

**Meramec Region Planning Commission
Transportation Advisory Committee**

Thursday, August 14, 2014
4:00 p.m.

Members and Alternates Present:

Crawford: Kenny Killeen, Leo Sanders
Dent: Ray Walden, Gary Brown, Darrell Skiles
Gasconade: Nathan Schauf
Maries: Ray Schwartze, Victoria Bade
Osage: Dave Dudenhoeffer, Larry Kliethermes
Phelps: John Petersen (alt), Gary Hicks (alt), Jeff Davis
Pulaski: George Sanders, Gene Newkirk, James Morgan (alt)
Washington: John Casey, T.R. Dudley, Marvin Wright

Members and Alternates Absent:

Crawford: Paul Watson
Dent:
Gasconade: John Kamler, Jerry Lairmore
Maries: Mark James
Osage: Paul Haslag
Phelps: John Butz, Randy Verkamp (alt), Larry Stratman,
Pulaski: Bruce Harrill, Jeff Clark, Darrell Duncan (alt)
Washington: Cody Brinley (alt), Mike Riddle (alt)

MoDOT Personnel, Ex-Officio Members and Guests: Preston Kramer (MoDOT), Kelly Wilson (MoDOT), Steve Engelbrecht (MoDOT) and Ken Bassett (Pulaski County).

Staff Present: Maria Bancroft, Bonnie Prigge, Shannon Coatney and Lyle Thomas

Call to Order & Welcome: Chairman John Petersen called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. Attendees and guests introduced themselves.

Approval of June 12, 2014, TAC Minutes and July 9, 2014 Special TAC Meeting Minutes: The committee reviewed the minutes from the June 12 and July 19 meetings. Newkirk made a motion, seconded by Killeen to approve the minutes from the June 12 meeting. Killeen made a motion, seconded by Kliethermes to approve the minutes from the July 9 meeting with one change removing Paul Watson from the absent list. Motions passed.

Selection of Nominating Committee: The TAC nominating committee: Dave Dudenhoeffer (Osage County), John Casey (Washington County), James Morgan (Pulaski County) and Jeff Davis (Phelps County) met on July 9, 2014 and selected nominations for committee officers to serve one-year terms. John Casey presented the officer nominees to the TAC as Leo Sanders for Chairman, Darrell Skiles for Vice-Chairman and Marvin Wright as Secretary. Schwartze made a motion to approve the slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee, seconded by Brown. Motion passed.

2014-15 Committee Officers:

Leo Sanders (Crawford)	1st term as Chairman
Darrell Skiles (Dent)	1st term as Vice-Chairman
Marvin Wright (Washington)	1st term Secretary

Constitutional Amendment 7 Defeated: What's Next: Preston Kramer, MoDOT Area Engineer, provided the committee with an update on MoDOT plans to maintain transportation facilities within funding constraints. There are four pillars that categorize the goals for MoDOT: 1) Maintenance, 2) Safety, 3) Economic Development and 4) Transportation Alternatives. In general, the first two pillars focusing on

maintenance and safety will be the priority within the current funding limitations. The main priorities are to maintain and repair bridges and pavements with the current funding available.

Highway Trust Fund Bill: Preston Kramer, MoDOT Area Engineer, provided an update of the Highway Trust Fund Bill passed on July 31, 2014. Congress approved to transfer 10.8 billion dollars into the trust fund. Per Kramer, plans are following the status quo at this time.

Project List: Preston Kramer, MoDOT Area Engineer, provided the TAC with specific project updates by county for each planned project on the schedule to finish out the remainder of the current year.

Successful MoDOT Safety Programs: Preston Kramer, MoDOT Area Engineer, provided specific updates on safety data which highlighted the success of safety programs initiated by MoDOT. Kramer noted that the roadway improvements since 2005 significantly resulted in fewer safety occurrences since those improvements have been implemented as of 2013.

MoDOT Updates and Staff Reports (As time allows): Prigge provided the committee with updates on how the contract with MRPC will influence transportation safety in our communities. There are plans to have a workshop for teachers and other educators to learn about transportation safety. The Battle of the Belt will continue to be known throughout the county as well. There will be trainings for docudrama to use within the schools. The goal is to bring awareness to the students on the important of practicing good safety. Kramer provided information on salt supplies for the state. The state is ordering more salt this year compared to last year and the cost has increased from what was offered in the past. This is primarily that there is currently a salt shortage. Thomas gave an update to the TAC regarding a letter of support for the Missouri Rock Island Trail, Inc. to purchase the abandoned portion of the Rock Island line for a trail in Owensville. The Rails to Trails put in a competitive bid for August 15th deadline. Thomas will update the committee on the result of that bid submitted. Wilson updated the committee that applications for future grants will be available in September and due by the end of October. The match for all programs will be 20 percent match by the grantee. Thomas informed the committee that the regional transportation plan was recently posted on MRPC's website.

Next TAC Meeting: October 9, 2014

Adjournment: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Approved:

TAC Chairman

Date