

- MINUTES -

Liaison Committee of the Mid-America Regional Council & Consulting Engineers Council of Missouri February 4, 2000

1. The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. at the MARC office. In attendance were the following:

MARC:

Mell Henderson
Ron Achelpohl
Norm Schemmer
Steve Noble

CECMo:

Ted Cambern
Maurice Bowersox
Tom Kirkwood
Bruce Wylie

Mell distributed a folder to the group containing considerable information about MARC and its transportation related programs and activities.

2. **Who Else Does MARC Work With?**

- Metro Planning Organization represents counties on both sides of state line: Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth, Clay, Jackson, Platte, Ray and Cass counties
- Air Quality agencies
- State Implementation Plan – SIP
- District Offices of MoDOT & KDOT
- Chamber Surface Transportation Committee
- Freight Transportation / Public Transportation groups

3. **Responsibilities of MARC:**

- a) Long Range Transportation Plan – by law, 20 years with 3 year updates.
- b) Short Range Transportation Improvement Program – 5 years and project specific in region and is updated annually.

MARC retains consultants for major studies, although the LRTP and the TIP are in-house due to the nature of the process. DBE goals will be included in the future.

This year they are not updating Short Term TIP but will look at the process this year. Local governments feed projects to the TIP. MARC tries to look at those project requests on a regional basis. MARC under federal transportation law has to keep separate state funds for Missouri and Kansas. Urban, CMAQ, bridges are state projects for the region. Public involvement will become a larger element in the future. Also the new element, “environmental justice” has to be factored in to future plans.

- Missouri Funds - \$12 million (STAP, bridges) / CMAQ \$6-8 million.
- Kansas Funds - \$6-8 million.
- There is \$100 million in Missouri total transportation funds from all sources and \$200 million total for both states. MDNR responsible for air quality issues for the region.

4. Bruce Wylie gave an overview of CECMo’s activities and interests. Can be helpful when MARC needs support in Jefferson City for an issue.
5. The next meeting was not set, but all thought it would be helpful to invite the District Engineers for MoDOT and KDOT when we get together again in 3 to 6 months.