

Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2019

Members Present: Rob Cummings (Crawford), Jared Boast (Crawford), Leo Sanders (Crawford), Danny Brown (Crawford-alt.), Gary Brown (Dent), Ray Walden (Dent), Darrell Skiles (Dent), Robert Parsons (Dent-alt.), John Kamler (Gasconade), Robert Koerber (Gasconade), Vic Stratman (Maries), Ray Schwartz (Maries), Darryl Griffin (Osage), Larry Kliethermes (Osage), Cyndra Lorey (Phelps-alt.), Mitch McDonald (Pulaski), Gene Newkirk (Pulaski), John Casey (Washington), and T.R. Dudley (Washington)

Guests Present: Kim Tipton (MoDOT), and Steve Engelbrecht (MoDOT Area Engineer)

Staff Present: Anne Freand (MRPC) and Bonnie Prigge (MRPC)

Call to Order & Welcome: Ray Walden, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.

Approval of June 13, 2019 TAC Minutes: Gary Brown motioned, Ray Schwartz seconded. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Missouri Infra Grant: Dave Silvester, MoDOT, updated the committee on the recent \$81 million INFRA Grant for replacement of the Rocheport Bridge in Missouri's Central District and the \$301 million in bonding for infrastructure. The \$38.8 million identified for the Central District has also been committed to the Rocheport Bridge, as well as an additional \$18 million that was previously dedicated towards bridge rehabilitation. The INFRA Grant additionally funded money towards work on the I-70 Minneola Hill which includes climbing lanes.

Final STIP Update: Steve Engelbrecht, MoDOT, updated the committee on the final 2020-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. The STIP was approved on August 7th with a focus on bridges being highlighted. MRPC staff showed the committee the online map that allows users to zoom in to specific improvements without having to use the previous pdf map which was difficult to read.

Discussion on Planning Framework: The Planning Framework subcommittee provided an update on the meeting held at 3pm on August 8, 2019. Anne Freand noted that the subcommittee members are working on identifying ways to score each unfunded need. Bonnie Prigge reminded TAC members that the scores will not require them to prioritize in any specific order, but the score sheets will help each County during their individual prioritization meetings this fall.

FLAP Applications: Bonnie Prigge, MRPC, reviewed the upcoming grant period and requirements for the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP). The grant opens in September and has a deadline of December 16, 2019.

Arrive Alive Update: Bonnie Prigge, MRPC, provided an update on the Arrive Alive program and work through the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety in the Central Region. It was noted that signage is available to address the Buckle Up, Phone Down initiative. MRPC has stencils which can be used on parking lots at schools and businesses.

Road Safety Audit Update: Anne Freand, MRPC, presented the findings from the Gasconade County Road Safety Audit held on June 18, 2019. A PowerPoint presentation was given that showed locations

of crashes and pictures were provided that noted possible improvements to the intersection. Anne stated that Susan Harmon, MoDOT, suggested that additional meeting reviews be held to discuss possible road and right-of-way improvements. Of interesting note, MoDOT and MRPC confirmed that none of the crashes were direct results of the intersection, and instead were the result of the curve.

MoDOT Updates and Staff Reports (As time allows): Central District engineers updated TAC members on local projects, funding, legislation, or other recent topics. Steve Engelbrecht and Kim Tipton noted that TEAP applications will be due September 20th and includes a two-year call. The funds can be used for corridor studies and ADA transition plans. A project update was also given which included the high friction surface treatments on I-44, ADA work in Rolla and Cuba, and additional route work throughout the region. It was noted that there are only 9 poor condition bridges left, which is significantly improved over other regions in the state. MoDOT also noted that the Rt T bridge in Franklin County is closed and has delayed the closure of the Rt H bridge in the Meramec region until the county bridge is opened. The committee was updated on the Highway V and I-44 interchange which will be closed for 10 days from August 16th through August 26th. The pavement has consistently failed and needs to be replaced with concrete.

Member Reports (As time allows): Mayor Koerber updated the committee on the recent passage of a 10 year sales tax which will be used for streets repairs and replacements.

Next TAC Meeting: October 10, 2019

Adjournment: Leo Sanders motioned for adjournment, T.R. Dudley seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:29 pm.