



OPEN MEETING NOTICE

Goods Movement Committee

Janet McRae Kansas Co-Chair

Mike Duffy, Missouri Co-Chair

There will be a meeting of MARC's Goods Movement Committee on **Tuesday, June 4, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.** in the **Westview Room of the Marc office 2nd Floor** 600 Broadway Kansas City, MO 64105. Those who are unable to attend in person may attend virtually join us via MARCZoom09 Address: <https://marc-kc.zoom.us/j/6576214834?pwd=U0ptVVArAGVlU3psNIU4UXh2czRvZz09>

Meeting ID: 657-621-4834

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AGENDA

- I. Introduction & meeting minutes approval
- II. Regional Freight Update (Connected Freight KC 2050) – CDM Smith
 - Project update with group discussion
- III. Regional Freight summary of Kick off Meeting.
 - April 2 – study kick-off meeting
- IV. Updates & Other Business

**Action Item*

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Goods Movement Committee February 2024, Meeting Summary

Members/Alternates Present-Representing

Mike Duffy, Riverside
David Slater, Clay County Econ Dev.
Davonna Morgan. Moore, CDM Smith
Beth Linn, Edgerton
Terry Manies, Orange EV LLC
Christopher Hess, PTRPC
Stephen Mason, Lawrence- Douglas County MPO
Sam Kaiser, CDM Smith
Aimee Courtaway, JCEDC on behalf of Tracy Brantner
Norman Lucas, Pioneer Trails Regional Pipeline Operators
Barb Wells, CDM Smith

MARC Staff Present

Taylor Cunningham,
Martin Rivarola, Assistant Director of Transportation and Land Use
Ellie Hall, Transportation Intern

1) Introductions and Approval of Meeting Summary

Mr. Duffy called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. Mr. Duffy presided over the meeting after the Zoom roll call - minutes were approved.

2) Regional Freight Update (Connected KC 2050) – CDM Smith

Ms. Morgan. Moore provided an update on the Connected Freight KC 2050 Plan. Project goals include:

- Leveraging MARC-LDCMPO-PTRPC Partnership
- Preservation and improvement of the multimodal freight network
- Convey freight-dependent business to economic resilience.
 - Considering challenges and opportunities of growing warehouse presence in the region. Identify friction points between public and private sector.
- Develop a proactive Freight Planning Process

Based upon CDM Smith's scope of work, they developed task goals to present to the GMC. Within this, emphasis was placed on task 2.2: GMC. This task encourages understanding what the vision of the study is and how it relates to CKC2050, the purpose of the GMC, and working toward gaining representation on TTPC. Establishes again the goal to bring stakeholders from all areas, urban and rural, to make efficient, sustainable, and economically beneficial freight decisions.

Stakeholders

Ms. Morgan. Moore presented a non-exhaustive list of stakeholders to the GMC broken into different groups including agency committees, industry partners, key business leaders, key freight regulation partners, and the general public. The hope is that through including all relevant stakeholders, GMC and CDM Smith can take a more holistic approach to combat the freight issues at hand. A prior request had been made to MARC, LDCMPO, and PTRPC for a more detailed list of important area specific stakeholders (particularly in land use and economic development). Ms. Morgan. Moore opened the floor to the group to provide additional local representation ideas. Industry partners (KC Smart Port, Port KC) will be consulted in this process as well. Ms. Morgan. Moore suggests

that with a larger number of stakeholders possibly present at future meetings, the structure may need to change to a quarterly or twice-a-year basis with a larger agenda focused more on learning.

Suggestions for additional stakeholders from GMC members are as follows:

- Trucking operation (like Yellow)
- Possible barge company representation (consideration of the river)
- UPS (large presence running freight throughout the metro)
- Ford/GM
- Workforce Partnership local officials board (executive director, Keely Schneider)
 - MO side similar contact: Clyde McQueen, Full Employment Council
- Emergency Services
- Pipeline
- FHWA (local)
- Owner Operator Independent Driver's Association
- Local truck stop travel plaza representative
- Warren Erdman (CPKS)
 - A more local, available representative is also an option.

Further submissions and recommendations are open to GMC members. Submit them to Davonna Morgan. Moore.

Challenging Issues

Ms. Morgan. Moore presented a challenge CDM Smith has been facing in engaging the private sector to keep them motivated to stay on top of participation in the GMC and freight decision making with the public sector. She opened the floor to ideas regarding how to keep the sector engaged.

- Ms. Manies, Orange EV, suggested a frank and honest approach regarding possible economic benefits of participating for the private sector in the goods movement.
- Mr. Duffy suggested taking advantage of possible limited time with the private sector by creating a list of key questions to pose to private sector stakeholders during a series of small lunches. The group emphasized a desire to send out questions beforehand to ensure busy stakeholders feel that their time is being respected and used effectively.
 - Ms. Morgan. Moore suggested developing a draft of such questions, with input from GMC members, to be able to review at the next meeting.
 - Submissions of draft questions should be sent to Davonna Morgan. Moore.

3) MODOT Unfunded Needs – Martin Rivarola

Mr. Rivarola presented the MODOT Unfunded Needs list that is updated on an annual basis. This list aims to provide project deliverables on the Missouri side that are good candidates for additional funding should such funding materialize. The goal is to have an updated unfunded transportation needs list by May 31, 2024. Mr. Rivarola also reminded the GMC that projects from Ray County are to be added to the MARC region lists, but that as of this meeting the funding targets will remain from the previous year.

2023 Unfunded Needs List Review

Mr. Rivarola walked the committee through the previous year's work on the unfunded needs list. This included mentioning the shortening of the process from previous years, as well as the committees that were consulted in creating the unfunded needs list. A project from the 2022 unfunded needs list was removed due to funding from Missouri legislative process (I-70 project east of Oak Grove). Additionally, project costs were updated for inflation, updated a flat 10% increase to account for such needs due to inflation. Road/bridge projects saw support for further priority, and projects specific to freight and aviation were added by the GMC and aviation committee. Mr. Rivarola presented a series of slides that provided a visual of the unfunded needs projects on the 2023 list. These slides are available for viewing. Project lists are split into tiers, based upon the likelihood that projects will be implemented within a given time frame. Tier one is the most urgent, and so on. Charts showing 2023 road/bridge, multimodal (transit and bike/ped), freight, and aviation needs were presented. Mr. Rivarola

mentioned that in previous years the GMC had left projects vague, however as of 2023 specific projects were added to list per MODOT advisory. The 2023 unfunded needs freight projects are as follows:

- Independence Avenue Rail Bridge Construction (KCMO & Terminal RR)
- Canadian Pacific RR grade-separated crossing (Birmingham Rd @ Holt Dr) (City of Liberty)
- Missouri River Terminal/Woodswether port improvements (Port KC)

This was given to the committee as a starting point for deciding 2024 unfunded needs projects. The suggestion was made that the committee should decide in coming months how they would like to proceed with the list, making revisions or leaving it as is. Updates may include new projects, updated cost estimates, etc.

Next Steps

Mr. Rivarola suggested looking at whether projects may need to move off the list in 2024 (due to possibly receiving funding). He also mentioned adding Ray County to the 2024 list, providing updated project costs, and the tentative deadline for prioritization/ranking of projects being in March/April. Asked the committee for any thoughts about the current list, and possible changes they may like to make.

Mr. Duffy recounted the discussion regarding the previous year's unfunded needs. He mentioned that the projects had to be on system, and the mega site (Hunt Midwest) on I-29 not qualifying for specific funding. He suggested having a discussion to consider how the committee looks at infrastructure in mega sites due to their impact on the region. He mentioned the continued truck bottleneck at the Independence Avenue Rail Bridge because of the necessary detour. In the previous year, the committee left the funding a bit flexible at the discretion of the cities to decide its best use. Mr. Duffy suggested adding a discussion about the unfunded needs list to the April meeting agenda. Additionally, he suggested tightening numbers on the current projects and seeing if there are others that can fit in the balance.

A lengthy list of potential needs will be provided at the April meeting for discussion, as well as MODOT representatives present for the discussion.

4) Connected KC 2050 Update – Martin Rivarola

Mr. Rivarola presented a series of slides to the committee regarding the 2025 update to the CKC 2050 Plan. The plan must be updated every five years, and the next update is due in June 2025. MARC conducted a call for projects to refresh the list of projects currently in the long-range plan. The MPO pushed public engagement and outreach surrounding the long-range plan in late fall 2023 via an online page giving information, an introductory video, pop up events in the MARC counties, hosted open houses, and surveys for the public. MARC saw more engagement with the surveys in areas that they hosted public engagement events, but still saw coverage from around the region. The MPO also produced scenarios for possible future investments (information available on plan update website, [ConnectedKC.org](https://connectedkc.org))

Call for Projects

Projects submitted to the MTP must be regionally significant. These projects existing on the MTP does not guarantee funding, for some inclusion is a requirement and a possible boost for future funding.

Agenda Item II

Regional Freight Study Connected Freight 2050

Freight Study update 1 – Review of Scope, Schedule and discuss Committee roles and responsibilities.

- CDM Smith will set the agenda and lead the discussion.

Study Overview:

The Study will be an “Action Plan” blending national and Statewide Freight Plans’ objectives into an action plan that gives the region and other possible stakeholders a strategic planning process that blends these goals and objectives into the Group’s planning processes. The final product must include considerations of seven key stakeholders: (1) shippers; (2) freight carriers; (3) general public (residents); (4) workforce (5) land use/economic develop (6) public agency planners and (7) elected officials. Each entity has its own specific objective, needs and trends that behave in different manners and priorities. A major focus is to develop a planning process that demonstrates how identified entities can blend regional/local project selection and prioritization processes with KDOT’s and MoDOT’s project selection process while working together in achieving local, regional and state transportation and economic goals. Additionally, the Plan should provide a snapshot of the region’s “Freight Condition”. How well does the region support the eight (8) topics identified in Section A Purpose and Introduction and how can the region be more supportive.

Agenda Item III

Regional Study Kick -off meeting Update (continued)

The Connected Freight KC 2050 held the kick – off meeting April 2. Orange EV was gracious enough to hold the Study's kick - off meeting at their location in Kansas City, KS. The in person and virtual meeting held discussions of regional thoughts on freight issues, needs, and the future of freight between Lawrence and Sedalia. The meeting also included thoughts on the role and goals of MARC's Goods Movement Committee. The CDM Smith Team will discuss the meeting's outcomes.

Agenda Item IV

Updates and Other Business

2024 Regional Assembly and Leadership Awards

When: June 14, 2024

Time: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Locations: Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center

Registration: <https://marc.org/event/2024-regional-assembly-and-leadership-awards>