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OPEN MEETING NOTICE

KANSAS STP/BR PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

November 10, 2011

9:30 – 11:30 AM

Broadway Room, 1st Floor, MARC Offices
600 Broadway, Suite 200, Kansas City, Missouri 64105

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve the August 11, 2011 Meeting Summary*
3. Status of STP/BR Program – KDOT*
Review of the current program and potential consideration of program modifications.
4. Committee Policy Modifications*
Consider approval of revised policy on TIP Amendment and Modification. Please reference the attached document.
5. Functional Classification System*
*Review and consider approval of a request for a change in functional classification in Kansas City, KS.
Kansas Avenue - 7th Street Trafficway to the Missouri state line - Principal Arterial to Minor Arterial.*
6. MARC Conflict of Interest Policy
Please reference the attached document.
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

* Action Items

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: February 9, 2011

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Kansas STP/Bridge Priorities Committee
November 10, 2011
Meeting Summary

Members Present

Joe Johnson, City of Leawood, Chair
Tim Green, City of Lenexa, Vice-Chair
Kevin Bruemmer, City of Bonner Springs
Bryan Dyer, City of Merriam
Chuck Ferguson, Johnson County Transit *
Ron Freyermuth, City of Shawnee
David Green, City of Gardner
Bill Heatherman, Unified Govt of WyCo/KCK
Mary Jaeger, City of Olathe
Mike McDonald, City of Leavenworth
Bruce McNabb, City of Prairie Village
Dan Miller, City of Overland Park
Greg Ruether, Bicycle/Ped. Advisory Committee *
Martin Riverola, City of Mission
Allison Smith, KDOT
Michael Spickelmier, Leavenworth County

MARC Staff Present

Tom Gerend
Marc Hansen
Terry Anderson

Alternates and Other Attendees:

Jim Jarrett, GBA
Melissa Prenger, Parsons Brinckerhoff
Paul Lindstrom, City of Shawnee
Beth Linn, City of Edgerton
Hye Jin Lee, City of Merriam
David Marten II, KDOT
Michael Webb, City of Edwardsville

* Transportation Plng Committee reps: non-voting mbrs

1. Welcome and Introductions

Joe Johnson welcomed the attendees and introductions were made. A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Meeting Summary

Dan Miller moved to approve the August 11, 2011 summary as drafted; motion was seconded and carried.

3. Status of STP/BR Program – KDOT

Marc Hansen stated that shortly after the August 11th meeting, KDOT contacted MARC to share they had completed a review of their records. Instead of our region being over programmed for FY 2011 by \$437,000, we are under programmed by \$521,390. Those funds have carried over to FY 2012 plus the limitation distribution brings the 2012 total of available funds to \$13,847,527. With three STP projects programmed that total \$9,780,000, the committee will want to identify one or more projects that can absorb the extra funds estimated to be \$4,067,527. This is a sizeable amount considering KDOT wants a zero balance at the end of each FFY. These figures are tentative pending decisions being made by Congress. By November 23rd, the Deficit Super Committee is expected to complete their work; no details of their decisions or progress have filtered down to MARC. Both the House and Senate seem to be discussing multiyear authorizations and working towards maintaining current funding levels. We have been advised by KDOT to program with the updated number.

In anticipating this discussion, staff sent an email prior to this meeting requesting input from sponsors for feedback regarding:

A. FY2012 projects that could absorb additional funds.

- Overland Park's FY2012 College Blvd to 119th Street project is going to bid soon and could absorb funds; would need a committee decision soon.
- Unified Government's State Avenue Improvements project could use additional funds.

B. FY2013-14 programmed projects that could move forward to 2012:

- The city of Leavenworth has two bridges: one that last month they took federal funds off of at the last meeting and another bridge they would consider moving forward but is more likely to stay in 2013 unless there are no issues.
- Overland Park's 2013 \$4.4M project on 159th Street – Quivira to Antioch is using advance construction in 2012 and could use the balance of funds if we need it to and it would provide the committee more time to identify projects to fill the hole in 2013. The city plans to construct beginning early in Jan/Feb. Marc shared that the draft Policy on TIP Revisions (on the agenda), if approved, would allow staff to handle this administratively at the last minute if the committee chooses to provide the extra funds to this project.
- Johnson County Transit's vehicle purchase project has a remaining amount programmed in 2013 of \$245,000 and a transfer to FTA could be done. Background: The Johnson County Transit project was originally programmed to

receive \$1,920,000 in FFY 2013. The project was split to absorb the \$1,675,000 returned by the withdrawal of Lenexa's Renner Road project from the 2011 program. Thus the transit project still has \$245,000 in FFY 2013.

- MARC's Livable Communities Pilot Program planning project could move forward to absorb funds if needed but MARC is not asking to do this.

Chairman Johnson asked the 2014 sponsors to consider if their project could move to 2013.

- Ron Freyermuth stated that Shawnee's FY2014 Monticello project could move to 2013 using advance construction where it was originally programmed but had moved out due to funding availability.

The next planned call for projects will be for 2015/16 funding and will be discussed at a future meeting since funding is uncertain.

Bill Heatherman recommended doing a call for projects soon so a short list of projects would be ready in case funds become available. He also shared that it is difficult to balance the program on a yearly balance for a process that takes three years and asked KDOT to be flexible due to the uncertain future of funds. Allison Smith shared that they are trying to be flexible.

Mike McDonald suggested a review of the 2013/14 funding round for projects that were programmed below 80 percent and ask sponsors if they could receive additional funds up to 80 percent. Staff and others thought that would be an action that should be considered.

There was a brief consideration of funding projects that had applied for 2013/14 funding that were not selected if they were moving ahead with their projects anyway and could absorb funds, but there was a consensus to first consider current projects.

Today's discussion was for information only. Since the next quarterly TIP amendment goes to the TTPC December 20th, the committee discussed meeting early in December to make a decision. Dan Miller recommended that MARC staff send an email to the full committee requesting input from all current sponsors as to whether they could absorb additional funding or advance their project schedule.

Marc reviewed hearing a consensus to bring forward the programmed FY2013 portion of Johnson County Transit's project and provide them the \$245,000, give the remainder of 2012 funds to the 2013 Overland Park 159th Street project. During the special December meeting the committee would finalize how to distribute the 2012 funds and then concentrate on determining projects to move forward to fill the hole in 2013 from Overland Park moving forward and add the changes to TTPC's December meeting to incorporate in the third quarter TIP amendment. Later we could adjust 2014 or consider along with a call for projects for 2015/16 funding.

There was a quick review around the table of 2013 projects that could move forward to 2012. With some uncertainties, sponsors were asked to send information to Marc as soon as possible regarding 2013 & 2014 projects that could move forward. FY 2012 -2014 options will be reviewed during the December meeting.

4. Committee Policy Modifications

Marc Hansen reviewed the Policy on Transportation Improvement Program revisions previously discussed with the committee at their May meeting. He shared that the Missouri committee approved this current draft earlier this week. The changes allow better flexibility when not changing the amount of federal funds once the committee provides approval.

The committee discussed modification of two bullets under the formal amendments section:

Bullet 1 to read: Addition or deletion of any project except as noted under the administrative modification section.

Bullet 2 to read: Financial changes in a project's total programmed cost or amount of federal funds greater than 25% or in excess of \$5M.

Additional information shared:

- Staff has been advised that all projects when obligated will now remain in the TIP until the next TIP is created; previously MARC staff removed the obligated projects from the TIP.
- If the policy changes are approved, the public participation plan would be modified to be a 7-day process for declared emergencies similar to the State process. Federal Highway does have a process to follow for true emergencies so this policy process would be a rare occurrence.

MOTION: Mary Jaeger moved and Martin Riverola seconded to approve the revisions to the policy as discussed; motion carried.

The policy will be presented to TTPC for their approval.

5. Functional Classification System

Jim Hubbell provided a PowerPoint presentation explaining an administrative change to a roadway segment in Kansas City, KS that has been approved by KDOT: Kansas Avenue from 7th Street Trafficway to the Missouri state line, changing from principal arterial to minor arterial. Kansas Avenue has a gap in the corridor that was expected to be built but has been removed since it is no longer planned to be built. The classification change does not affect its eligibility for federal funds. The process requires approval from the appropriate priorities committee prior to presenting to TTPC and the MARC Board

Dan Miller moved to approve the modification to the functional classification system as requested by MARC staff; the motion was seconded and carried.

6. MARC Conflict of Interest Policy

Marc Hansen discussed MARC's conflict of interest policy that is reviewed annually by various MARC committees as required by the policy. No changes have been made since the last review. If there is a personal financial gain item being voted on in a MARC committee, we ask that you refrain from participating in that vote. If anyone has a question, feel free to ask anyone on staff. Michael Webb inquired if there is a requirement for an annual signoff and Marc responded that we only track that the policy is reviewed with each committee annually.

7. Other Business

Related to the functional classification, Jim Hubbell shared that next year the Census Bureau will be releasing draft urbanized areas based on the 2010 Census data which will initiate staff working with this committee on making adjustments to the urbanized area boundary. Along with that there will be a review of the full functional classification system. Staff will be reaching out to jurisdictions for input and working with the state DOT during this review.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Next Meeting

Special Meeting: Thursday, 9 a.m., December 1, 2011

Next regular meeting: Thursday, 9:30 a.m., February 9, 2012