Developing a transportation investment strategy for the Kansas City region

The Kansas City region continues to change. Our population is:

- Growing older.
- Becoming more diverse.
- Seeking more choices in how we move, live and work.

Currently, the region is home to 1.9 million people — and that number is expected to grow by 31 percent over the coming decades to roughly 2.5 million residents in 2040. In addition, employment will grow by over 320,000 jobs, an increase of more than 30 percent.

As our population increases and changes, our infrastructure needs will change. We need to consider these and other factors in order to advance our regional goals, embrace our mission and policy framework, and meet the needs of area residents in the coming years.

Our goal is to make smart decisions — strategic investments with HIGH impact — for the best use of the limited funds that will be available as we move forward.
Let’s consider…

Future changes in land use

**Economic Vitality**

13.3% of Kansas City metro jobs are accessible by public transit; our region ranks 94 out of 100 metro areas.


**Safety**

Roadways in the Kansas City region averaged 211 deaths from 2008–2012. Our short-term goal is to decrease to 180 deaths, with an ultimate goal of zero.

Source: Kansas City Regional Transportation Safety Blueprint, Toward Zero Deaths.

**Public Health**

Our three-year average for ozone/air quality was 80 parts per billion (ppb), exceeding the federal standard of 75 ppb.

Source: MARC Air Quality

**System performance**

The region enjoys a low rate of congestion.

Source: MARC Regional Model

Our region also has a lower annual “hours of delay per commuter” when compared to peer regions:

27 hours in Kansas City versus 37 hours in peer regions.

Source: MARC 2013 Performance report

**Mode Shift**

Our region has experienced a minimal shift in mode-sharing from driving alone. As of 2011, only 17% of commuters use alternative modes of transportation.

Source: MARC 2013 Performance report

Take a look at regional transit trip trends through 2040.

Source: MARC Regional Model
Look at the numbers: What can we afford?

Missouri

- Missouri state system Operation & Maintenance (O&M) costs: $2.65 billion
- Remaining available funds: $162 million

While the MoDOT transportation system in the Kansas City area will have total transportation revenue of $2.8 billion through 2040, the O&M costs for the current transportation system will be roughly $2.65 billion, leaving only $162 million, or 6 percent, in remaining funds available for future needs.

Kansas

- Kansas state system O&M costs: $739.3 million
- Remaining available funds: $683.5 million

The Kansas state system in the Kansas City region is forecasted to have $1.4 billion in revenue with O&M cost for the current transportation system totalling $740 million, leaving $680 million, or 48 percent, in funds available for future needs.

Transit

- Transit systems O&M costs: $4.5 billion
- Remaining available funds: $211 million

Our transit systems will have total transportation revenue of $4.7 billion, with current O&M costs of roughly $4.5 billion, leaving only $211 million, or 4 percent, available for future needs.

In summary, of the total revenue expected over the life of the plan, only 20 percent is available for new investments after accounting for operation and maintenance costs.

| Total revenue | $9,963,062,714 |
| Total O&M     | -$7,881,160,879 |
| Remaining     | $2,081,901,834 |

Streets and highways: 60%
Safety: 1%
Bike/pedestrian: 13%
Environmental/scenic/historic: 4%
Transit: 10%
Transportation management: 12%

MARC

Historic investment allocation*

MARC will have an estimated $1.03 billion in flexible federal funds through 2040. See how we have previously allocated resources, based on historical data.*

*2012–2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Establishing our regional priorities
Project needs

Roadway projects

The Missouri state system needs $2.1 billion, compared to $162 million in available funds, 8% of needs afforded.

Example of Missouri roadway needs:
- I-35 North expansion: $192 million
- I-435 expansion from State Line to Three Trails: $87 million
- I-49/US 71 interchange at 211th Street: $14 million

The Kansas state system needs a total of $2 billion, compared to the $680 million in available funds — 33% of needs afforded.

Example of Kansas roadway needs:
- Johnson County Gateway, Phase 2: $300 million
- K-7 expansion and interchanges: $268 million
- I-35 expansion from I-435 to 67th Street: $108 million

Transit projects

Regional transit providers need a total of $2.1 billion compared to $211 million available, 10% of needs afforded.

Examples of transit needs:
- Prospect Bus Rapid Transit: $43 million
- Downtown Streetcar, Phase II: $500 million
- State Avenue Bus Rapid Transit: $22 million

Bike/Ped projects

Bicycle and pedestrian projects need total $420 million, compared to $346 million in available funds, or 75% of bike/ped needs afforded.

Examples of Bike/Ped needs:
- Katy Trail acquisition and extension: $80 million
- Turkey Creek Trail: $1.5 million
- Lansing Trail System: $3 million

Livability projects and initiatives that coordinate local land-use and transportation strategies, advance transit-oriented initiatives and support streetscape and walkability improvements.

Example of Livability needs:
- Lenexa City Center improvements: $20 million
- Raytown downtown streetscape: $4 million
- Regional Planning Sustainable Places Program: $10 million

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