEN

	HS	EHS	COMBINED
Enrollment	RED	YELLOW	RED
What is the Funded Enrollment as of the report date?	1414	491	1905
How many children were currently enrolled as of the report date?	1405	479	1884
How many enrolled children were over income as of the report date? (BENCHMARK: under 10%)	65	13	78
How many vacancies are past 30 days as of the report date? (BENCHMARK: 0)	0	0	0
What was the average attendance for the month ending in the report date? (BENCHMARK: 85%)	68.69 %	86.72 %	73.34 %
What is the current wait list as of the report date?	198	130	328
Enrollment Ratio (BENCHMARK: 98%)	99.36%	97.56%	98.90%
Waitlist Ratio (BENCHMARK: 10%)	14.00%	26.48%	17.22%

	HS	EHS	COMBINED
Health Services	RED	RED	RED
How many enrolled children are up-to-date on a schedule of age appropriate medical services including physical exam, growth assessment, blood level lead, and hemoglobin/hematocrit testing?	622	358	980
How many enrolled children have incomplete or overdue medical services including physical exam, growth assessment, blood level lead, and hemoglobin/hematocrit testing?	186	117	303
How many enrolled children are up to date for Growth Assessment as of the report date?	757	448	1205
How many enrolled children are up to date for Hemoglobin/Hematocrit Screenings as of the report date?	680	405	1085
How many enrolled children are up to date for Lead Screenings as of the report date?	689	389	1078
How many enrolled children are up to date for Physical Exams as of the report date?	727	444	1171
How many enrolled children have been diagnosed as needing medical treatment as of the report date?	91	48	139
Of those enrolled children diagnosed as needing medical treatment, how many have received medical treatment as of the report date?	14	5	19
How many enrolled children are up to date for immunizations as of the report date?	783	428	1211
How many enrolled children are up to date for Dental Exams/Screenings as of the report date?	662	399	1061
How many enrolled children have been diagnosed as needing dental treatment as of the report date?	18	0	18
Of those enrolled children diagnosed as needing dental treatment, how many have received dental treatment as of the report date?	6	0	6
Med Screening Ratio (BENCHMARK: >90%)	44.27%	74.74%	52.02%
Med Exam Ratio (BENCHMARK: >97%)	51.74%	92.69%	62.16%
Med Treatment Ratio (BENCHMARK: 100%)	15.38%	10.42%	13.67%
Immunization Ratio (BENCHMARK: 100%)	55.73%	89.35%	64.28%
Dental Exam Ratio (BENCHMARK: >90%)	47.12%	83.30%	56.32%
Dental Treatment Ratio (BENCHMARK: >95%)	33.33%	100.00%	33.33%

	HS	EHS	COMBINED
Disability Services	YELLOW	YELLOW	YELLOW
How many enrolled children have a diagnosed disability as of the report date?	106	35	141
Of those enrolled children with a diagnosed disability, how many have a current IEP or IFSP as of the report date?	106	35	141
Of those enrolled children with a diagnosed disability, how many are receiving special education or related services as of the report date?	106	35	141
Disability Enrollment Ratio (BENCHMARK: 10%)	7.54%	7.31%	7.48%
IEP IFSP Ratio (BENCHMARK: 100%)	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Disability Services Ratio (BENCHMARK: 100%)	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

	HS	EHS	COMBINED
Screening	YELLOW	YELLOW	YELLOW
How many enrolled children have completed Developmental Screenings as of the report date?	762	454	1216
How many enrolled children are overdue for developmental screening? (BENCHMARK: 0)	0	0	0
How many enrolled children have completed a social emotional screening as of the report date?	761	458	1219
How many children are overdue (past 45 days) for social emotional screening? (BENCHMARK: 0)	0	0	0
How many enrolled children are up to date for Vision Screenings as of the report date?	709	431	1140
How many children are overdue (past 45 days) for a vision screening? (BENCHMARK: 0)	0	1	1
How many enrolled children are up to date for Hearing Screenings as of the report date?	740	430	1170
How many enrolled children are overdue (past 45 days) for hearing screening? (BENCHMARK: 0)	0	1	1
Developmental Screening Ratio (BENCHMARK: >90%)	54.23%	94.78%	64.54%
Social Emotional Screening Ratio (BENCHMARK: >90%)	54.16%	95.62%	64.70%
Vision Screening Ratio (BENCHMARK: >90%)	50.46%	89.98%	60.51%
Hearing Screening Ratio (BENCHMARK: >90%)	52.67%	89.77%	62.10%

	HS	EHS	COMBINED
Teacher Credentials	YELLOW	YELLOW	YELLOW
How many teachers were employed as of the report date?	116	80	196
How many teacher assistants were employed as of the report date?	129	78	207
How many teachers have CDA as their highest credential as of the report date?	14	19	33
How many teachers have AA as their highest credential as of the report date?	22	19	41
How many teachers have BA or higher as their highest credential as of the report date?	66	37	103
Of those teachers without an AA or higher, how many are currently enrolled in an AA program as of the report date? (Enter 0 if all teachers have BA or higher.)	7	14	21
Of those teachers with AA as their highest credential, how many are currently enrolled in a BA/BS program?	5	0	5
How many teacher assistants have CDA as their highest credential as of the report date?	27	17	44
How many teacher assistants have AA as their highest credential as of the report date?	16	5	21
How many teacher assistants have BA or higher as their highest credential as of the report date?	18	17	35
Of those teacher assistants without a CDA or higher, how many are currently enrolled in a CDA program as of the report date? (Enter 0 if all teacher assistants have CDA or higher.)	26	14	40
Of those teacher assistants with CDA as their highest credential, how many are currently enrolled in an AA program as of the report date?	4	6	10
Teacher Degree Ratio (BENCHMARK: 50%)	75.86%	70.00%	73.47%
Teacher CDA Ratio (BENCHMARK: 100%)	87.93%	93.75%	90.31%
Assistant CDA Ratio (BENCHMARK: EHS = 100%)	67.44%	67.95%	67.63%

	HS	EHS	COMBINED
Family Partnerships	YELLOW	YELLOW	GREEN
How many families were enrolled as of the report date?			1035
How many enrolled families have completed Needs Assessments as of the report date?			1015
How many enrolled families have signed Family Partnership Agreements as of the report date?			961
Family Needs Assessment Ratio (BENCHMARK: >98%)			98.07%
Family Partnership Ratio (BENCHMARK: >70%)			92.85%

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2011
Item No. 10-c

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve contract with the Metropolitan Community College District for The Francis Institute to provide coaching support for the Hall Program Administration Scale project

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Metropolitan Council on Early Learning (MCEL) with funding from the Hall Family Foundation Grant plans to provide Program Administration Scale (PAS) technical assistance and coaching support to 20 early learning center directors participating in a three year project. The PAS was developed by the McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership scholars, to provide a reliable and easy-to-administer tool for measuring the overall quality of administrative practices of early care and education programs and to help directors and program administrators improve management practices.

MCEL wishes to contract with The Francis Institute at Penn Valley Community College to provide PAS technical assistance and coaching support to early learning center directors participating in a three-year project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize contract with the Metropolitan Community College District for The Francis Institute to provide coaching support to early learning programs participating in the PAS project for an amount not to exceed \$85,621 over three years. Funding for this agreement will be supported through funding from the Hall Family Foundation.

STAFF CONTACT:

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AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2011
Item No. 10-d

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve contract with the Metropolitan Community College District for The Francis Institute to provide coaching support for the Hall Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) project

BACKGROUND:

MARC's Metropolitan Council on Early Learning (MCEL), with funding from the Hall Family Foundation Grant, intends to expand the CLASS project to include community based and school district Pre-K programs through a three year longitudinal model. The CLASS model is designed to improve curriculum fidelity and teacher child interactions leading to better outcomes for children. This promising model is currently being implemented in Mid-America Head Start programs.

MCEL wishes to contract with The Francis Institute at Penn Valley Community College to provide CLASS technical assistance and coaching support to early learning classrooms participating in this project over three years.

The Francis Institute has over 20 years experience providing early learning quality improvement technical assistance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize MARC to contract with the Metropolitan Community College District for The Francis Institute to provide coaching support to early learning programs participating in the Hall CLASS project for an amount not to exceed \$270,000 over three years. Funding for this agreement will be supported through funding from the Hall Family Foundation.

STAFF CONTACT:

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Jim Caccamo

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2011
Item No. 10-e

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve contract with The Family Conservancy to provide coaching support for the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) project

BACKGROUND:

MARC's Metropolitan Council on Early Learning (MCEL), with funding from the Hall Family Foundation Grant, intends to expand the CLASS project to include community based and school district Pre-K programs through a three year longitudinal model. The CLASS model is designed to improve curriculum fidelity and teacher child interactions leading to better outcomes for children. This promising model is currently being implemented in Mid-America Head Start programs.

MCEL wishes to contract with The Family Conservancy (TFC) to provide CLASS technical assistance and coaching support to early learning classrooms participating in this project over three years.

TFC has over 18 years experience providing early learning quality improvement technical assistance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize MARC to contract with TFC to provide coaching support to early learning programs participating in the Hall CLASS project for an amount not to exceed \$410,000 over three years. Funding for this agreement will be supported through funding from the Hall Family Foundation.

STAFF CONTACT:

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AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2011
Item No. 10-f

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize contract modifications with HomeCare of Mid-Missouri

BACKGROUND:

Due to increased demand in eastern Jackson County and Ray County, HomeCare of Mid-Missouri has requested increased units within their contracts for Family Caregiver Respite and Personal Care programs:

	<u>ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT</u>	<u>NEW CONTRACT AMOUNT</u>	<u>NET GAIN/ (LOSS)</u>	<u>OLD UNITS</u>	<u>NEW UNITS</u>	<u>GAIN/ (LOSS)</u>
Respite	\$19,136.00	\$28,573.50	\$9,437.50	1,150	2,150	1,000
P. Care	<u>25,625.60</u>	<u>47,046.60</u>	<u>21,421.00</u>	<u>1,540</u>	<u>3,540</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	\$44,761.60	\$75,620.10	\$30,858.50	2,690	5,690	3,000

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

MARC's caregiver programs are funded through Title III-E of the Older Americans Act. At the present time, we have been allotted more than enough funds to cover these contract modifications.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Commission on Aging recommended, at its September 14th meeting, that the executive director be authorized to increase these SFY 2012 contracts with HomeCare of Mid-Missouri, as indicated above.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the executive director to increase the SFY 2012 family caregiver respite and personal care contracts with HomeCare of Mid-Missouri, as indicated above.

STAFF CONTACT:

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AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2011
Item No. 10-g

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approval to apply for and receive Veterans Transportation & Community Living Initiative funds from the Federal Transit Administration

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Transportation has joined with the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Labor, Defense, and Health and Human Services to establish an initiative that will improve transportation options and mobility for America's veterans, service members, and their families. FTA has issued a notice of funding availability for the new Veterans Transportation & Community Living Initiative for projects to provide or improve one call/one click transportation information services for veterans, their families and other people with special transportation needs.

A coalition of organizations with interest in these transportation information services has worked together to develop a project proposal for these funds. The coalition includes MARC; Central Plains Center for Geriatric Studies, University of Kansas Medical Center; the Mr. Goodcents Foundation For Senior Independence; Midwest Center for Non-Profit Leadership, University of Missouri-Kansas City; United Way of Greater Kansas City 211; Kansas City Area Transportation Authority; Unified Government Transit; Johnson County Transit; the VA Medical Centers in Leavenworth, KS and Kansas City, MO; and the Full Employment Council. The project will use up to \$210,472 in FTA funds and \$52,618 from MARC's coalition partners to join existing data from multiple service providers and local agency partners to develop an integrated and shared service database and web tools to improve the accessibility and usefulness of the data for veterans, regional information providers, and transportation agencies.

The development of a collaborative database will support the ability of a multitude of one-stop destinations to share mobility data and access information regarding the region's transportation providers.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

If awarded, these funds will be added to the TIP and MARC budget.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The proposed project and funding application were reviewed with the MARC Transit Committee on September 7, 2014 and with the Special Transportation-Job Access Partnership Committee on September 14, 2011. TTPC will consider approval of the application at its meeting on September 20, 2011.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the executive director to apply for and receive up to \$210,472 in FTA funds and \$52,618 from MARC's coalition partners to develop a one-call/one-click integrated and shared Kansas City database for the Veterans Transportation & Community Living Initiative.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ron Achelpohl

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2011
Item No. 10-h

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an agreement with INRIX, Inc. to purchase archived travel data for the purpose of updating the MARC Regional Travel Time Study

BACKGROUND:

As part of its ongoing responsibility to monitor the quality of the region's transportation system performance, MARC has historically conducted periodic travel time studies about every five years. The last travel time study for the MARC region was completed in 2007. For the next update, MARC intends to purchase travel data collected by a third-party vendor instead of collecting the data in-house. This approach will allow MARC to obtain more reliable data with greater spatial coverage.

MARC issued a Request for Proposals/Invitation to Bid on August 12, 2011 inviting vendors to submit a response by September 14, 2011. The RFP established minimum requirements in terms of data quantity and quality, and explained that the vendor submitting the lowest bid would be chosen.

During the procurement process, MARC received responses from two qualified vendors. A selection panel comprising members of MARC staff and a representative from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) reviewed the bids, and recommends the selection of the INRIX "Nationwide Average Speeds" data product.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The total cost of the INRIX data product is estimated to be \$80,000.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

TTPC will consider approval of the agreement with INRIX at its meeting on September 20, 2011.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an agreement with INRIX, Inc. for the purchase of archived travel data to update the MARC Regional Travel Time Study in the amount of \$80,000.

STAFF CONTACT:

Mell Henderson
Jim Hubbell

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2011
Item No. 10-i

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve the Functional Classification change for 155th Street in Kansas City, Missouri

BACKGROUND:

Functional classification is the process by which roadways are categorized into classes, or systems, according to the type of service they are intended to provide. This system for roadway classification was developed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and has implications for the eligibility of a roadway to receive federal transportation funding.

The Port Authority of Kansas City, MO has requested to change the functional classification of 155th Street (from Scott Ave. to Kensington Ave.) from a local road to a major collector. MARC staff has consulted with officials from MoDOT and FHWA to review the request, and has determined that a reclassification is warranted based on established federal criteria.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The functional classification system is used to determine eligibility for roadways in the region to receive federal transportation funding.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The proposed change to the functional classification of 155th Street was reviewed and approved by the Missouri STP/Bridge Priorities committee on August 9, 2011. TTPC will consider approval of the proposed change at its meeting on September 20, 2011.

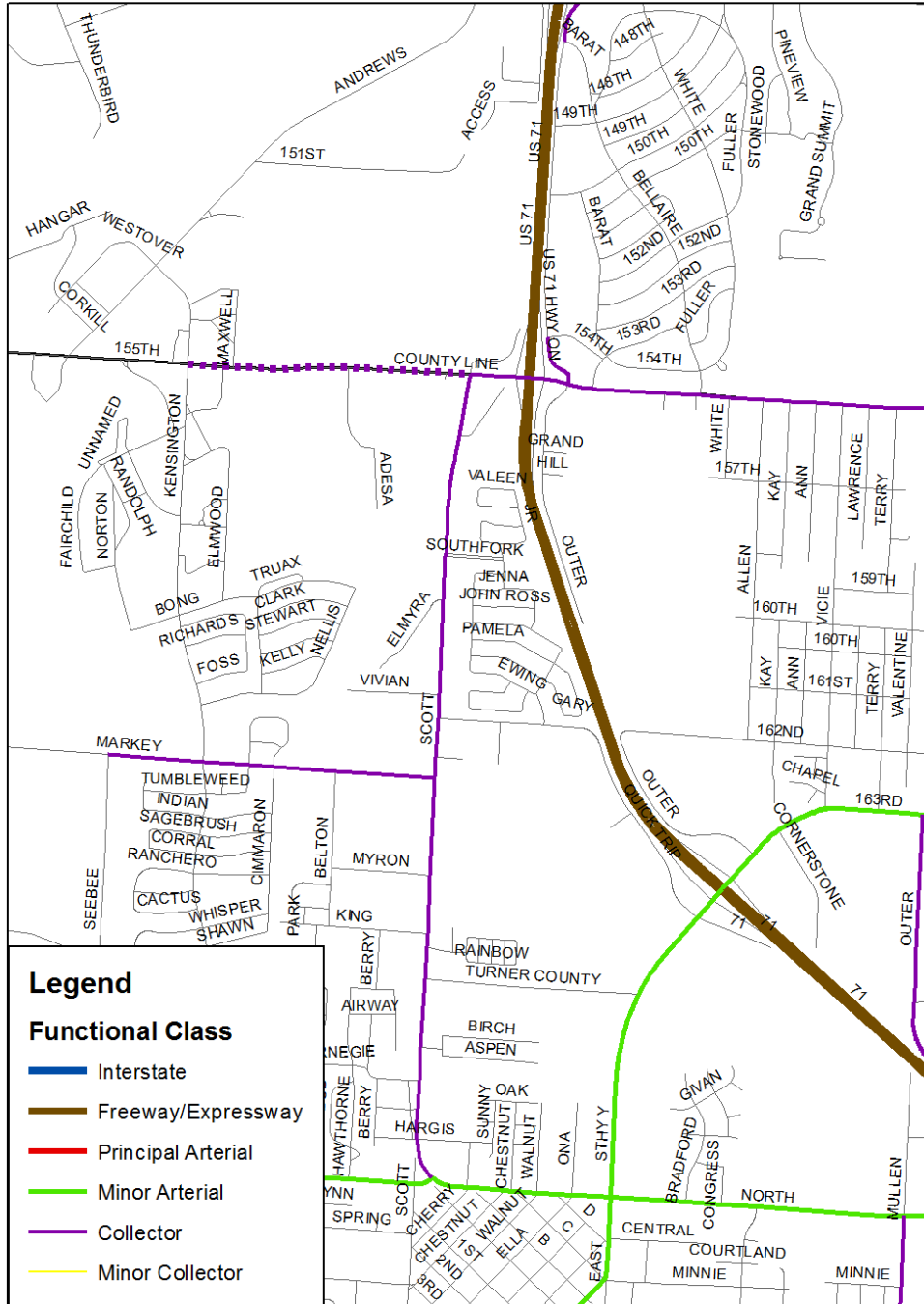
RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Functional Classification change for 155th Street in Kansas City, Missouri.

STAFF CONTACT:

Mell Henderson
Jim Hubbell

Proposed Functional Classification Change - 155th Street



AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2011
Item No. 10-j

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an agreement with a vendor for 2012 aerial imagery of the Kansas City area region and vicinity

BACKGROUND:

Since 2006, MARC, under the auspices of KC MetroGIS, the region's consortium of local GIS managers, has coordinated a bi-annual joint purchase of aerial imagery services by local governments. In the past, federal agencies have also shared in the cost, such as USGS and the Army Corps of Engineers, and this is expected to continue in 2012. As a result of competitively bidding a larger geographic area and obtaining federal partners, MARC has been able to save local governments thousands of dollars. In addition, because the imagery shares a common specification, it is easier to share and view the imagery across jurisdictional boundaries.

For 2012, the participating counties in the MARC region are: Johnson, Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Clay, and Jackson. In addition, the cities of KCMO, Parkville, Belton, Raymore and Harrisonville have also indicated a desire to participate, which means that significant portions of southern Platte County and northern Cass County will also be flown. Finally, several neighboring counties have asked the join in the joint purchase. They are Shawnee, Jefferson and Atchison Counties in Kansas and Buchanan County in Missouri.

MARC issued the request for proposals for this project in July and received 11 responses. MARC narrowed the list to seven for interviews, which were conducted in early September. After the interviews, three vendors were selected for follow-up reference checks. At the time of this writing those reference checks were concluding.

The finalists and recommended vendor will be presented at the meeting. The not-to-exceed amount above is the cost provided by the highest-priced remaining vendor.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

This project is entirely locally funded, with MARC as the contracting agent. Local governments sign an MOU with MARC agreeing pay for their portion of the imagery and to share the imagery with the other project participants as they request it. That portion is primarily determined by the each jurisdiction's area in square miles as a proportion of the total project area. MARC acts as the project manager and coordinates communication between the vendor and local governments, as well as processes all invoices. MARC may also assist some counties in reviewing imagery to assure images meet specifications. For these services, MARC obtains unlimited access to all the aerial imagery to use in its regional plans and initiatives.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the executive director to enter into an agreement with a vendor for an amount not to exceed \$760,750 for 2012 aerial imagery of the Kansas City area region and vicinity.

STAFF CONTACT:

Frank Lenk

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2011
Item No. 10-k

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize acceptance of grant funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Economic Development Administration

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council has worked with community partners to submit applications for two major federal grant opportunities through MARC's 501c3 corporation.

The first is a grant program through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as a result of the Affordable Care Act. This Community Transformation Grant program would enable state and local public health agencies and their community partners to invest in programs and services to address chronic disease, obesity, diabetes and tobacco use. Only states and urban counties with populations greater than 500,000 persons are eligible to apply. MARC worked with the three local public health agencies serving Jackson County - Kansas City, Missouri, Independence and Jackson County health departments - on an application. Funds would be used for personnel, contractual services, media purchases, and printing to support areas in reducing tobacco use among teens and adults; supporting active living and healthy eating initiatives; increased use of high impact quality clinical prevention services in cooperation with the safety net providers; improving emotional and social well-being through prevention services; and promoting community design that results in safe and healthy physical environments. The grant application was submitted on July 15, and the three health departments and MARC requested \$1,902,102 for the first year and \$9,002,870 over five years. A Memorandum of Understanding between MARC, the Full Employment Council and UMKC was authorized by the CSC Board and accompanied the application.

The second grant is a combination of three federal grant programs led by the US Economic Development Administration to support strong industry cluster partnerships that result in job creation, increased exports, connecting dislocated and disadvantaged workers to new job opportunities in growing industries, and reducing the reliance by area companies on foreign workers hired through H1B visas. The other federal agencies are the Employment and Training Administration of the US Department of Labor and the Small Business Administration. MARC CSC would be the applicant for the EDA funds, which require matching resources. The Full Employment Council would be the applicant for the training funds, and the UMKC Center for Innovation - KC Source Link would be the applicant for the SBA funds. The three lead organizations would partner with business organizations to carry out a program to support two industry sectors - advanced manufacturing and information technology. The three organizations, including MARC, working on the application, request \$741,838 from EDA (and committed to \$741,838 in in-kind match); \$1 million from ETA for training; and \$150,000 from the SBA for use over two years.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the acceptance of the federal funds as described above.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2011
Item No. 10-I

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize contract with the selected vendor to assist Ray County with floodplain management planning services

BACKGROUND:

MARC is assisting Platte County government, which has received a federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Mitigation grant through the Missouri Department of Economic Development, to support projects for Platte, Cass and Ray counties. These three counties were part of a 2010 federal disaster declaration and therefore eligible to participate in the grant program. The selected consultant will assist Ray County in Missouri on plans, policies, and capacity building through training that results in land use decisions and development practices that mitigate future flood risks. Ray County has adopted the Kansas City Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and participates in the federal flood insurance program. The county has been impacted in the past from Missouri River and small stream flooding events.

Property owners in and around the cities of Hardin, Richmond and Orrick are experiencing runoff problems as farmers terrace their properties. As property owners in both city and rural areas modify drainage within and along their properties, flooding has intensified for adjoining property owners.

Ray County has need for technical guidance on how to effectively implement their flood plain ordinance, and to understand the responsibilities of the county regarding large-scale terracing that is occurring throughout the unincorporated areas of the county by landowners to increase the acres of productive farm ground to the detriment to neighboring property owners. County Commissioners want to understand how to work with federal and state agencies regarding flood mitigation and to help them address repetitive concerns regarding levies and terracing, floodplain damage and avoidance.

In addition, MARC and selected planning consultants will bring local government officials together with drainage district representatives and property owners to increase understanding of local regulations and plans, and build support for their use in mitigating future flood events. The selected consultant would work with MARC and Ray County to produce planning documents that support specific land use policy implementation and serve as best practices for small cities and the county. It is anticipated that the products could be beneficial to other parts of Missouri.

MARC would work with the selected consultant to offer up to two trainings for elected officials, planning commissioners and government staff on how to use the tools and procedures. The trainings will result in greater awareness and understanding of local plans and policies, and of how such plans and policies should be enforced or implemented at the local level. The training will help local officials understand the value of such plans and policies and build support for their ongoing use. A Request for Proposals was issued, and the Ray County Commissioners and MARC staff will conduct interviews on September 26. The selected consultant will be recommended to the board.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the executive director to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the consulting firm selected by Ray County for floodplain management planning services in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel
Molly McGovern

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2011
Item No. 10-m

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize acceptance of funds for planning and legal services to support the Rock Island Corridor Coalition

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council has been working with Jackson and Cass counties and Kansas City, Raytown, Lee's Summit, Pleasant Hill and Greenwood to plan for a Kansas City connection to the Missouri KATY Trail State Park and preserve an important transportation corridor, the old Rock Island Railroad corridor through Cass and Jackson counties. The coalition, composed of representatives from the local governments and MARC, has been in discussions with Union Pacific Railroad about acquiring the unused railroad corridor for trail and transit purposes. Discussions are proceeding around a 17-mile segment of the corridor.

The coalition has determined the need to complete some planning and legal work related to the 17-mile segment and for continued planning of the entire 30-mile length. The local governments have agreed to share the costs for that work, estimated at \$100,000.

Jackson County	\$20,500
Kansas City, MO	\$37,500
Lee's Summit	\$28,500
Pleasant Hill	\$2,500
Raytown	\$10,500
Greenwood	\$500

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the acceptance of funds from the Rock Island Coalition member local governments in the amounts described above to support planning and legal expenses.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2011
Item No. 10-n

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize submission of a Community Planning Challenge Grant to HUD

BACKGROUND:

Local communities would like to promote sustainable development and sometimes the best way to do that is through adopting codes that facilitate such development. HUD issued a notice of a Community Planning Challenge grant with one of its major objectives being to encourage the adoption of codes and policies that facilitate sustainable development.

The First Suburbs Coalition has begun work to develop a catalog of sustainable code options and decided to ask MARC to submit a grant to HUD for a Community Planning Challenge grant to support this effort. The grant would develop a Sustainable Code Guidebook which would provide communities options for codes that could encourage or allow sustainable development. The initiative would also provide code audits for eight first suburban communities: Prairie Village, Mission, Fairway, Roeland Park, Grandview, Gladstone, Independence, and Raytown. Other partners include the First Suburbs Coalition, the Unified Government, and the local district of the Urban Land Institute. The grant also provides for the development of sustainable design standards for the Green Impact Zone and education and training around these issues.

The grant request is for \$403,432 with an in-kind contribution mainly in partner staff time of \$171,233. The grant was submitted September 9th two days before the deadline.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the submission of the Community Planning Challenge Grant to HUD and to accept funds if awarded.

STAFF CONTACT:

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AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2011
Item No. 10-o

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize application to the Federal Home Loan Bank Board of Des Moines for Minor Home Repair in the Green Impact Zone

BACKGROUND:

The Town Fork Creek neighborhood of Kansas City, Missouri, is located in the Green Impact Zone. This area is primarily single-family residential, and many of the homes were built between 1940 and 1960. While the homes were well constructed, due to their age, and the age of many of the residents, there is a need for minor repairs and maintenance for many of the units.

The Blue Hills Community Services Corporation, a Community Development Corporation, serves this neighborhood, and has a history of housing repair and renovation in both the Town Fork Creek and Blue Hills neighborhoods. MARC would work with the Blue Hills Community Services Corporation to assist 50 homeowners on limited incomes with minor repairs of up to \$7,872 per home.

The Green Impact Zone staff would work with the neighborhood association to identify homeowners in need of assistance with minor repairs. Blue Hills Community Services Corporation would inspect each home, prepare a work order, contract with a construction company, inspect work in progress and upon completion. MARC would compensate Blue Hills CSC for their services at \$35,000. The remaining funds, \$71,400 would cover MARC expenses.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the submission of the application to the Federal Home Loan Bank Board of Des Moines, and if approved, accept \$500,000 for a minor home repair program in Town Fork Creek; and Authorize a contract with Blue Hills Community Services Corporation for \$35,000 to support the program.

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MARC Board of Directors

September 2011
Item No. 10-p

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize MARC CSC, on behalf of the Regional Health Care Initiative, to submit a Regional Initiative Grant application to the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City and to the REACH Healthcare Foundation, and to accept and expend funding if awarded

BACKGROUND:

The RHCI has now completed four years of work on this regional initiative. This work has included building and supporting partnerships and new programming in the safety net and mental health communities. The RHCI also undertook a major initiative to develop a regional health information exchange, which is just now preparing to start operations.

For 2012, RHCI is proposing two major components: (1) continued support for collaborative safety net and mental health initiatives and organizations, and (2) exploration, convening, and possible programming around emerging regional health care issues and opportunities. The RHCI remains committed to pursuing regional, collaborative, system approaches to these issues where there is support from stakeholders and such an approach is effective.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Mid-America Regional Council's Community Services Corporation (MARC CSC). on behalf of the Regional Health Care Initiative, to submit a Regional Initiative Grant application to the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City in the amount of \$210,000 and to the REACH Healthcare Foundation in the amount of \$150,000 and to accept and expend funding if awarded the grant.

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AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2011
Item No. 10-q

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize acceptance and administration of funds to MDNR Clean Diesel projects as determined by RFP and other processes

BACKGROUND:

For fiscal year 2008, Congress appropriated funds for the first time under the Energy Policy Act (2005) to help reduce emissions from heavy-duty diesel engines. Through the National Clean Diesel Program, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will award grants to assist its eligible partners in building diesel emission reduction programs across the country that improve air quality and protect public health.

MDNR Air Pollution Control Program received funding allocated to the three largest metropolitan areas in Missouri. They have selected MARC to administer the local Kansas City area grants. A total funding of \$345,875 in federal funds and \$126,800 in matching fund commitment has been obtained. Funding in the amount of \$345,875 will come to MARC, and MARC will be responsible for quarterly progress reports and a final report.

This grant project was applied for through a competitive national application process, and therefore projects are already determined for this funding. Projects in the Kansas City area include installing independent heaters and closed crankcase ventilation systems on school buses, an early school bus replacement, an engine repower on a loader for APAC, and emission reduction devices on Burlington Northern Santa Fe Rail Company diesel engines.

In addition, MDNR Air Pollution Control Program applied for and received funding for the four largest metropolitan areas in Missouri, and has asked MARC to administering the grant for Kansas City area projects. Funding will pass through MARC and be reimbursed to the eligible projects upon completion. MARC will be responsible for quarterly progress reports and a final report.

There are two portions to this grant, both of which establish RFP processes to determine the selected projects. One is solely for early vehicle replacements and is open to public and private fleets; this portion will reimburse up to 25% of an eligible vehicle replacement. The second portion will be used to fund other types of diesel emission reductions projects with varying levels of match required depending on technology purchased and whether the fleet is public or private. The projects must include EPA or CARB verified emission-reduction technologies and/or automatic shutdown/startup devices.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize MARC to accept and administer \$345,875 in MDNR Clean Diesel funds for previously determined projects, and allow MARC to utilize no more than \$27,000 for its administrative costs. Authorize MARC to administer funds to MDNR Clean Diesel projects as determined by RFP, as well as authorize the executive director to accept no more than \$11,850 for administrative and operating costs.

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MARC Board of Directors

September 2011
Item No. 10-r

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize solicitation and acceptance of funds from the State of Missouri for MARC's air quality program

BACKGROUND:

MARC has been actively involved in air quality issues since the early 1970s and, since 1978, has served as the official air quality planning organization for the bi-state metro area under section 174 of the federal Clean Air Act. Section 174 requires that states appoint an organization to coordinate local input to the development of the state air quality implementation plans.

MARC's air quality responsibilities include coordination, planning, technical analysis, and public information and education. MARC has no regulatory authority related to air quality issues but makes recommendations to the state air quality agencies concerning air quality planning and regulatory measures.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the executive director to solicit and accept from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources funding to support MARC air quality planning and public education activities for the fiscal period October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012, in an amount not to exceed \$45,960.

STAFF CONTACT:

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MARC Board of Directors

September 2011
Item No. 10-s

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve an increase to the existing agreement with Applied Ecological Services (AES)

BACKGROUND:

The MARC Board of Directors previously approved acceptance of funds from two different EPA Wetland Development Grants to support wetland and water quality conservation efforts, including an inventory and assessment of critical natural resources being completed by Applied Ecological Services. Some resources from these grants are dedicated to the development of ecosystem service data for our region. Ecosystem service data allows decision-makers to assess the relative importance of natural areas, including the degree to which they enhance the environment through assessment of factors such as water filtration, air pollution mitigation, carbon sequestration, and flood control.

AES is currently under contract to update the Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) under the CSP-HUD grant. The proposed contract amendment with AES will enable them to move beyond mapping extant natural resources (i.e. wetlands, forests, prairies) to assessing and mapping ecosystem services provided by those natural resources, using the two EPA grants.

In addition, the MARC Board gave approval last month to contract with AES on behalf of Platte County in the amount of \$45,000 for identification of natural resources along priority stream corridors and within developing watersheds. This work is being supported through a CDBG Disaster Recovery grant awarded to the county and administered by MARC. The current AES contract totals \$175,000, including the Platte County portion. This addition would increase the contract to \$235,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a \$60,000 increase to the existing agreement with Applied Ecological Services (AES) for a total of \$235,000.

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MARC Board of Directors

September 2011
Item No. 10-t

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an agreement with Highlands Consulting Group, LLC to develop an interoperable communications training curriculum

BACKGROUND:

MARC Public Safety has been actively involved with coordination of the regional 9-1-1 system and public safety communications since 1983. During that time, the role of the public safety program has grown to include regional interoperable communications. New communications assets purchased with federal homeland security funds currently exist in the region, and a training program is needed to educate the region's first responders about these assets and how to implement them during an incident or pre-planned event. An RFP was issued, and the selected firm had the most relevant experience and staff expertise to support the project.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

This training curriculum project will be funded by the Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP) grant.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee (RHSCC) approved the allocation of IECGP grant funds for this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the executive director to enter an agreement with Highlands Consulting Group, LLC, in the amount of \$95,000.00 for interoperable communications training curriculum development.

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MARC Board of Directors

September 2011
Item No.10-u

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve expenditures, applications for grant funding and acceptance of grant funds for homeland security/emergency services program

BACKGROUND:

The MARC Board has authorized the agency to administer homeland security and bioterrorism preparedness grants, for which planning and trainings will be provided, and for which equipment and other resources will be purchased and provided to local first responder organizations.

EXPENDITURES:

UASI 08

Vendor: Bass Pro

Method: Sole Source

PRT Tracker Boats for Tech Rescue \$26,000

UASI 10

Vendor: Sierra Nevada

Method: Sole Source

Training on technical equipment for bomb squads \$15,000

Port Security FY10

Vendor: SAFE Boats International

Method: Sole Source

25' full cabin SAFE Boat-Defender
for Missouri State Water Patrol \$238,612

CONTRACTS:

Kansas City, Missouri Water Treatment Plant

Contract with the Kansas City, Missouri Water Treatment Plant for security enhancements supported by FY09 Port Security Grant Program. The Area Maritime Security Committee has approved entering into a sub-recipient contract with the KCMO Water Services Department to improve perimeter security at the treatment plant on Briarcliff Road as it provides potable water to a large portion of the metro area. Total cost is \$495,505; \$371,629 of the total project cost will be reimbursed to the City by MARC at the completion of the project. The City is providing \$123,876 in cost match as required by DHS.

Kansas City, Missouri Board of Police Commissioners (BOPC)

Contract with the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners for the purchase of a transport vehicle using the FY2009 Port Security Grant Program. The Area Maritime Security Committee has approved entering into a sub-recipient contract with the BOPC for the purchase of a ¾ ton truck to transport a communications trailer. The vehicle cost not to exceed \$50,000 will be reimbursed to the BOPC by MARC following delivery and satisfactory acceptance.

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The Area Maritime Security Committee also approved an additional, separate contract with the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners for the purchase of a Port Area Helicopter using FY2008 Port Security Grant Program funding. DHS/FEMA approval has been secured for this investment to increase operation capabilities along the Port of Kansas City. \$1,325,451.22 of the total project cost will be reimbursed to the BOPC by MARC (serving as the Fiscal Administrator for the Grant) at the completion of the project (18 months procurement process; delivery estimate in April/May 2013). The BOPC is providing \$517,749 as local cost-share toward this purchase.

Kristine Martin

Approve Kristine Martin contract amendment to provide a variety of support services including: support of regional exercise activities; conducting research and supporting transition planning for regional initiatives; preparing State and other reports; Emergency Services website update; LEPC plan revisions; support of Disaster Mental Health and Public Health activities. Increase contract by \$24,230 for a new total contract amount of \$48,460 for work performed February 14, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

LEPC Trailer transfer of ownership:

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) purchased a trailer for \$14,150 in 2003 with LEPC funds and used it for a variety community outreach activities over the past eight years. The Kansas City, Missouri, Fire Department has housed the trailer, but due to the challenges of deploying it for public outreach activities, it has not had much use in recent years. Due to the trailer's age and condition, the LEPC no longer needs this equipment. The LEPC has a desire and strongly recommends donating this trailer to the Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team to serve as a first responder resource for the entire Northwest Missouri area, including the five Missouri counties that are part of the Kansas City region. This is a no cost transfer of ownership transaction.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize expenditures and contracts as listed above to support regional activities.

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