

**Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2021**

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MEETING AGENDA

TAC Members Present: Leo Sanders (Crawford), Gary Brown (Dent), Ray Walden (Dent), Darrell Skiles (Dent), Robert Parsons (Dent), John Kamler (Gasconade), Vic Stratman (Maries), Steve Vogt (Maries), Ray Schwartze (Maries), Darryl Griffin (Osage), Larry Kliethermes (Osage), Joey Auxier (Phelps), Dale Martin (Phelps), Tom Coots (Phelps), George Lauritson (Pulaski), Charles Bassett (Pulaski), Glen Smith (Pulaski), Anita Ivey (Pulaski)

Guests Present: Preston Kramer (MoDOT), Kim Tipton (MoDOT), Jonathan Nelson (MoDOT), Oscar Powers (Fort Leonard Wood), Dion Knipp (OATS Transit)

Staff Present: Anne Freand, Samantha Maddison, Caitlin Jones, Bonnie Prigge (MRPC)

Call to Order & Welcome: George Lauritson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

Approval of February 9, 2021 TAC Minutes: Leo Sanders motioned; Steve Vogt seconded. The minutes were approved with a revision to the spelling of Darrell Skiles name.

Update on MoDOT Highway Safety Plan: Jonathan Nelson, MoDOT, updated the TAC on the new Highway Safety Plan. The document emphasizes four main areas: Occupany Protection, Distracted Driving, Speed and Aggressive Driving, and Impaired Driving. He noted that 8,677 people lost their lives over the past 10 years and that 2005 was the worst year for traffic fatalities. The purpose of the plan is to ask, “What can we do to get people to understand?” The goals of the new plan was to engage all Missourians, to shorten the plan, narrow the focus, and enhance the online presence.

He stated that the plan updates were intended to provide strategies for everyone and not just the law enforcement community and local leaders. It also addresses special road users such as bicyclists, pedestrians and older and younger populations. Buckle Up, Phone Down, Slow Down and Don’t Drive Drunk!

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Application Update: Anne Freand updated the committee on the TAP grant and informed the group that Salem’s 4th Street project was the only project funded from the Meramec Region. Staff noted that the city also increased their proposed match for the project which helped them in the selection process.

Federal Earmarks Update: Bonnie Prigge, MRPC, updated the process for potential infrastructure earmarked projects. She identified that there are two buckets of potential funding from the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the House Appropriations Committee. MRPC has provided a list of transportation projects for federal legislators to review.

Update on High Priority Unfunded Needs List: Preston Kramer, MoDOT, presented an updated list of high priority unfunded needs identified by local stakeholders and finalized by MoDOT. The projects include items on Tier 1 and 2 and noted that MoDOT is discussing a possible Tier 3. Tier 1 will be delivered within the next STIP cycle.

Update on 2022-2026 STIP Development: Steve Engelbrecht, MoDOT, provided an update of the current STIP cycle for 2022 through 2026 and noted several projects, including bridges, will be added to the Draft STIP. The document will be submitted for review in the next month and the final STIP will be approved by the Commission in June. Nine total projects will move into the STIP and one project will be added to scoping.

O-502 Hwy 50/CR801/RtCC @ State Tech

Rt TT project has moved into scoping.

D-201 Hwy 19 Bridge over Gladden Creek

C-128 Rt HH Bridge over Dry Creek

G-301 Hwy 19 Bridge over Frene Creek

M-422 Hwy 28 Bridge over Dry Fork Creek

W-822 Rt C Bridge over Big River

W-801 Hwy 47 Bridge over Mill Creek

W-841 Rt A Bridge over Richwoods Creek

W-839 Rt A Bridge over Cyclone Hollow

MoDOT Updates and Staff Reports (As time allows): Preston Kramer provided construction updates. He reviewed bridges in Gasconade and Maries counties and a number of resurfacing projects in the region.

Member Reports (As time allows): Bonnie Prigge noted MRPC is in the process of awarding Project Grad mini grants, including 11 schools and one docudrama is scheduled. She also discussed Transportation bill funding. Anne Freand welcomed new commissioners to the meeting.

Next TAC Meeting: June 10, 2021

Adjournment: Ray Schwartze motioned for adjournment; Larry Kliethermes seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:17 pm.