

Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2014

Members Present: Paul Watson (Crawford), Kenny Killeen (Crawford), Leo Sanders (Crawford), Gary Brown (Dent), Ray Walden (Dent), Darrell Skiles (Dent), John Kamler (Gasconade), Jerry Lairmore (Gasconade), Nathan Schauf (Gasconade), Ray Schwartze (Maries), Vicki Bade (Maries), Paul Haslag (Osage), Dave Dudenhoeffer (Osage), Larry Kliethermes (Osage), Jeff Davis (Phelps), Larry Stratman (Phelps), John Petersen (Phelps), Cyndra Lorey (Phelps-alt), Gary Hicks (Phelps-alt), Bruce Harrill (Pulaski), George Sanders (Pulaski), Gene Newkirk (Pulaski), James Morgan (Pulaski-alt), John Casey (Washington), T.R. Dudley (Washington), Cody Brinley (Washington-alt), Preston Kramer (Ex-Officio), Steve Engelbrecht (MoDOT), and Kelly Wilson (MoDOT).

Members Absent: John Butz (Phelps), Mark James (Maries), Randy Verkamp (Phelps), Jeff Clark (Pulaski-alt), Darrell Duncan (Pulaski-alt), Marvin Wright (Washington), Mike Riddle (Washington-alt),

Guests Present: Mark Wallace (Hermann), Sandy Willis (Waynesville), Jamie Jones (Vienna), Steve Hargis (Rolla), and Anne McClay (Rolla).

Staff Present: Lyle Thomas, Bonnie Prigge, Kelly Sink-Blair and Connie Willman.

Call to Order & Welcome: Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order at 4:52 p.m.

Approval of October 9, 2014, TAC Minutes: Dudenhoeffer made a motion, seconded by John Casey that the October 9, 2014, minutes be approved as presented. Motion passed.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Application Prioritization: Kelly Sink-Blair, MRPC, advised the TAC that there will be six TAP applications to be submitted in our region. Each application representative was asked to present his/her project to the TAC. The following presentations were made:

Presenter(s)	Jurisdiction	Project	Cost Estimate
Mark Wallace	City of Hermann	Downtown sidewalks improvements	\$500,000/\$100,000 match
T.R. Dudley	City of Potosi	Sidewalk extension and lighting	\$500,000/\$100,000 match.
Steve Hargis	City of Rolla	Sidewalk for veteran's park	\$50,000/\$12,000 match
Steve Hargis	City of Rolla	ADA compliance—replacement of truncated domes across Rolla	\$465,000/\$157,000 match
Jamie Jones	City of Vienna	Sidewalks along Vienna Road for safe routes to school (500 ft. of sidewalk)	\$250,000/\$50,000 match
Bruce Harrill	City of	ADA improvements to	\$366,000/\$92,000

& Sandy Willis	Waynesville	gaps in sidewalks for safe routes to school—3,700 feet of sidewalk	match
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Upon completion of all presentations, TAC members prioritized the applications so that staff can present the priorities at a district meeting on Dec. 18. Approximately \$3.3 million is available in the Central District. TAC members were asked to rank the projects as follows: 2-High, 2-Medium and 2-Low. Ranking follows:

Vienna – Sidewalk project near school.

Potosi – Sidewalk project near school.

Waynesville – Sidewalk project along Historic Route 66, connecting previous sidewalk projects.

Hermann – Sidewalk project downtown area.

Rolla – Sidewalk/walking trail Veterans Park.

Rolla – Sidewalk project to upgrade ADA ramps with cast iron truncated dome inserts.

Ray Schwartze made a motion, seconded by John Casey, that the list of transportation alternatives projects be carried forward to the meeting on Dec. 18. Motion passed.

Transportation Needs Prioritization: Lyle Thomas, MRPC, distributed a list of prioritized projects from last year for reference. Prigge reminded the TAC that Hwy. 50 and Hwy. 63 improvements have been the region's top priorities for the past several years. Following discussion, John Petersen made a motion, seconded by T.R. Dudley, to leave 63 and 50 as top regional priorities. Motion passed.

Prigge also reminded the TAC that major highway needs identified in the past must move to scoping in the STIP in order to become projects. Included in scoping are the Environmental Study and the Location Study. Needs identified by staff and MoDOT personnel include improvements to Highways 21, 8 and I-44. TAC members were asked to add others to this list. None were added. Scoping ranking sheets were distributed for voting. The ranking results follow:

High Priority – I-44, entire length across the region.

Medium Priority – Route 8 from Highway 67 to I-44

Low Priority – Route 21 from Potosi to Desoto

After discussion, T.R. Dudley made a motion, seconded by John Casey, that the scoping ranking results be recommended to the MRPC board for approval.

A representative of each county had up to five minutes to present the top three transportation needs of his/her county. Upon completion of all county presentations, TAC members used the dot method to prioritize the top 24 transportation needs of the region. The resulting prioritized list of needs is provided on the next page. Darrell Skiles made a motion, seconded by Larry Stratman, that the prioritized list be presented to the MRPC Board for approval. Motion passed.

Prioritized Transportation Needs List for the Meramec Region (prioritized 12/11/2014)

Rank	County	ID No.	DIS	RTE	Location Description	Need Description	Area Engineer Comments	Total Pts.
MRPC-1	Phelps, Maries & Osage	MRPC-1	US	63	Major Project: US 63 from US Hwy 50 in Osage County to the Phelps/Texas County line	Corridor improvements including widening to 4-lane. Shoulders and horizontal alignment improvements as well. (or any project that will advance the 4-laning of the corridor)		N/A
MRPC-2	Gaconda & Osage	MRPC-2	US	50	Major Project: US HWY 50 from about one mile west of Lin to the Gaconda/Franklin County line	Corridor improvements including widening to 4-lane. Shoulders and horizontal alignment improvements as well. (or any project that will advance the 4-laning of the corridor)		N/A
3	Dent	D-210	RT	TT	Bridge No. R0808 over Crooked Creek	bridge need (flooding concern) / replace culvert with bridge	Condition "G" Box Culvert. MoDOT working with USFS.	20
4	Crawford	C-100	MO	19	Bridge No. M0732 over Crooked Creek about 3 N/O Dent County Line	Bridge need (safety concern)	6-4-4 (Poor condition). Engineering work has begun.	18
5	Maries	M-405	US	63	Hwy 63/28 Intersection	Safety improvements at the "Y" intersection		17
5	Pulaski	Pe-720	MO	28	Guardrail on Gaconda River Hill	Safety improvements		17
6	Phelps	Ph-641	MO	72	From I-44 to Route 63	Extend Route 72 to I-44 at/near Proposed 5th interchange.		15
6	Washington	W-820	RT	185	Bridge over Fouchet/Result	Load posted, one-lane bridge. (4-6-7)		15
7	Gaconda	G-312	Rt	19	From 28 Junction to North City Limits on Hwy 19 near school	Add third lane on Hwy 19 by High School. From Hwy 28/Hwy 19 Junction to North City Limits sign.		14
8	Crawford	C-102	RT	C	Bridge No. S0364 over Little Bourhouse River	Load posted, one-lane bridge.	5-5-5 (Fair Condition). One-lane.	13
9	Osage	O-518	US	63	Intersection with MO 133	Safety improvements at intersection	Include with Route 133 Project? Right turn lane on Hwy 63?	12
9	Phelps	Ph-614	MO	68	In St. James from KX Hwy to South city limits	Traffic control need (congestion concern)		12
9	Washington	W-810	MO	32	Bridge No. J0987 over Cedar Creek	Bridge need (replace bridge)		12
10	Gaconda	G-304	Rt	T	Route T. Bridge over Bourhouse River	Bridge improvements	4-5-5 (Poor). 4-4-5 (Poor).	11
10	Phelps	Ph-622	US 65	63 & 44	Outer Road at Northway and Hwy 63 - Develop continuous Outer Road North and South side of 44	Complete the connection at the Rte V outer road & Hwy 63 / Continuous Outer Road along I-44 East & West Bound	CDMG funding requested for connection	11
11	Crawford	C-105	MO	49	Bridge No. S0421 over Dry Fork Creek	Bridge need (neck down to one lane)	5-5-4 (Poor condition).	10
11	Dent	D-204	MO	68	Phelps County Line to Route 19	geometrics (alignment concern) and add shoulders		10
11	Maries	M-411	US	63	Acceleration Lane for Northbound 63 at Route 68 Junction.	Safety and traffic flow improvement.		10
11	Osage	O-503	MO	133	Entire route through county - Functional / Safety Needs	Safety improvements to Rte 133 across Osage County and add shoulders.		10
11	Pulaski	Pe-718	RT	H	Intersection of Rt H and Southside Drive in Waynesville	Congestion / safety.		10
12	Gaconda	G-310	Rt	19	From Route 50 to Route CC in Crawford County	Safety improvements (add shoulders).		9
13	Dent	D-201	MO	19	Bridge No. G0537 over Gladden Creek	bridge need (narrow) - 20 ft wide minimum for 2 lanes. Fracture Critical.	6-5-7 (Fair). Truss Bridge. Safety concerns with narrowness of bridge.	8
14	Maries	M-412	MO	28	Entire County	Safety improvements (add shoulders).		7
15	Osage	O-504	US	63	Functional Needs	Safety improvements to intersection of Rte V/63.		5
15	Pulaski	Pe-705	RT	V	Entire Route	Safety improvements (high Accident Rate)		5
15	Washington	W-829			Within Potosi	Better & safer pedestrian facility connectivity to City Park		5

MoDOT Updates and Staff Reports:

Steve Engelbrecht reported that the prioritization is timely because the 2016-20 STIP is in process. MoDOT is in a maintenance mode and some bridges may be in STIP.

Preston Kramer complemented the TAC on the prioritization process. Kramer stated that construction season is over. Crews are working on brush removal.

Bonnie Prigge asked TAC members to note that the MoDOT statewide planners meeting will be Feb. 2nd and the TAC Chairman usually goes. This is the annual meeting and is a good place to get an idea on the state of transportation planning. The meeting will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. Prigge said that she and Preston have been meeting with the counties to discuss needs. Prigge also discussed the Federal Land Access Program—a program for public agencies that have land adjacent to federal lands. The call for projects runs from Nov. 15, 2014 through Feb. 15, 2015. Prigge distributed information about the program. Prigge also distributed information on the National Disaster Resiliency Program for city and county governments receiving a disaster declaration in 2011, 2012 or 2013 (Maries, Phelps, Osage, Pulaski and Washington counties). The call for concepts deadline is Jan. 15, 2015.

T.R. Dudley stated that since amendment 7 did not pass, he has done some research on what other states are doing to fund transportation needs. He noted that Oklahoma charges an additional \$91 for new non-commercial vehicles on top of motor fuel tax. He will do more research and report to the TAC.

Adjournment

Approved:

TAC Chairman

Date