Performance Measures Report

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Performance based planning measures performance, based on goals, and uses the results to inform future planning. The Kansas City region's long-range transportation Plan, Connected KC 2050, defines goals: access to opportunity, public health and safety, healthy environment, transportation choices and economic vitality.

Based on those goals, MARC has identified many performance measures. This report looks at a subset of those measures using updated data to inform planning decisions, especially how to spend federal funding coming to the Kansas City region.

Performance measures at a glance

This chart gives a general indication of the trend of each measure — green means moving in the desired direction, yellow means not getting better or worse and red means heading the opposite direction.

Moving in the desired direction:

- Travel Time Reliability
- Miles of Streets with Protected Bike Facilities

Not getting better or worse:

- Work Trips by Alternative Modes
- Ozone
- Vehicle Miles Traveled per Capita
- Interstate Pavement Condition

Moving in the opposite direction of targets:

- Safety
- Other Major Roadways Pavement Condition
- Bridge Condition

SAFETY

Traffic fatalities in the region have been rising consistently over time.











TRAVEL TIME RELIABILITY

Travel times in the region are highly reliable. More than 85% of interstate highway segments and almost 90% of the segments on other major roads provided reliable travel times in 2019.



Truck Travel Time Reliability

Truck travel times on major roads are also highly reliable. In 2019, even during the most congested times, truck travel times were only about 50% longer than average.

Note: Lower values are better. A travel time reliability index of 1.0 would indicate perfectly reliable travel times.

Data from the National Performance Management Research Data Set



TRANSPORTATION CHOICES

Percentage of work trips by alternative modes

The proportion of trips to work in the region by alternative modes such as transit, carpooling, biking or walking has remained steady at around 16%. Data from the American Community Survey



Miles of streets with protected bike facilities

The region currently has more than 150 miles of bike lanes. Just over 5 miles of streets have bike facilities separated from traffic with a physical barrier. These protected bike lanes make cycling comfortable for a much wider array of riders.

Data from the Mid-America Regional Council



HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

Ozone

Levels of ozone pollution in the region have been trending downward in recent years. We have been at or below the federal standard of 70 parts per billion since 2015.

Data from Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Missouri Department of Natural Resources



Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled per Capita

The average number of miles driven climbed between 2014 and 2016, before stabilizing around 29 miles per person per day from 2016 to 2019.

VMT data from the Kansas Department of Transportation and Missouri Department of Transportation, Population data from the American Community Survey



INFRASTRUCTURE CONDITION

Pavement Condition

The pavement condition of the region's Interstate Highways is guite good, with more than 75% in good condition and just 0.2% in poor condition.



Pavement conditions on other major roadways in the region are not doing as well. Less than half are in good condition and more than 3% are in poor condition.

Data from the Kansas Department of Transportation and Missouri Department of Transportation



2019 & 2021 Targets

Percentage of Non-Interstate NHS in Poor Condition



Bridge Condition

The percentage of the region's bridges in good condition has been steadily declining over time. The condition of bridges on major roads (the National Highway System) has dropped from 50% to less than 40% over the past five years. During that time the percentage of bridges in poor condition has largely held steady.

Data from the National Bridge Inventory

