## Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes June 13, 2019

**Members Present:** Leo Sanders (Crawford), Danny Brown (Crawford), Gary Brown (Dent), Ray Walden (Dent), John Kamler (Gasconade), Robert Koerber (Gasconade), Jerry Lairmore (Gasconade), Vic Stratman (Maries), Darryl Griffin (Osage), Larry Kliethermes (Osage), Gary Hicks (Phelps), Darin Pryor (Phelps), Mitch McDonald (Pulaski), and John Casey (Washington)

**Guests Present**: James Beattie (MoDOT), Kim Tipton (MoDOT), and Steve Engelbrecht (MoDOT Area Engineer), Charles Sullivan (CFS Engineers), Laura Petru (SMTS), Randy Aulbur

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

Call to Order & Welcome: Ray Walden, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

**Approval of April 11, 2018 TAC Minutes:** Leo Sanders made a motion, Mitch McDonald seconded. Minutes were approved as presented.

**ADA Transition Plans:** James Beattie, MoDOT, presented on the requirements and importance of ADA Transition Plans. He reviewed the elements of a required plan, why they are required by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and how municipalities and counties in our region can begin the process of writing and adopting these plans. MRPC staff provided an overview of the training attended in May 2019 and noted that it was best to start small by doing an inventory of facilities in a county or city.

**Update on Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP):** Steve Engelbrecht, MoDOT, presented an update on the draft STIP, which was released on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> for public comment. MRPC staff passed out copies of road and bridge improvements being done in the Meramec region.

Central District Project Prioritization (Planning Exercise): Steve Engelbrecht, MoDOT provided an introduction of the Central District Prioritization Process regarding proposed funding scenarios and large-scale transportation projects. Bonnie Prigge noted this is a planning exercise that considers transportation projects should there be an opportunity for additional funding through bonding. Anne Freand provided an overview of each location/improvement identified in the central district. MRPC asked TAC members to prioritize the projects by identifying three high, three medium, and four low priorities. The final vote placed Cole/Callaway 54/63, Osage 62, and Phelps 44 projects as high priority, Boone 70/63, Callaway 70/54, and Cole 50/Truman as medium priority, and Camden MM, Moniteau 50, Camden 54, and Boone 63/AC as low priority. Jerry Lairmore motioned to approve the vote as listed, Robert Koerber seconded. Motion was approved as presented.

**Update on Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Investment Goal Priorities:** Anne Freand, MRPC, presented the results of the April 2019 TAC pennies vote regarding investment goal priorities listed in the Meramec Region's RTP. Taking Care of the System and Safety were the top two goals identified for the region. Robert Koerber motioned and John Casey seconded the motion to adopt the goals as presented. Motion was approved as presented.

**Letter of Support for BRO Rescission Provision in FAST Act:** Bonnie Prigge presented a letter of support to congressional leadership regarding the removal of the BRO Rescission Provision currently

listed in the FAST Act which is set to take effect later this year. She then asked the TAC Committee to approve a letter of support to congressional leadership regarding the provision. John Casey motioned to accept the letter as written and send to legislative members, Larry Kliethermes seconded. Motion was approved as submitted.

**Legislative Update**: Bonnie Prigge, MRPC, updated the commission on various legislative actions such as the increases to vehicle tag fees, title costs and permits. The group also discussed the design of a secure digital license, the repeal of the helmet law, and changes to inspection requirements for the state of Missouri.

**Update on June 5<sup>th</sup> Highway Commission Meeting:** Bonnie Prigge, MRPC, updated the TAC on regarding her presentation to the Highway Commission on Wednesday, June 5, 2019. She reviewed what are RPCs, what we do, and the safety activates supported by our organizations.

**MoDOT Updates and Staff Reports (As time allows):** Randy Aulbur was presented as the new Assistant District Engineer for MoDOT. Kim Tipton expressed gratitude for all of the work communities have been doing related to the BRO funds.

**Member Reports** (As time allows): Bonnie Prigge provided an update on the current number of fatalities in the region. Anne Freand reminded the group of the upcoming Road Safety Audit in Owensville. Robert Koerber provided an update on the flooding in Hermann.

**Next TAC Meeting:** August 8, 2019

**Adjournment:** Mitch McDonald motioned to adjourn, Robert Koerber seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.