

**Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 12, 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), John Kamler (Gasconade), Jerry Lairmore (Gasconade), Robert Koerber (Gasconade), Vic Stratman (Maries), Steve Vogt (Maries County), Ron Rowden (Maries-alt.), Ron Kempker (Osage), Darryl Griffin (Osage), Larry Kliethermes (Osage), Darin Pryor (Phelps), Larry Stratman (Phelps), Mitch McDonald (Pulaski), George Lauritson (Pulaski), Luge Hardman (Pulaski-alt.), John Casey (Washington), T.R. Dudley (Washington), David Sansegraw (Washington), Cody Brinley (Washington-alt.)

**Guests Present:** Kim Tipton (MoDOT), Steve Engelbrecht (MoDOT), James Beattie (MoDOT), Anita Ivey (Pulaski), Charles Sullivan (Engineering)

**Staff Present:** Anne Freand, Caitlin Jones, Kelly Sink-Blair and Bonnie Prigge (MRPC)

**Call to Order & Welcome:** Ray Walden, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.

**Approval of October 10, 2019 TAC Minutes:** T.R. Dudley motioned, Larry Kliethermes seconded. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Highway 63 Spot Improvements Evaluation:** MRPC staff reviewed the eight (8) spot improvements proposed for the length of Highway 63 in the Meramec Region. Anne Freand provided aerial views of each possible improvement location and MoDOT clarified what each of the items could do to improve the roadway safety. Staff asked the committee to evaluate each of the items and then rate them as three high, three medium and two low priorities. A copy of the final evaluation and ranks is attached to the minutes for review. The northbound passing lane north of Vienna was ranked as number one.

**Transportation Needs Prioritization:** Committee members decided the expansions of Highways 63 and 50 to four-lane corridors remain the number one and two regional transportation priorities. The proposed projects on Highway 63 and Highway 50 have topped the regional priority list for several years. Once the group decided these two projects should continue to be top priorities for the region, TAC members from each county shared the top three to four additional transportation needs from their counties. The TAC then voted to prioritize these additional needs on a regional level using the dot method. Staff noted that the prioritized list would be reviewed and approved later in evening by the Meramec Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) board and then shared with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Central District office for the projects for consideration for inclusion in MoDOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

In addition to the projects on Highways 63 and 50, other items topping the TAC's priority list as high or medium priority, in order of priority, are listed below. A complete list of priorities are attached to the minutes:

- Gasconade – MO 19 Bridge over Frene Creek
- Washington – Rt C Bridge over Big River
- Dent – MO 19 Bridge over Gladden Creek
- Maries – US 63 and Hwy 28 intersection (north junction)
- Crawford – Rt HH Bridge over Dry Creek

- Phelps – I-44 to University Drive/Overpass at I-44 in Rolla
- Osage – Passing/Climbing Lanes on Highway 63

**MoDOT Updates and Staff Reports (As time allows):** Steve Engelbrecht updated committee members on application deadlines for FLAP applications that are due Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Member Reports (As time allows):** Bonnie Prigge provided an update on Arrive Alive and the accident map. A copy of the Highway Safety Grant application was also provided to the committee for review.

**Next TAC Meeting:** February 6, 2020

**Adjournment:** Steve Vogt motioned for adjournment, Larry Kliethermes seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm.