

## Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee

The Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee met at **4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2023** at the Meramec Regional Planning Commission, 4 Industrial Drive, St. James, MO.

### **Zoom Meeting Link:**

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**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Rob Cummings, Jared Boast, Danny Brown, Robert Parsons, Vic Stratman, Steve Vogt, Ron Kempker, Darryl Griffin, Darin Pryor, Sherry Stites, Tom Coots, Charles Bassett, Anita Ivey, John Casey, T.R. Dudley, Sally Burbridge (Zoom), Larry Kliethermes (Zoom)

**GUESTS:** Kim Tipton (MoDOT – Zoom), Preston Kramer (MoDOT – Zoom)

**STAFF:** Anne Freand, Bonnie Prigge, Orin Pogue

## MEETING MINUTES

**Call to Order & Welcome:** Darin Pryor, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**Approval of February 9, 2023 TAC Minutes:** Darryl Griffin motioned to approve the minutes as submitted; Vic Stratman seconded. Minutes were approved.

**High Priority Unfunded Needs - Road/Bridge and Multimodal Projects Prioritization:** Kim Tipton, MoDOT, provided a brief overview of the High Priority Unfunded Needs on Tiers 1, 2, and 3. Anne Freand and Bonnie Prigge noted the existing road/bridge and multimodal needs on varying tiers and provided copies of additional items identified by each of the counties. Anne Freand noted that Osage County requested to remove the multimodal sidewalk request in Linn Creek. Since the TAC already prioritizes road/bridge needs in December and the existing multimodal list has not changed, staff noted that the prioritization of new items would help backfill any needs on the current HPUN list.

Committee members in-person and via Zoom then prioritized each list. Copies of the final priorities are attached to the minutes. Joey Auxier motioned to recommend approval to the full MRPC board for the prioritized Road/Bridge projects and Vic Stratman seconded. The motion was approved. Vic Stratman motioned to recommend approval to the full MRPC board for the prioritized Multimodal projects and Joey Auxier seconded. The motion was approved.

**Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Application Update:** Staff provided an update of the final TAP application decisions made at the Central District level for the current round of funding. Kim Tipton noted the next round of funding should be sent out in July and it will be two-

year call for projects. The city of Rolla's request for ADA transition ramps and the city of Warsaw were awarded TAP funds in the central district.

**Road Safety Audit (RSA):** Anne Freand asked TAC members to identify locations for the upcoming Road Safety Audit to be completed before the end of June 2023. Charles Bassett indicated that the intersection and portion of Holtsman CR and the part where Hwy Y turns into Hwy O/Cave Road is a safety concern. Vic Stratman also brought up the north Hwy 28/Hwy 63 intersection. Sherry Stites indicated that Phelps County has had issues with the south outer road in Rolla, as well as potential issues with the intersection of Hwy V and Hwy 68 where a new winery is being constructed. Darryl Griffin mentioned the intersection of CR 551 and Hwy B in Osage County, as well as Hwy 50/100. Preston noted that section was on a work list for a traffic study.

Preston Kramer indicated that the location in Pulaski County was the type of issue where a Road Safety Audit could help the most. Staff reiterated that RSAs are intended to help find low-cost options to improve safety in areas where there are no real solutions, or the cost is prohibitive for new construction.

**DHSS Active Transportation Plan Grant:** Anne Freand reviewed the current Active Transportation grant opportunity with the Department of Health and Senior Services and discussed possible communities interested in participating in the planning effort. Representatives from Steelville and Potosi had both expressed interest in the work. T.R. Dudley noted connections to the senior center in Potosi would be very important to note. Anne stated that MRPC has one month to make a decision on the community to work with should MRPC receive approval of the grant.

**Active Community of Living Practice (ALCP) Grant Update:** Orin Pogue provided an update on the current ALCP grant planning activities with the cities of Rosebud, Belle and Bland along the Rock Island Trail. He stated that meetings had been held with each of the communities and staff would be completing drafts before the June TAC meeting.

**Show Me Zero/Arrive Alive Fatality Update:** MRPC stated that there had been 11 fatalities in the region to-date with 23 in the central district. So far, the region and state are below last year's numbers, but work continues to be done to reduce the number of deaths. As of the date of the meeting, only Crawford, Dent, and Maries counties were without a fatality. Bonnie Prigge noted that there would be a strategic planning session with Roadway Safety in the near future.

**MoDOT Updates and Staff Reports (As time allows):** Kim Tipton reminded the committee of the next round of TAP applications opening up in July and BRO/BFP in May. BRO will be a one-year call and there will be some minor changes to the application. Kim will send the updated list of poor conditions bridges soon.

Preston provided an updated of ongoing construction in the region such as the Pulaski County I-44 bridge which is 90% complete, I-44 work near St. James at 33%, and Route B bridge in Gasconade County at 33%. A number of other routes have pavement work going on and local crews are working on maintenance.

**Member Reports (As time allows):** Danny Brown asked about work along a riverbank and Anne Freand noted she would talk to Kelly Sink to discuss grants with Crawford County. Joey Auxier asked about when Hwy O to Hwy 72 would be paved.

**Next TAC Meeting:** The next TAC meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2023.

**Adjournment:** John Casey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m.; Darryl Griffin seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

## MRPC Road/Bridge High Priority Unfunded Needs

3 High, 2 Medium, 2 Low

\* Please rank the following needs with a H, M or L for high, medium or low priority.

Note that this list of needs are not currently on the HPUN Tier system or the region's prioritized

35	C-106	E	IS	44	Entire Crawford County section	add lanes/safety improvements / continuous outer road north and south/ economic development	Need environmental & location study performed. Combined with former C-112. Outer Roads possible cost-share application with City of Cuba?
34	Ph-637	I	IS	44	South Outer Road Between Exit 189 and St. James	Add shoulders/ safety improvements	
32	C-125	I	MO	19	Dry Creek Bridge N to Edgar Rd at "Deadman's Curve" (KP Rd)	Safety Improvements	Rebank curves, eliminate curves, consider guardrail
32	Pu-700	I	MO	17	I-44 to Texas County Line	Safety Improvements	
31	G-329	I	RT	28	Intersection @ Hwy 28/B	Additional improvements at intersection	
26	Pu-748	I	RT	0	Highway at Jones Creek area	Flooding Concerns	Landlocks residents if road floods
25	Ph-636	I	IS	44	North Outer Road between Northweye and Route V	Add shoulders/ safety improvements	

**Multimodal High Priority Unfunded Needs**

7 High, 7 Medium, 6 Low

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Multimodal Ranking	County ID Number	Impr or Exp	DES	RTE	Location Description	Need Description	Area Engineer Comments
62	G-325	E	RT	100	Along Hwy H, 19 and 100	Additional sidewalks to connect school to downtown area and new library. Include ped. Crossing on Hwy 100/Frene Creek bridge	Sidewalk from new library location to school. Needs pedestrain crossing on Hwy 19
61	Ph-634	I	RT	V	From I-44 to Route 68	Add shoulders/ safety improvements	
58	O-522	E			Linn	Additional pedestrian facilities between downtown and State Technical College	
56	D-236	I	RT	32	Scenic Rivers Blvd from Carty to Craig Industrial Dr	Sidewalk need along north side of road	
56	Pu-732	I	RT	H	Along Ichord from BL44 to Southside Road	Capacity and Safety Improvements. Includes additional pedestrian facilities along Ichord and along GW Lane.	Recent striping revisions on Ichord and westbound I-44 off-ramp partially addresses the capacity issues. Partnership project in future to further address remaining issues?
51	M-429	E	MO	28	In Belle from Dollar General to Hwy 89 Intersection	Sidewalk/pedestrian connections in town w/ crosswalk	Possibly along South Side of highway
50	Pu-728/751	E	RT	17	From Courthouse to AB/Lighting & Sidewalks along Outer Road (Hwy 28 to Y)	Construct sidewalks and/or bike paths and crosswalks anywhere where not already in place.	<b>Partially TAP Funded?</b>
47	C-118	E	RT	KK/ZZ	All of Old Route 66 in Cuba	Increase Pedestrian/Bicyclist opportunities along Old Route 66. Install shoulders where not already present.	
47	C-123	I	RT	D	Intersection of HwyD & Sappington Bridge Road	Safety improvements for pedestrian access to hospital and senior center	Possible cost-share with Sullivan. Roundabout?
46	O-524	E			Westphalia	Additional pedestrian facilities in/near Main Street area.	
44	W-826	E	RR		Union Pacific Railway Near Airport and Industrial Park	Siding / Intermodal Hub	
40	Ph-618	I	RT	B	Gasconade County Line to Route 68	roadway need (shoulders)	
35	Pu-755	I			Southside Drive	Additional Pedestrian Facilities/Multiuse path	
34	G-328	E			Inside Owensville City Limits	Additional sidewalks to connect downtown to other areas	
34	Washington - Caledonia - Residential areas along Highway 21						
34	Washington - Caledonia - Sidewalks up Hwy 21 to High School						
32	M-420	E			Countywide	Increased rural transportation (frequency, options, etcetera).	OATS is current provider.
30	Washington - Runway Extension 2/20 @ Airport						
30	Washington - Sidewalk in Potosi to City Park						
22	Crawford - Construct T-Hangars and Taxilanes @ Airport						