

Meramec Region Joint Transportation Advisory Committees – Road and Bridge and Multimodal

The Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committees met at **3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 13, 2025**, at the **Nelson Hart Park Community Building**, Nelson Hart Road, St. James, MO. Voting TAC members were asked to attend this meeting in-person.

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ROAD/BRIDGE TAC: Mark Pfeiffer, Jared Boast, Danny Brown, Sally Burbridge, Gary Larson, Randy Blaske, Tim Schulte, Patricia Heaney, Kevin McFadden, Vic Stratman, Steven Vogt, Patrick Kleffner, Jeff Peters, Dale Logan, Larry Kliethermes, Darin Pryor, Sherry Stites, Joey Auxier, Dawn Bell, Leeann DeMouche, Anita Ivey, Sean Wilson, Charles Bassett, John Casey, T.R. Dudley, Sam Rhodes (representing on both committees)

MULTIMODAL TAC: Sam Rhodes, Daniel Smith, Mark Schaeperkoetter, Greg Harris, Michael Burbank, Megan Amburn, Amy Stringer, Ken Kwantes, Chrysa Niewald, Mark McClane

GUESTS: Preston Kramer (MoDOT), Joanie Prenger (MoDOT), McKenzie Tuttle (Mo Extension), Jeff Banderet (Great River Engineer), John Politte (Washington County), Bryan Ross (Zoom), Steve Engelbrecht (Zoom)

STAFF: Anne Freand, Orin Pogue, Bonnie Prigge, Caitlin Jones

MEETING AGENDA

Welcome by Bonnie Prigge, Executive Director: Bonnie welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the purpose of the first joint meeting between both TACs.

Call to Order Road and Bridge TAC & Welcome: Sean Wilson, Chairman, asked R/B TAC members to introduce themselves and called the R/B meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

Call to Order Multimodal TAC & Welcome: Sam Rhodes, Chairman, asked MM TAC members to introduce themselves and called the MM meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Approval of December 12, 2024 Road & Bridge TAC Minutes: Joey Auxier motioned to approve the December minutes as presented; Larry Kliethermes seconded. Minutes were approved.

Approval of November 15, 2024 Multimodal TAC Minutes: Daniel Smith motioned to approve the November minutes as presented; Greg Harris seconded. Minutes were approved.

High Priority Unfunded Needs (HPUN) for Road and Bridge Needs: Staff reviewed priority needs on Highway 50, 63 and the needs prioritized in December 2024. All final rankings are attached to the minutes. Anne Freand discussed how the needs were listed for Highway 50 and then asked committee members to speak on each of the needs if they had additional input. Committee members then ranked the projects. Sherry Stites motioned to approve the Highway 50 ranking; John Casey seconded. Rankings were approved. Staff then reviewed the previously ranked Highway 63 sections and asked committee members to review projects that remained (Projects not included in STIP or existing HPUN). Charles Bassett motioned to approve the final ranking; Joey Auxier seconded. Highway 63 rankings were approved. The last set of items related to the December 2024 County project rankings and staff noted that the top needs from that list would be included in the HPUN.

High Priority Unfunded Needs (HPUN) Review for Multimodal Needs: Staff reviewed priority needs for rail, transit, air and bike/pedestrian modes of transportation. These needs will be placed on the Meramec Region's HPUN list submitted to MoDOT. Staff presented needs by mode beginning with rail. Bryan Ross, MoDOT, spoke on the rail study done 15 years ago. He also noted that the FRA released a long-distance study looking at rail feasibility between New York and Houston. Sam Rhodes spoke on Washington County's rail needs. The committee ranked 11 needs. Chrysa Niewald motioned to approve the final ranked list; Daniel Smith seconded. The final rail list was approved.

Airport needs were then discussed for each county. Sally Burbridge discussed Salem airport needs and requested that Da-202 change to Da-203 which relates to shade ports at the airport. The committee then ranked the top 16 needs in the region. Daniel Smith motioned to approve the final ranked list; Amy Stringer seconded. The final airport list was approved.

The list of 16 transit needs were presented to the group by county. Daniel Smith with OATS and Michael Burbank/Megan Amburn with OATS spoke on transit needs. Daniel noted that the price of vehicles has increased exponentially and finding drivers is always difficult. The committee ranked the full list of projects. Greg Harris motioned to approve the final ranked list; Amy Stringer seconded. The final transit list was approved.

Finally, the committee discussed the top two bike/pedestrian needs by county. Staff asked a county representative to speak on each of the needs. The multimodal committee ranked the top 16 needs in the county. Daniel Smith motioned to approve the final ranked list; Ken Kwantes seconded. The final bike/pedestrian list was approved.

Show Me Zero Fatality Update: Bonnie Prigge and Caitlin Jones gave an update on crash statistics in the region. Overall, fatalities are down statewide; unfortunately, fatalities have remained the same as 2024 for the region. Caitlin reviewed roadway safety activities and updated the committees on the remaining events for the 2025 school year.

MoDOT Updates and Staff Reports (As time allows): Joanie Prenger noted that another TAP call will occur in late spring and will be dependent on continued funding of the program. Preston Kramer noted that Dent County construction continues as weather allows. He also noted that the

average cost for the full winter season is approximately \$45 million. However, the recent weeklong snowstorm that affected the whole state cost \$10 million alone.

Member Reports (As time allows): Tim Schulte discussed costs associated with design/build projects and overpayments. Sean Wilson asked questions about delays.

Next TAC Meeting: March 13, 2025 Road and Bridge TAC / May 2025 Multimodal TAC meeting to be determined.

Adjournment of Road and Bridge TAC: Joey Auxier motioned to adjourn the RB TAC meeting; Larry Kliethermes seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Adjournment of Multimodal TAC: Daniel Smith motioned to adjourn the MM TAC meeting; Chrysa Niewald seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.