

PRESENTATION OF REGIONAL TRANSIT COORDINATING COUNCIL CONCEPT

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Regional Transit Coordination

- ⦿ Regional transit operations, funding discussions, and planning are evolving at a rapid rate.
- ⦿ New service operations continue to come on line.
- ⦿ There is continued interest and momentum for new and improved services and improved service coordination.

Existing Context

- ◎ MARC- regional planning, long range plan, STP/CMAQ project programming, transportation improvement program.
- ◎ KCATA- Designated recipient for federal transit funds (FTA programming), regional transit authority, regional operator, planning, service coordination lead.
- ◎ Transit Operators:
 - KCATA
 - Johnson County Transit
 - Unified Government Transit
 - Independence Transit
 - Streetcar Authority (2015)
- ◎ Additional Local Jurisdiction Funders : KCMO, NKC, Lee's Summit, Blue Springs, Raytown, Blue Springs, Lee's Summit, Liberty, etc.

Existing Context, Cont.

- ◎ MARC Transit Committee
 - Originally intended to serve a long-term planning role (LRTP support)
 - Not intended to solve technical, operations, or near-term coordination needs
 - No formal connection to KCATA Board processes, other transit operators, or local jurisdiction funders.

Enhancing our transit service coordination model

- ① How do we better align the region's federal planning and programing roles and responsibilities?,
- ① How do we provide an effective forum for technical service coordination and planning, while effectively engaging operators and local jurisdiction funders?, and
- ① How do we work within existing Board, and governance structures to develop an improved model for coordination in the near-term?

Regional Transit Coordinating Council Concept

- In partnership with KCATA, jointly develop and staff the regional transit coordinating council.
 - Co-chaired by MARC Board and KCATA Board appointee
 - Representation from existing transit service providers and local jurisdiction funders of transit service.
 - Serves as an advisory resource to existing boards.

Regional Transit Coordinating Council Concept, Cont.

- Illustration of potential TCC agenda;
 - Regional fare policies & technology integration
 - Regional Service Coordination- Integration of existing and planned services
 - Para-transit Service Coordination
 - Regional Communications, Mapping, and Marketing
 - Transit Study Coordination
 - Regional Transit Funding Policy – How do we prioritize the use of limited federal funds?
- Existing MARC Transit Committee would be retained, but the work plan and function would be reassessed overtime to align with TCC, and TTPC's needs.

Next Steps

- MARC and KCATA staff leadership have met and agree there is value in jointly pursuing and advancing the TCC concept
- Engage transit operators and funders to gage feedback
- Seek MARC Board and KCATA Board authorization to formalize TCC (as early as February)

Discussion

Feedback/Questions?

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