

## **Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee**

The Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee met at **3:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2023** at the Meramec Regional Planning Commission, 4 Industrial Drive, St. James, MO. Please plan to attend this meeting. The meeting started earlier to enjoy some holiday cheer with light finger food to celebrate the holidays and to say “thank you” for the dedication and volunteerism this past year.

### **Zoom Meeting Link:**

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**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Rob Cummings, Jared Boast, Danny Brown, Sally Burbridge, Gary Larson, Bob Parsons (Zoom), John Kamler (Zoom), Randy Blaske, Patricia Heaney, Vic Stratman, Steve Vogt, Ray Schwartze, Ron Kempker, Darryl Griffin, Larry Kliethermes, Darin Pryor, Joey Auxier, Dale Martin, Tom Coots, Charles Bassett, Anita Ivey, Sean Wilson, John Casey, T.R. Dudley

**GUESTS:** Preston Kramer (MoDOT), Joanie Prenger (MoDOT), Steve Engelbrecht (MoDOT – Zoom), Mark McClane (Belle), Daniel Smith (SMTS)

**STAFF:** Bonnie Prigge, Anne Freand, Caitlin Jones

## **MEETING AGENDA**

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

**Approval of September 14, 2023 TAC Minutes:** Ray Schwartze motioned to approve minutes as submitted; Larry Kliethermes seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Transportation Needs Prioritization:** A representative of each county was given 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. Joey Auxier motioned to recommend approval of the prioritized list to the MRPC board, as presented. John Casey seconded. The FY24 prioritized list will require final approval by the MRPC Board at the following meeting. A copy of the prioritized list is attached to the minutes for reference.

**Updated on Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP):** Staff shared the results of the TAP funding discussion with the Central District. The Meramec Region received approval of six TAP applications including Gasconade County, State Tech, Waynesville, Potosi, Hermann and Dent County.

**Update on Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant:** Anne Freand provided an update on the upcoming activities for the two-year SS4A grant that MRPC received from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). MRPC staff noted that they intend meetings to start in January, which will include a total of three meetings per county over the course of the next two years.

**Show Me Zero Fatality Update:** Bonnie Prigge provided an update on regional numbers. Overall, the Meramec region saw a minor increase in the number of fatalities; however, the state saw a reduction from the year prior. An update of safety activities was also provided, which provided an overview of presentations to Head Starts, Bike/Ped presentations, Docudramas, and Health/BTS Fairs.

**MoDOT Updates and Staff Reports (As time allows):** Preston Kramer gave a quick update on construction activities for the region.

**Member Reports (As time allows):** Time did not allow for any member reports.

**Next TAC Meeting:** February 8, 2024

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

MRPC Transportation Priorities FY24										
Prioritized by the TAC on Dec. 14, 2023										
Priority	Votes	Ranking	New #s	COUNTY	Impr or Exp	DES	RTE	Location Description	Need Description	Area Engineer Comments
Regional	MRPC-1	1	MRPC-1	Phelps, Maries, Osage	I	US	63	Major Project: US 63 from US Hwy 50 in Osage County to the Phelps/Texas County line	Corridor improvements including widening to 4-lane. Shoulders and horizontal alignment improvements as well. (or any project that will advance the 4-laning of the corridor)	Considered Expansion Project. Section 1 in STIP, Section 4 on Tier 1 Needs List. Section 3 on proposed Tier 3 Needs List. Remaining Sections Ranked in order @ 12/9/21 TAC Meeting (1-Sec. 2, 2-Sec. 5, 3-Sec. 7 and 4-Sec. 6)
	MRPC-2	2	MRPC-2	Gasconade and Osage	I	US	50	Major Project: US HWY 50 from about one mile west of Linn to the Gasconade/Franklin County line	Corridor improvements including widening to 4-lane. Shoulders and horizontal alignment improvements as well. (or any project that will advance the 4-laning of the corridor)	Considered Expansion Project
High	83	1	D-210	Dent	I	RT	TT	Bridge No. R0808 over Crooked Creek	bridge need (flooding concern) / replace culvert with bridge	Condition "5" Box Culvert. Fair condition. Debris concerns along Crooked Creek -- a low-profile span wouldn't work here. \$1.2M to build bridge (2015 est.). MDC would partner (\$200k). Other partnerships for Forest Service? In Scoping - On Central District Tier 3 of High Priority Unfunded Needs
	80	2	Ph-648	Phelps	I	IS	44	Hwy V Interchange	Capacity & Safety Improvements @ Interchange, inc. N outer road	Old St. James Rd. Thru to Love's Truck Stop Tier 2 need on Central District's HPUN list.
	61	3	C-107	Crawford	I	MO	19	Intersection at Lindburg Road	Need for left turn lane to turn onto Linburg. Accident history southbound, turning left onto Lindburg.	Limited accident history. Possible County project or partnership project to add southbound left turn lane in future? Currently evaluating. Tier 3 on HPUN State List
	55	4	O-504	Osage	I	US	63	Functional Needs	Safety improvements to intersection of Rte E/63.	Started engineering work, not funded for construction.
	54	5	M-428	Maries	I	RT	63	Rt 63 & 28 south intersection	at Vichy Wye/airport - Turn lanes on 63 (SB left turn lane)	
	42	7 (tie)	C-127	Crawford	I	MO	19	Bridge No. K0199 over Cherry Valley Branch	Safety Improvements - narrow on a curve	5-5-5 (Fair Condition). 2-lane. No load posting. 24-ft. wide roadway surface over bridge built in 1934
	42	7 (tie)	M-406	Maries	I	MO	42	Hwy 42/133 intersection	Safety improvements at the 'Y' & "T" intersection	
	32	9 (tie)	W-852	Washington	I	RT	A	Bridge No. A0331	Bridge Need	3-3-6 (Serious Condition)
	32	9 (tie)	G-326/327	Gasconade	I	RT	100	East & West of Hermann @ Bluff btwn Reserve St. & at Fire Station	Flooding Concerns	Road needs to be raised/flood mitigation needs for Hermann
Medium	31	10	D-231	Dent	I	MO	32	Bridge over West Fork of the Huzzah (Boss)	Bridge Need	Safety concerns. Narrow and long. Poor Condition 5-4-4. Built in 1931.
	30	12 (tie)	C-109	Crawford	E	IS	44	Junction of Route FF	Convert overpass to interchange for economic development & safety	Cost-share opportunities w/ private industry and West Sullivan. Tier 3 on HPUN State List
	30	12 (tie)	G-312	Gasconade	I	RT	19	From 28 Junction to North City Limits on Hwy 19 near school	Safety concerns at school entrances and industrial park entrance.	\$1.2M - \$2.9M (2014 est), depending on number and location of turn lanes. Limited accident history. Partnership project in future?
	29	13	Pu-745	Pulaski	I	RT	28	Bridge over I-44 / 163 Overpass	Intersection Improvements	Congestion at Dixon Exit
	28	14	G-302	Gasconade	I	MO	100	Safety improvements at the intersection with Route J, 6.0 miles west of Hermann.	Safety concerns	Limited accident history. No low-cost improvement option. Relocate Route J intersection best option. Working on RSA items identified.
	27	17 (tie)	Pu-730	Pulaski	I	RT	H	Bridge S0888 over Roubidoux Creek	Bridge Needs	4-6-5 (Poor Condition). 1-lane. Load posted. Built in 1955. Traffic will increase
	27	17 (tie)	O-528	Osage	I	Rt	89	Route 89 near Gasconade River	Flooding Concerns	Some engineering work done. Backup at Swan Creek. Est. \$500,000
	27	17 (tie)	W-851	Washington	I	RT	U	Bridge No. N0168 over Wallen Creek	Bridge Need	4-4-5 (Poor Condition)
	26	19 (tie)	Ph-657	Phelps	I	RT	F	Bridge No. R0522 over Norman Creek	Bridge Need	3-6-6 (Serious Condition)
Low	26	19 (tie)	M-405	Maries	I	US	63	Hwy 63/28 Intersection (North Junction)	Safety improvements at the 'Y' intersection	Signing improvements recently completed. No more low-cost options at this location.
	25	21 (tie)	M-412	Maries	I	MO	28	Entire County	Safety improvements (add shoulders).	1" Overlay planned for FY 23/24
	25	21 (tie)	D-207	Dent	I	MO	19	Intersection of MO 19 and Roosevelt Street	Safety need (dangerous intersection due to sight limitations)	Possible addition of turn lanes and Crosswalk
	24	22	Ph-654	Phelps	I	RT	J	Bridge No. T0878 over Spring Creek	Bridge Need	4-6-5 (Poor Condition). Built in 1955 - look at flooding issue
	21	23	Ph-614a	Phelps	I	MO	68	Interchange @ off ramp & Route B Intersection	Safety & Traffic control need (congestion concern) & Economic Development.	City of St. James owns right of way from Route KK to south city limits. MoDOT maintains pavement surface of driving lanes only. City project or partnership project in future? TEAP study Tier 3 need on State's list.
	20	25 (tie)	Pu-742	Pulaski	I	Rt	U	Tavern Creek Bridge	Safety/Flooding concerns	
	20	25 (tie)	O-545	Osage	I	US	50	Hwy 50 @ Rt 100 intersection	Safety concerns and traffic calming measures	
	14	26	O-537	Osage	I	US	63	Passing lanes South of Freeburg	Safety concerns	On existing alignment
	9	27	C-122	Crawford	I	MO	19	Intersection of Glassy Rd and Heyer Rd	Safety need (sight distance concern)	
	5	28	W-844	Washington	I	RT	21	Northbound Left Turn Lane @ Purcell Dr.	Intersection improvements	Cost-share project
	1	29	D-209	Dent	I	RT	B	0.2 miles before CRD 539 (S) and entire route	Shoulder and alignment need (dangerous curve)	
	0	31 (tie)	Pu-723/744	Pulaski	I	RT	C/133	Between Hwy 28 and Hwy 133 near Dixon/on 133 between Richland and Swedeborg	Safety Improvements	Highest volume lettered route in county (3,000 vehicles). Hills/humps on roadway w/ fatalities
	0	31 (tie)	W-846	Washington	I	RT	8	At Healthway Drive & Kwan Plaza	Accommodate turning movements and extend lanes past Kwan Plaza (n. Side)	Cost-share project.