

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN** 

# MARC BOARD MARCH 25, 2025

### WHAT IS A METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)?

- Required planning document for our metro. Update required every 5 years
- Sets vision, establishes goals and identifies regionally significant projects
- Guides how regional transportation system will be developed for next 25 years



Major streets and highways



Public transportation

 Bike & pedestrian accessibility



### **UPDATE TIMELINE**



Kick-off

Public Engagement & Outreach



### **KEY FINDINGS**

# **SCENARIO PLANNING**

### WE TESTED FOUR LAND USE DEVELOPMENT SCENARIOS TO SEE THE FUTURE:

 Higher/lower than anticipated population growth rates vs. more compact/dispersed land use



#### WHAT WE LEARNED:

 In slow growth and high growth futures, best investment and growth strategy = focused growth with heavy multimodal investments

# LAND USE FORECAST



Our rate of growth is slowing down. Our region is also becoming older and significantly more diverse. Households will also shrink in size.

# FINANCIAL CAPACITY ANALYSIS

#### FORECAST

- Re-evaluate transportation funding through 2050
- Based on past and recent investment levels projected forward

#### **OUTCOMES**

- Funding sufficient for highway/roadway management, operations and limited expansion for economic development and congestion relief.
- No revenue forecasted for new transit projects or services as temporary COVID-19 federal funding ends

# **ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH**

#### **MOST REGIONAL RESIDENTS...**



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#### Strongly support:

- Healthy environment = clear air and water
- Keeping roads and bridges in good condition
- Increased safety on all types of transportation modes
- Affordable housing as a major need
- Believe we should prioritize or support projects and programs that address the needs
  of disadvantaged populations
- Support regional or county-level investments in public transportation to expand transit options across the region



# **PERFORMANCE-BASED PLANNING**



System performance measures

Voluntary

environmental

measures

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Non-interstate travel time reliability

Interstate travel time reliability

Truck travel time reliability

Ozone levels

Safety measures biggest immediate concern

**Infrastructure condition measures** trending positively (interstate system) but stalling or trending negatively (noninterstate)

**System performance measures** all on track to beat 2023 targets. We have a highly reliable roadway network with low congestion

Transportation choices reflect that most transportation system users rely on single-occupant vehicles and access to our transit system remains low

Environment & public health

**measures** remain generally steady, but not making any progress



### **PLAN ELEMENTS**

### **UPDATED POLICY FRAMEWORK**



GOAL — HOUSING

STRATEGY — DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY and HOUSING COORDINATION LANGUAGE UPDATES

# FEDERAL POLICY LANDSCAPE

#### FEDERAL POLICY LANDSCAPE HAS SHIFTED

- Various executive orders and USDOT orders add additional scrutiny to:
  - Climate work
  - Diversity, equity and environmental justice considerations
  - Electric-vehicle related programs and strategies, among other areas
- 1994 Environmental Justice revoked

#### STAFF IS REVIEWING PLAN FOR CLARITY AND TO RESPOND APPROPRIATELY.

# PROJECTS

**59** agencies

### **526** projects (\$25.1b)

### **240**

financially constrained projects

- 144 existing transportation system rehab (\$5.2b)
- 96 system expansion or new facilities (\$5.4b)

#### 286

illustrative projects (\$14.5b)

Project categories: Kansas state system, Kansas local system, Missouri state system, Missouri local system and transit projects



### RECOMMENDED WORK (POST ADOPTION)



Transit funding & implementation



MARC Committee structure and process review



Continue Complete Streets implementation across region



Update project programming processes



Identify and prioritize multimodal freight projects



Support strategic corridor planning

### **PLAN WEBSITE**



### WHAT'S NEXT?



Complete draft plan write up (1Q ~ 2Q 2025) Release draft plan for public review and comment (April 2025) Final round of public engagement (May 2025)

Approval by TTPC and MARC Board of Directors (June 2025)

