

Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2017

Members Present: Rob Cummings (Crawford), Jared Boast (Crawford), Leo Sanders (Crawford), Gary Brown (Dent), Ray Walden (Dent), Darrell Skiles (Dent), John Kamler (Gasconade), Nathan Schauf (Gasconade), Ray Schwartz (Maries), Deb Mehmert (Osage), David Dudenhoeffer (Osage), Larry Kliethermes (Osage), Jim White (Phelps), Gene Newkirk (Pulaski), John Casey (Washington), and Marvin Wright (Washington)

Members Absent: Danny Brown (Crawford Alt.), Robert Parsons (Dent Alt.), Jerry Lairmore (Gasconade), Larry Miskel (Gasconade Alt.), Vicki Bade (Maries), Ron Rowden (Maries), Mark James (Maries), Darin Pryor (Phelps), Larry Stratman (Phelps), John Butz (Phelps Alt.), Gary Hicks (Phelps Alt.), Randy Verkamp (Phelps Alt.), Cyndra Lorey (Phelps Alt.), George Lauritson (Pulaski), Bruce Harrill (Pulaski), Larry Helms (Pulaski Alt.), T. R. Dudley (Washington), Cody Brinley (Washington Alt.), and Mike Riddle (Washington Alt.)

Guests Present: Oscar Powers (Fort Leonard Wood), Preston Kramer (MoDOT Area Engineer), and Steve Engelbrecht (MoDOT)

Staff Present: Anne Freand, Caitlin Jones, and Bonnie Prigge

Call to Order & Welcome: Chairman, John Casey, called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Approval of August 10, 2017 TAC Minutes: Jim White made a motion, seconded by Larry Stratman to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP): Steve Engelbrecht called the plan update a refresher. He reviewed the PowerPoint and goals of the update and noted the purpose is to analyze national and state trends and innovations, assess current and future infrastructure needs, and begin preparing for Autonomous and Connected Vehicles (AV/CV). The draft will be completed in May of 2018.

Public Transit Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan (PTHSTCP): Anne Freand reviewed the plan update requirements with the committee and noted that meetings began in August. The purpose of the plan is to provide recommendations and goals/strategies to address public transit needs in our rural Meramec region. The plan will be updated over the course of the next few months and will be submitted to the TAC and full MRPC Board for final approval at the February 8, 2018 meeting.

Transportation Priorities: Bonnie Prigge updated the committee on the upcoming schedules for the 2018 priorities. Staff and MoDOT will be visiting each of our 8 counties to review the existing list of unfunded transportation needs on the state system. The committee will be reviewing all needs and doing the final prioritization on December 14, 2017.

Arrive Alive Update: Bonnie Prigge reviewed the handout and noted that the state is running lower in highway related deaths than the previous year. A coalition meeting will be held in September in Rolla. The “It Only Takes 1” competition between high schools has been done and a seatbelt survey has been done at high schools in the region. Arrive Alive continues to work on public safety announcements.

Discussion on Planning Framework: Anne Freand and Bonnie Prigge reviewed the Planning Framework Matrix previously done by RPCs with the assistance of MoDOT. Staff would like to continue the prioritization process including some of this information such as Average Daily Trips (ADTs), severity ratings for accidents, etc. Anne noted that some of these items will be provided for the top priorities at the December meeting. Anne and Bonnie asked for Volunteers to review the matrix at a future date. Staff reminded the group that it is used for informational purposes only and is not required in order to pick the highest rated priority.

MoDOT Updates and Staff Reports (As time allows): Steve Engelbrecht with MoDOT and Bonnie Prigge provided updates on the TEAP applications. Preston Kramer provided update on bridge improvements and asphalt projects. He also noted that as of this meeting, there were only 2 partners in the Meramec Region signed up for the Buckle Up/Phone Down program.

Member Reports (As time allows): Bonnie Prigge reported on the TEAP studies and reminded the group that the next meeting in December will begin at 3:30pm.

Next TAC Meeting: December 14, 2017.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Chairman John Casey at 5:47 pm.

John Casey, Chairman

Date