

Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee

The Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee met at **4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2024** at the Meramec Regional Planning Commission, 4 Industrial Drive, St. James, MO.

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Call-in information: 312-626-6799

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rob Cummings, Jared Boast, Danny Brown, Sally Burbridge, Gary Larson, Vic Stratman, Steve Vogt, Ray Schwartze, Mike Gorrell, Darryl Griffin, Larry Kliethermes, Darin Pryor, Sherry Stites, Joey Auxier, Sean Wilson, T.R. Dudley, AJ Seay, Tricia Heaney (Zoom), Randy Blaske (Zoom), Kevin McFadden (Zoom), Jerry Lairmore (Zoom),

GUESTS: Jeff Banderet, Joanie Prenger, Steve Smyth, Griffin Smith (Zoom), Mike Spayd (Zoom), Steve Engelbrecht (Zoom), Wendy Travis (Zoom)

STAFF: Anne Freand, Bonnie Prigge

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order & Welcome: Steve Vogt, Chairman

Approval of June 13, 2024 TAC Minutes: Joey Auxier motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Darryl Griffin seconded. Minutes were approved.

Selection of Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee met prior to the regularly scheduled TAC meeting. The committee provided the following recommendations: Sean Wilson, Chair; Joey Auxier, Vice-Chair; and T.R. Dudley, Secretary. Darin Pryor motioned to approve the nominating committee's recommendations; Ray Schwartze seconded. Nominations were approved as submitted.

Forward 44 Study Update: MoDOT representatives and the study consultant, Garver, presented updates on the Forward 44 study being conducted for the section of I-44 roadway from the St. Louis/Franklin County to Missouri/Oklahoma state line. Griffin Smith noted that they are in the process of updating the 2008 study and the comment period will be open until August 21st. They anticipate an early 2025 study completion with the next public meeting held in Lebanon on August 14th.

Bridge Engineering Assistance Program (BEAP) Update: Joanie Prenger reviewed the program and how BEAD can be used by counties in the region. Joanie indicated that she could provide a copy of the on-call consultant list. Jeff Banderet noted that BEAP can take care of low

water crossings, culverts, etc. Jeff also noted that they can look at hydraulics, size, and alternatives with costs to communities. Committee members asked about deadlines and amounts.

Road Safety Audit (RSA) Update: Anne Freand reviewed the summary report regarding the Road Safety Audit for the Hwy 21/47 section of road in front of Kingston K-14 School District in Washington County. She noted that members of the school district's transportation team and MoDOT met to discuss crashes and low-cost improvements at the intersection. The group determined that additional school zone signage was needed, as well as some restriping and entrance changes at the school. Diagrams are shown in the report and the summary was sent to MoDOT and all attendees.

STIP Update: MoDOT provided an update on the final STIP approved for FY25-29 and the I-44 projects included. MoDOT noted that inflation limited new projects; however, the budget from the Governor approved three new projects along I-44 in the region (pavement west of Rolla, Hwy V intersection and the Hwy 68/B intersection). Currently, there are no specific design plans for any of the new projects.

Multimodal Committee Discussion: Bonnie Prigge updated the committee on the multimodal activities approved in the FY25 MoDOT Workplan. She noted that MRPC intends to have the group meet quarterly with representatives from transit, airports, bike/ped, rail and the future port in Hermann. At the time of the meeting, staff anticipated that the group would meet September, December (joint meeting), March and then May or June.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Update: Anne Freand discussed that staff is working to schedule county level meetings to discuss roadway safety needs and staff will reach out to elected officials in each county.

Show Me Zero Fatality Update: Bonnie Prigge provided a highway safety update based on the information in the handout showing fatalities in the Meramec Region. She also reminded attendees of the sign and stencil availability. Sherry Stites asked if Phelps County could get signage and Bonnie indicated they could call Caitlin or herself to coordinate.

MoDOT Updates and Staff Reports (As time allows): Joanie Prenger noted a chip seal letting was being done for Route T in Osage County in August, as well as the bridge over Town Creek in September. The TEAP is currently open for \$12,000 with a 20% match. The money can be used for intersection safety analysis, ADA transition plans, etc. The BRO will be out October 1st and interested applicants can reach out to Joanie. She reminded the group that it has to be a poor condition bridge. She also noted that there will be another TAP round in spring.

Member Reports (As time allows): Bonnie Prigge updated the committee on Director McKenna's resignation.

Next TAC Meeting: October 10, 2024

Adjournment: Larry Kliethermes motioned to adjourn; Ray Schwartze seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.