

Meramec Region Multi-Modal Transportation Advisory Committee

The Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee will meet at **10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 15, 2024** at the Meramec Regional Planning Commission, 4 Industrial Drive, St. James, MO. Please plan to attend this meeting.

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 852 1025 6434

Passcode: 780974

Call-in information: 312-626-6799

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sam Rhodes, Greg Harris, Amy Stringer, Darrin Bacon, Ken Kwantes (Zoom), Chrysa Niewald (Zoom)

STAFF: Anne Freand, Bonnie Prigge, Orin Pogue

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order & Welcome: Anne Freand, MRPC, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Selection of Officers: The committee discussed the selection of a chair and vice-chair to lead future meetings of the multimodal committee. Sam Rhodes volunteered to serve as Chair and Greg Harris volunteered to serve as Vice-Chair. Ken Kwantes motioned to approve the nominations; Amy Stringer seconded. The motion was approved.

Review of Draft Committee Bylaws: Multimodal committee members reviewed the draft bylaws and provided recommended edits which include reducing the transit providers to three representatives, edits to numbering in section three, discussions on number of majority voting members for votes and updates to change the word “postmarked” to “emailed.” Staff noted that they would make the recommended changes and resend the draft bylaws at a later date.

Staff Updates: Bonnie Prigge, MRPC, provided an update on the RAISE grant for bike/pedestrian projects and the proposed cost-benefit analysis that would be done for the Rock Island Trail. Chrysa Niewald provided input on the grant process and Bonnie stated that the application has been earmarked as a competitive project even though it was not funded in the last round. MRPC hopes to resubmit the application in the near future. Anne Freand gave an overview of the activities related to MRPC’s Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant.

Funding Resource Discussion: Members of the committee were asked to identify the primary funding resources for each of their transportation modes. Amy Stringer noted 5310 grants through MoDOT for vans and NETAP which helps elderly or developmentally disabled individuals with transportation. Darrin Bacon discussed MoDOT Aviation entitlement funds which are divided up amongst all public airports in the state, approximately \$30 million. Sam Rhodes gave an update on planning and construction activities at Potosi Airport and reviewed

where funding was coming from to pay for the projects (state, grants, county, etc.).

Bonnie Prigge discussed funding for bike/pedestrian projects such as American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant, Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Recreational Trails Program (RTP). Funding possibilities also include private donation dollars, sales tax in certain communities (Rolla) and possible Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) monies. Ken Kwantes noted that the city of Rolla allocates approximately \$300,000 annually towards bike/ped projects.

Identification of Multimodal Needs: MRPC and committee members continued the discussion of identifying unfunded needs by transportation mode. Staff provided county level lists by transportation mode and noted that as of the date of the meeting, some of the counties had prioritized a top two list for bike/ped projects only. Anne noted that she would work with the remaining counties to gather their top needs. Committee members provided input, and Anne added the new needs to the county level spreadsheets.

Sam Rhodes, Chair, requested information for online meeting posting, including press releases, website postings and regional maps. Greg Harris discussed Route 66 improvements prior to the 100-year anniversary in 2026. He also stressed the importance of the Rock Island Trail State Park development.

Next MMTAC Meeting: February 13, 2025

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.