

Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee

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MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rob Cummings, Jared Boast, Leo Sanders, Danny Brown, Ray Walden, Darrell Skiles, Bob Parsons, Tricia Heaney, John Kamler, Randy Blaske, Vic Stratman, Steve Vogt, Ray Schwartz, Ron Kempker, Darryl Griffin, Larry Kliethermes, Darin Pryor, Joey Auxier, Dale Martin, John Butz, George Lauritson, Charles Bassett, Anita Ivey, John Casey, T.R. Dudley

GUESTS: Preston Kramer, James Beattie, Steve Engelbrecht (MoDOT), and Grant Wilson (Rep. Smith's office)

STAFF: Anne Freand, Bonnie Prigge, and Caitlin Jones (MRPC)

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order & Welcome: Darin Pryor, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:47 p.m.

Approval of October 14, 2021 TAC Minutes: Vic Stratman motioned to approve the October 14, 2021 minutes as submitted; Steve Vogt seconded. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Transportation Needs Prioritization: Anne Freand reviewed the requirements for the annual transportation needs prioritization process. Bonnie Prigge requested that prior to presentations for each county, the TAC discuss and vote on whether or not to approve Highway 63 and Highway 50 as the top two priorities in the region. Ray Schwartz motioned to approved Highway 63 and Highway 50 as the top one and two priorities in the Meramec Region; T.R. Dudley seconded. The motioned was approved unanimously. After the vote, staff provided five blue, five green and five red dots to each of the voting TAC members. A representative of each county was given approximately five minutes to make a presentation on the top three or four transportation needs of their county. Upon completion of all county presentations, TAC members used the dot method to prioritize the top transportation needs of the region. Vic Stratman motioned to recommend the list to the MRPC board for final approval; T.R. Dudley seconded. The FY22 list was approved, as submitted. A copy of the updated list is attached to the minutes.

Following the prioritization of the region's top unfunded needs, the TAC was asked to prioritize the remaining Highway 63 segments for improvements on new alignment. Anne Freand and Bonnie Prigge discussed the segments already identified on Tier 2 and Tier 3 of MoDOT's unfunded needs list which include Projects 1 and 4 (Tier 2) and Project 3 (Tier 3). Staff provided TAC members a sheet and asked them to rank the remaining four projects from one to four. Ray Walden motioned to approve the ranked list and forward to the MRPC board for final approval; John Casey seconded. The motion was approved as presented. A copy of the ranking is attached to the minutes.

Show Me Zero Fatality Update: Bonnie Prigge provided an update on regional and state numbers for fatalities. As of Dec. 5, 2021, the Central District was down approximately 10% from the previous year; however, the Meramec Region was down only 4% for the same time period. As of Dec. 6, 2021, the region had the following fatality counts: Crawford – 12; Dent – 1; Gasconade – 3; Maries – 4; Osage – 0; Phelps – 4; Pulaski – 6; and Washington – 9. Bonnie also noted that of the fatalities in the Central District, 73% were unbuckled, which is a 14% increase of unbuckled fatalities since 2020.

MoDOT Updates and Staff Reports (As time allows): Central District engineers briefly updated TAC members on upcoming construction projects for the FY22 season. Preston Kramer noted that local crews are working on edge ruts and brush cutting after finishing the FY21 construction season. James Beattie stated that MoDOT is currently working with the letting schedule and a reletting will be scheduled in January since a few projects were not included. Various bridges, 2 ft. shoulder highway work and road resurfacing has been included.

Steve Engelbrecht provided an update on the high priority unfunded needs Central District meeting held by MoDOT. He noted that there were 50 participants. MoDOT also stated that the Osage 89 bridge at Swan Creek was reviewed in Nov. 2021 for bridge rehabilitation.

Member Reports (As time allows): Due to the time, no additional member reports were provided.

Next TAC Meeting: The original date was identified as February 10, 2022; however, committee members noted that commissioner training is scheduled for that day. The full MRPC board will decide on upcoming meeting dates at the next meeting.

Adjournment: Charles Bassett motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ray Schwartze seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.