# Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee

**DATE:**  **February 2, 2023**

**TO:** **Transportation Advisory Committee**

**FROM: Darin Pryor, Chairman**

**RE: Meeting notice and agenda for February 9, 2023 TAC Meeting**

The Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee met at **4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2023** at the Meramec Regional Planning Commission, 4 Industrial Drive, St. James, MO. Please plan to attend this meeting.

**Zoom Meeting Link:**

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MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rob Cummings, Jared Boast, Danny Brown, Gary Brown, Vic Stratman, Steve Vogt, Ray Schwartze, Darryl Griffin, Darin Pryor, Dale Martin, Tom Coots, Charles Bassett, Larry Kliethermes, Randy Blaske, John Kamler, Jerry Lairmore, Sally Burbridge, T.R. Dudley, Darrell Skiles, Joey Auxier, Sherry Stites, John Casey

GUESTS: Ginny Smith (SMTS), Daniel Smith (SMTS), Kim Tipton (MoDOT), Steve Engelbrecht (MoDOT) and Tracy Jones

STAFF: Anne Freand, Bonnie Prigge, Caitlin Jones

# MEETING MINUTES

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

**Approval of December 8, 2022 TAC Minutes:** Vic Stratman motioned to approve the Dec. 8, 2022 minutes as submitted; Steve Vogt seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Application Evaluation:** Anne Freand discussed the TAP application process and reviewed the two applications with the committee. Representatives of each application were given five minutes to present the project to the TAC. Darin Pryor presented the city of Rolla’s request for funds related to ADA transitions on existing sidewalks and Jerry Lairmore presented Gasconade County’s request for TAP funds to be used for a portion of the Rock Island Trail in the county. Kim Tipton noted that there were nine applications with approximately $1.5 million in funding availability. Upon completion of all presentations, TAC members ranked the applications and MRPC tallied the votes. The final vote count 11 votes in favor (online and in person) for the city of Rolla application. Gasconade County received nine votes in favor (online and in person). Darryl Griffin motioned to approve the ranking as noted; Joey Auxier seconded. The TAP ranking was approved.

**Public Transit Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan (PTHSTCP):** Anne Freand, MRPC, provided an overview of the final transit plan for the Meramec Region. Anne reviewed the chapters and some of the top priorities identified by the action committee for the project. Ginny Smith and Daniel Smith with SMTS also attended the meeting in support of the final plan. Since the plan requires final approval by the MRPC Board, Jared Boast motioned to recommend approval of the transit plan to the full board; Ray Schwartze seconded. The motion was approved.

**Salem Active Transportation Plan:** Anne Freand, MRPC, reviewed the final plan submitted to the MO Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) in January. Anne noted that additional funding opportunities may become available to do new plans in other communities and any interest should be forwarded. Additionally, MRPC is working with three communities (Belle, Bland and Rosebud) on Active Transportation Plans related to the Rock Island Trail.

**Show Me Zero/Arrive Alive Fatality Update:** Caitlin Jones provided an update on fatalities in the Meramec Region. To date, there have been 10 in the Central District, five in the Meramec Region, of which 3 were unbuckled and two were unreported. There have also been three pedestrian fatalities in the state. Vic Stratman discussed issues with pedestrians walking at night in dark clothing. Caitlin also reported that MRPC is working on seven head start programs, 15 bike-ped presentations and two docudramas.

**Legislative Update:** Bonnie Prigge reviewed a variety of bills filed at the state level and discussed the Governor’s State of the State address. Currently, there is discussion about allocating $859 million for the rebuild of I-70, with $379 million in the STIP. However, there is discussion to fully fund it at approximately $2.8 billion. John Casey motioned to recommend approval of MRPC writing a letter from the TAC to support the full funding now; Vic Stratman seconded. The TAC voted to approve a letter of support.

Bonnie discussed bills focused on lower speed limits on county roads, modifications to the fuel tax apportionment, electric vehicle regulations, vehicle assessments, phone laws in vehicles and a mandatory seatbelt law. At this time, no bills have been approved.

**MoDOT Updates and Staff Reports (As time allows):** Central District engineers updated TAC members on local projects and noted upcoming construction season work.

**Member Reports (As time allows):** No additional reports were given.

**Next TAC Meeting:** April 13, 2023

**Adjournment:** Darrell Griffin motioned to adjourn; Charles Bassett seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.