

## Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee

### **Zoom Meeting:**

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**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Jared Boast, Leo Sanders, Danny Brown, Gary Brown, Ray Walden, Bob Parsons, Darrell Skiles, John Kamler, Ray Blaske, Vic Stratman, Steve Vogt, Ray Schwartze, Darryl Griffin, Larry Kliethermes, Darin Pryor, Joey Auxier, Randy Verkamp, Charles Bassett, Glen Smith, John Casey, T.R. Dudley

**GUESTS:** Preston Kramer, Kim Tipton

**STAFF:** Anne Freand, Samantha Sherman, Scott Hayes, and Caitlin Jones (MRPC)

## MEETING MINUTES

**Call to Order & Welcome:** Darin Pryor, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**Approval of December 9, 2021 TAC Minutes:** Ray Schwartze motioned to approve the December 9, 2021 minutes as submitted; Joey Auxier seconded. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Overview of Federal Infrastructure Bill:** Anne Freand gave a presentation on the bill and the work that RPCs do throughout the year. The presentation was also given at the Statewide Planning Partners Meeting and would be shared with TAC members following the meeting. The presentation gave an overview of some of the proposed funding mechanisms and grants (new and expanded opportunities) that would be most relevant to transportation issues in the region. Anne noted that more grant opportunities may be available in the future, but Bonnie and MRPC wanted to focus on those items most applicable, such as the Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program, FTA All Station Accessibility Program, etc.

**Statewide Planning Partners Meeting Update:** Anne Freand provided an overview of the agenda and updates from the Planning Partners meeting held on February 16, 2022. The virtual meeting provided an overview of upcoming projects and funding opportunities around the state. Darin Pryor also attended as chair of the TAC. Darin urged TAC members to talk to consultants early for project planning because a lot of the proposed funding would be for shovel ready projects or projects that are further along in the planning process. Additionally, the extra funding that is likely coming down the pipeline, will create extra work for all transportation professionals and MoDOT staff will not have as much time to provide assistance in the future.

**Draft STIP Update:** Kim Tipton, MoDOT, updated the TAC on the draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). While the complete draft STIP is not yet published for review, the draft Road and Bridge Program is currently posted on the [www.modot.org](http://www.modot.org) website. She noted that the Osage County portion of Highway 63 is currently grayed out in the

draft due to the proposed repeal of the state gas tax. While the project is planned for completion, it may conditionally be postponed until funding can be identified. The complete draft STIP should be posted on the website for a comment period in May.

**Poor Condition Bridges:** Preston Kramer (MoDOT) and Anne Freand (MRPC) presented information on the Poor Bridge Condition list for the region. This includes bridges and culverts on county and city systems which have a poor or serious condition. Staff provided committee members copies of the list; however, Preston Kramer noted that some of the bridges needed to be updated and were no longer necessary for the list. Staff noted that the list will be updated per Preston Kramer's comments and sent to TAC members before the next meeting.

**Arrive Alive Update:** Caitlin Jones gave an Arrive Alive update and noted the region is one fatality above last year at seven total. She gave numbers by county and noted the district is slightly above 2021. Missouri currently stands at 123 fatalities for the year which is four more statewide than 2020. She also updated the group on the 63% unbuckled rate and the helmet usage rate for fatalities. Lastly, she gave updates on numbers for the Think First program, which reached several thousand students throughout each county in the region.

**MoDOT Updates and Staff Reports (As time allows):** Preston Kramer gave an update on construction projects, most notably the upcoming closing of the Hwy 89 bridge. Kim Tipton also reminded everyone of the change from a DUNS number to a Unique Entity Identifier Number and that LPA trainings were coming up. Preston also discussed the cost-share program and encouraged counties and communities to submit projects for funding.

**Member Reports (As time allows):** Darrell Skiles gave kudos to MoDOT for road clearing during all of the winter weather and the committee agreed. Anne Freand noted that she would send out the presentation, as well as the updated Poor Bridge list once final information was gathered.

**Next TAC Meeting:** The next meeting is the regularly scheduled April 14, 2022 TAC meeting.

**Adjournment:** Steve Vogt motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ray Schwartze seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.