

Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2015

Members Present: Leo Sanders (Crawford), Ray Walden (Dent), Darrell Skiles (Dent), Nathan Schauf (Gasconade), John Kamler (Gasconade), Ray Schwartz (Maries), Vicki Bade (Maries), Dave Dudenhoeffer (Osage), Larry Kliethermes (Osage), Larry Stratman (Phelps), Cyndra Lorey (Phelps), and James Morgan (Pulaski).

Members Absent: Paul Watson (Crawford), Kenny Killeen (Crawford), Gary Brown (Dent), Jerry Lairmore (Gasconade), Mark James (Maries), Paul Haslag (Osage), John Butz (Phelps), Jeff Davis (Phelps), John Petersen (Phelps), Randy Verkamp (Phelps), Gary Hicks (Phelps), Bruce Harrill (Pulaski), George Sanders (Pulaski), Gene Newkirk (Pulaski), Jeff Clark (Pulaski), Darrell Duncan (Pulaski), John Casey (Washington), T.R. Dudley (Washington), Marvin Wright (Washington), Cody Brinley (Washington) and Mike Riddle (Washington).

Guests, MoDOT and Ex-Officio: Preston Kramer, Kelly Wilson and Steve Engelbrecht.

Staff Present: Connie Willman and Bonnie Prigge.

Call to Order and Welcome: Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Approval of Feb. 19, 2015, TAC Minutes: Larry Kliethermes made a motion, seconded by Ray Schwartz, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Agenda Approval: Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Lorey, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

Municipal Seatbelt Ordinance: Scott Jones, MoDOT Central Office, provided information on the legalities of the municipal seatbelt ordinance. The city of Richland is the only city in our region that has passed a primary seatbelt ordinance. Some 66 percent of people killed in automobile accidents in Missouri were not buckled up. The average cost of a fatality in Missouri is \$3.1 million. Missouri could save 43 lives, 513 serious injuries and \$148 million if it passed a primary seat belt law (NHTSA estimates).

If a municipality passes a primary seatbelt ordinance, persons may be stopped for not wearing a seat belt. Fines may be up to \$50. Some 46 municipalities in Missouri (about 22 percent) have passed the ordinance. Jones distributed a copy of a model primary seat belt ordinance.

Senate Bill 540: Travis Koestner, MoDOT Assistant District Engineer introduced Randy Aulbur, MoDOT Central District maintenance expert, and provided information on SB 540, the proposed legislation to increase the fuel tax two cents each year for three years, totaling a six cent increase. The bill has been passed by the Senate and is waiting on House and the Governor's approval. With the passage of this bill, Missouri would be able to match all federal funds and keep all of the state's highways and bridges in the condition they are in today. The cost-share program would return and cities and counties would see an increase in their road and bridge budgets. The average cost per person would be \$2.00-\$2.50 per month.

Stratman made a motion, seconded by Kamler, that staff send a letter of support for this bill. Motion passed.

Mark Twain National Forest Road Study: Bonnie Prigge provided information on a Road Study being conducted by the National Forest. The cost to maintain 2,200 miles of roadways in the MTNF is \$1.2 million annually. MTNF is wanting input from citizens as to which roads are the most important and why. MTNF is holding open houses in April to provide opportunities for comment. Citizens may also comment online at <https://my.usgs.gov/ppgis/studio/launch/34901>, obtain comment forms from their nearest Forest Service Office, or email comments to comments-eastern-mark-twain@fs.fed.us with "Road Study" in the subject line. Prigge also distributed comment cards. Comments are due by May 22.

After some discussion, Skiles made a motion, seconded by Schwartz, that the TAC go on record as opposing any Forest Service road closing without MTNF obtaining considerable input on that specific roadway. Motion passed.

Staff will submit a letter to MTNF.

Review of the 2015-2016 Transportation Planning Work Plan: Prigge provided an overview of the fiscal year 2015-2016 Transportation Planning Work Plan to be submitted to MoDOT. MRPC is anticipating the same amount of funding in FY 2015-16. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Davis, that the Work Plan be approved as presented. Motion passed.

2015 Work Zone Awareness: The last week of March was Work Zone Awareness Week. Prigge provided statistics on work zone-related accidents since 2000. In 2014, seven people were killed in work zone crashes on state system routes and an additional two on the local system.

2015 Construction Projects: The 2015 Work Zones flyer included project for the region, as follows:

<p><u>Crawford County</u></p> <p>Route H Pavement Seal from I-44 to End of State Maintenance Day Work Completion: Summer 2015</p> <p>Route F Pavement Seal from RT19 to RT ZZ Day Work Completion: Summer 2015</p> <p>Route C Resurfacing from I-44 to RT 19 Day Work Completion: Fall 2015</p> <p>Route CC Resurfacing from RT C to RT 19 Day Work Completion: Fall 2015</p> <p><u>Dent/Texas</u></p> <p>Route C Pavement Seal from RT 72 to RT 32 Day Work Completion: Summer 2015</p> <p><u>Gasconade County</u></p> <p>Route T Pavement Seal from RT 50 to Herbert Road Day Work Completion: Fall 2015</p> <p>Route E Resurfacing from RT 19 to RT H Day Work Completion: Fall 2015</p>	<p><u>Maries County</u></p> <p>Route 68 Resurfacing & shoulders from RT 63 to RT V Day Work Completion: Fall 2015</p> <p>Route 63 Pavement Repairs & shoulders from South of Vienna to North of Vichy Day Work Completion: Fall 2015</p> <p><u>Miller/Maries</u></p> <p>Route 42 Pavement Seal from East Osage Beach Parkway to RT 133 Day Work Completion: Fall 2015</p> <p>Route 52 Pavement Seal from RT 17 to RT 133 Day Work Completion: Summer 2015</p> <p><u>Osage County</u></p> <p>Route 50 Pavement Improvements from RT 100 to RT 89 Day and Night Work Completion: Fall 2015</p> <p><u>Osage/Gasconade</u></p> <p>Route D Pavement Seal from RT A to RT 89 Day Work Completion: Fall 2015</p>	<p>Route N Pavement Seal from RT 100 to RT 50 Day Work Completion: Fall 2015</p> <p><u>Osage/Maries</u></p> <p>Route M Pavement Seal from RT 89 to End of State Maintenance Day Work Completion: Fall 2015</p> <p>Route Y Bridge Improvements over 3rd Creek north of Belle Road Closed Day and Night Work Completion: Fall 2015</p> <p><u>Philips County</u></p> <p>Route V Pavement Seal from N. Hy Point Blvd. to RT 68 Day Work Completion: Summer 2015</p> <p>Route C Pavement Seal from I-44 to End of State Maintenance Day Work Completion: Summer 2015</p> <p>Route K Pavement Seal from RT 63 to End of State Maintenance Day Work Completion: Fall 2015</p>	<p>Route I-44 Slide Repair on west bound lane east of Martins Spring Day Work Completion: Summer 2015</p> <p>Route S Bridge Improvements over Dry Fork Creek Road Closed Day and Night Work Completion: Fall 2015</p> <p><u>Philips/Dent</u></p> <p>Route O Pavement Seal from RT 72 to RT C Day Work Completion: Summer 2015</p> <p><u>Philips/Pulaski</u></p> <p>Route D Resurfacing from T 28 to I-44 Day Work Completion: Fall 2015</p> <p><u>Pulaski County</u></p> <p>Route BB Resurfacing from RT U to RT 133 Day Work Completion: Fall 2015</p> <p>Route HH Resurfacing from RT 133 to End of State Maintenance Day Work Completion: Fall 2015</p> <p>Route Y Resurfacing from RT I-44 to End of State Maintenance Day Work Completion: Fall 2015</p>	<p><u>Washington County</u></p> <p>Route 185 Resurfacing & shoulders from RT AA to RT 8 Day Work Completion: Fall 2015</p> <p>Route AA Pavement Seal from RT 185 to RT 8 Day Work Completion: Fall 2015</p> <p>Route U Pavement Seal from RT 8 to RT M Day Work Completion: Fall 2015</p> <p>Route A Resurfacing from RT 185 to RT 47 Day Work Completion: Fall 2015</p>
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Selection of Nominating Committee: According to the TAC Bylaws the chairman of the committee is to appoint a nominating committee of not less than four members, to present names for consideration as officers at the June meeting. No individual currently holding the position of officer may be a member of the nominating committee. During the course of the annual election, nominations may also be made from the general membership. Officers will be elected for one-year terms and will serve until their successors are qualified. No officer may hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

Current officers are:

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

Ray Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Kamler, that the Bylaws be set aside and that current officers be elected to serve another term. Motion passed.

MoDOT Updates and Staff Reports:

Koestner announced that the U.S. Department of Transportatin has announced the 7th round of Tiger Grants. Pre-applications are due May 4. MoDOT will be submitting an application for Champ Clark Bridge that

connects Louisiana, MO to Illinois.

Wilson reported that LPA online training for city/county employees is now available. MoDOT may also hold one-day trainings at Jefferson City or at MRPC, rather than online if that works better for cities/counties. Training take from 4-8 hours, including testing time. TAC members are asked to submit comments on the Jefferson City/MRPC training or online training to determine preference.

Wilson also reported that LPA will require some changes in right-of-way procedures. Requirements will now include setting up a schedule for right-of-way. Tighter deadlines will also be included and the audit threshold will increase from \$500,000 to \$750,000. The program will focus more on the construction side of the project, rather than design.

Preston reminded TAC members that the list of current projects for the Central District-Meramec Area includes only one project with shoulder work and two bridge projects. All other projects are maintenance.

Prigge reported that Washington County has applied for FLAP (Federal Land Access Program) from a total funding pot of \$1.4 million. Phelps County received north outer road funding from the Missouri Department of Economic Development.

Kamler reported that the cost share project in Owensville is complete.

Adjournment: Being no further business, Schwartze made a motion, seconded by Kamler, that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed.

Next TAC Meeting: June 11, 2015