

**Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2019**

Members Present: Leo Sanders (Crawford), Rob Cummings (Crawford), Jared Boast (Crawford), Gary Brown (Dent), Vic Stratman (Maries), Ron Rowden (Maries-alt.), Deb Mehmert (Osage), Jim White (Phelps), Darin Pryor (Phelps), George Lauritson (Pulaski), and Mitch McDonald (Pulaski)

Guests Present: Preston Kramer (MoDOT) and Steve Engelbrecht (MoDOT Area Engineer)

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

Call to Order & Welcome: Ray Walden, Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm.

Approval of December 13, 2018 TAC Minutes: Leo Sanders made a motion, Jim White seconded. Minutes were approved as presented.

Governor's Bridge Initiative: Steve Engelbrecht with MoDOT spoke on the Governor's Bridge Initiative which focuses on infrastructure needs in all areas of the state. Steve reviewed the MoDOT website which notes the proposed amount designated throughout the state and notes 40 bridges in the central district. MRPC provided TAC members with a handout depicting the map which breaks out amount of funds and number of bridges by district.

I-44 Flood Study at Little Piney River near Jerome Update: Preston Kramer presented the proposals from the final report including the option to raise the road on either side of the bridge for approximately \$12 million. Outer road options were not financially feasible as they would require the construction of a new bridge.

TAP Applications Update: MRPC and MoDOT updated the committee on the final TAP applicants for this round which include Caledonia and Potosi. It was noted that Caledonia was added as a project based on its lower cost and impact to the community. MoDOT also provided updates on previous grant recipients. Belle is under construction in 2019 and are cutting trees at the moment. Salem is waiting on ROW deeds and additional info and the City of Rolla is in pre-construction for the curb ramps.

Road Safety Audit: MRPC presented data from MoDOT which indicates that the intersection with the highest severity rating is located at Hwy P and Shockley Road in Gasconade County with one fatality and one disabling injury wreck in the previous three years. The other intersection discussed included the eastbound ramp from Missouri Avenue onto I-44 in Pulaski County. The intersection had a disabling injury and several minor injury wrecks; however, it was noted by MoDOT that the larger issue with that intersection is congestion. The committee discussed the impacts that a road safety audit would have on either intersection and agreed to move forward with the Gasconade County intersection. Gary Brown motioned, Jim White seconded and the motion was approved as submitted.

Coalition for Roadway Safety: Bonnie Prigge updated the committee on the docudramas being presented around the state. The regional meeting was also recently held in St. James at MRPC's offices. Bonnie reviewed the current crash statistics and Anne Freand noted the ability to view crash data in MoDOT's TMS system.

MoDOT Updates and Staff Reports (As time allows): Preston Kramer noted that MoDOT has been

active in the region included work on the Highway B bridge and night work in I-44. MoDOT will also be working with a contractor to do predictive analytics on I-70 and I-44.

Member Reports (As time allows): Gary Brown with Dent County noted that he would speak to Ray Walden regarding the TAP application. Bonnie Prigge updated the committee on the annual MoDOT Transportation Planners meeting in Jefferson City which was also attended by Anne Freand, Kelly Sink-Blair and George Lauritson. Bonnie also noted that the Highway Commission would be meeting in Rolla on June 5th.

Next TAC Meeting: April 11, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

Adjournment: Mitch McDonald motioned to adjourn, Jim White seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.