

Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2015

Members Present: Kenny Killeen (Crawford), Gary Brown (Dent), Darrell Skiles (Dent), Larry Kliethermes (Osage), Larry Stratman (Phelps), T.R. Dudley (Washington) and James Morgan (Pulaski). Leo Sanders (Crawford), Jerry Lairmore (Gasconade), Nathan Schauf (Gasconade), Ray Schwartze (Maries), Vicki Bade (Maries) John Casey (Washington), Marvin Wright (Washington), John Petersen (Phelps), Dave Dudenhoeffer (Osage).

Members Absent: John Kamler (Gasconade), Mark James (Maries), Paul Haslag (Osage), Cyndra Lorey (Phelps), John Butz (Phelps), Randy Verkamp (Phelps), Gary Hicks (Phelps), Bruce Harrill (Pulaski), George Lauritson (Pulaski), Gene Newkirk (Pulaski), Jeff Clark (Pulaski), Darrell Duncan (Pulaski), Cody Brinley (Washington) and Mike Riddle (Washington). Paul Watson (Crawford), Ray Walden (Dent),

Guests, MoDOT and Ex-Officio: Preston Kramer, Steve Engelbrecht and Kelly Wilson from MoDOT. Deborth Mehmert (Osage)

Staff Present: Lyle Thomas, Kelly Sink-Blair and Roxanna Murphy.

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

Approval of June 11, 2015, TAC Minutes: Skiles made a motion, seconded by Petersen to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Mobility Management System: Kelly Sink-Blair updated TAC on the progress of the project. With all funding in place, MRPC posted job advertisements and has completed a first round of interviews. A second round of interviews is currently being scheduled. A new Mobility Manager will be hired before the next TAC meeting and that individual will attend to make introductions and provide a project update.

MoDOT Funding Update: Preston Kramer, MoDOT Area Engineer, discussed the impact of revenue generated by recent car sales on MoDOT's ability to match federal funds. Preston noted that state revenues were up 8.5% over projections and this resulted in MoDOT's revenue increasing 4.5% over projections. The increase in MoDOT's revenue is estimated at about \$47 million which MoDOT can use to match 2017 federal funds.

The increases came as a result in increased gas sales of about 1%, and increased motor vehicles sales of 13-14% (with subsequent licensing and registration). The 325 Plan will basically remain in place, but the additional funds will allow MoDOT to do more than that plan entails. The Highway Commission meets in September 2015 and will decide how to direct MoDOT to use these funds. It is expected to do more maintenance work, but no expansion projects.

MoDOT 325 and Regional Priorities: Lyle Thomas, MRPC, provide the TAC with a list of prioritized needs with those meeting MoDOT 325 criteria. Due to the narrow confines of the 325 Plan, only maintenance projects on primary routes are eligible. There are very few MoDOT 325 eligible projects in our region, with some counties have none. It is anticipated that the December prioritization process will include all projects so that the 325 project priorities can be provided to MoDOT, but all projects will be prioritized so TAC has them ready should other funds become available. Darrell Skiles asked about a bridge over Crooked Creek that was not eligible and Preston Kramer explained that the particular section of road was not determined priority. TR Dudley asked Preston to explain the bridge rating system and Preston recapped the 0-9 ratings and how each rating related to a bridge's condition.

MoDOT Construction Project Update: Preston Kramer, MoDOT Area Engineer, provided a handout of planned projects scheduled for the remainder of 2015. The majority were completed with a few to be completed over the next couple months.

MoDOT Updates and Staff Reports:

Steve Engelbrecht, MoDOT, did not have any projects to report in addition to those in Preston's report.

Kelly Wilson, Senior Transportation Planner, discussed the Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP). The funding is an 80/20 grant for many different kinds of engineering studies. It is capped at \$8,000. Applications are due September 15, 2015. Kelly encouraged any community with a potential project or need to apply.

Preston Kramer was asked by Chairman Sanders if MoDOT has started getting calls complaining about road conditions. Preston responded that he has received some, but expects more as MoDOT continues to operate under its current budget.

Next TAC Meeting: Oct. 8, 2015

Adjournment: Petersen made a motion, seconded by Casey, that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion passed.