

## Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee

The Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee met at **3:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 11, 2025** at the Meramec Regional Planning Commission, 4 Industrial Drive, St. James, MO to celebrate the holidays. The TAC meeting started at **4:00 p.m.**

### Zoom Meeting Link:

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**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Mark Pfeiffer, Jared Boast, Danny Brown, Sally Burbridge, A.J. Seay, Gary Larson, Randy Blaske, Tim Schulte, Patricia Heaney, Vic Stratman, Steve Vogt, Patrick Kleffner, Jeff Peters, Dale Logan, Larry Kliethermes (Zoom), Darin Pryor, Sherry Stites, Joey Auxier, Dale Martin, Dawn Bell, Anita Ivey (Zoom), Sean Wilson, John Casey, T.R. Dudley, David Sansegraw

**STAFF:** Anne Freand, Bonnie Prigge, Orin Pogue, Kelly Sink, Caitlin Jones

**GUESTS:** Preston Kramer, Joanie Prenger, Steve Engelbrecht, Jeff Banderet, Jaclyn Rowe, Lynn Portell, Rob Pulliam (Zoom)

## MEETING MINUTES

**Call to Order & Welcome:** Sean Wilson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Everyone in the room and on Zoom was asked to introduce themselves.

**Approval of August 14, 2025 RB TAC Minutes (joint meeting with MM TAC):** Sherry Stites motioned to approve the minutes as submitted; Steve Vogt seconded. The minutes were approved.

**Hwy 50 and Hwy 63 Prioritization:** Anne Freand reviewed information for Highway 50 and Highway 63 and discussed average daily trips and crash statistics for both corridors. Anne noted that the TAC will then vote to recommend the order of the top two regional needs to the MRPC board. A scoring sheet was provided to each voting members and TAC members had to write a "1" by their top priority and a "2" by their second priority. MRPC staff members tallied the votes. A total of 23 TAC members voted. The final vote placed the Highway 63 corridor as the top regional priority and the Highway 50 corridor as the second regional priority. Joey Auxier motioned to accept the ranking; Steve Vogt seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Transportation Needs Prioritization:** Anne Freand reviewed the county needs lists and discussed the prioritization process utilizing the dot method for voting where each member selects five top priorities, five second level priorities and five third level priorities. No county can place more than three stickers per need in order to support a better distribution of priorities. County representatives presented each of their needs, beginning with Crawford County. Each

county spoke for approximately five minutes apiece. Following all presentations, Anne reviewed voting policies a second time and then released TAC members to vote in groups. After all dots were placed and email votes were sent in, MRPC staff tabulated votes based on five points for a green dot, three points for a blue dot and one point for a red dot. At the end of the meeting, Anne Freand presented the final votes with the following as the region's top priorities:

- Maries County – Highway 63 need for a southbound left turn lane onto Highway 28 near Rolla National Airport
- Crawford County – Bridge No. K0199 over Cherry Valley Branch
- (tied for 3rd) Phelps County – I-44 flooding near Jerome
- (tied for 3rd) Dent County - Bridge No. R0808 over Crooked Creek

A full list of priorities will be attached to the minutes and presented to MoDOT. T.R. Dudley motioned to approve the final ranking; John Casey seconded the motion. The FY26 county rankings were approved.

**Show Me Zero Fatality Update:** Bonnie Prigge provided an update on state and regional crash numbers. In the Central District, as of December 7th, there were 90 fatalities. As of yesterday morning, the number should actually be at least 92 due to a double fatality in Dent County. Bonnie then reviewed regional numbers and noted that the region has experienced an increase in fatalities since this time last year. She also discussed ongoing transportation education activities that MRPC supports throughout the year.

**MoDOT Updates and Staff Reports (As time allows):** Joanie Prenger provided an update to the committee on TAP awards and noted that all applicants received funding, with the city of Rolla receiving partial funding. She noted that MoDOT applied for FLAP funding for the Highway TT bridge in Dent County but a decision has not been made. Steve Engelbrecht indicated that a new rule has been passed that non-U.S. made drones cannot be used on federal highways projects. Anne Freand noted that MRPC had received an email that day with the information. Preston Kramer discussed the recent winter weather and stated that no snow is always better as a pound of salt is just as much as a pound of asphalt and MoDOT would rather be paving roads. Cost-share projects were also discussed and Preston invited communities and counties to reach out to him if they were interested in partnering on projects.

**Member Reports (As time allows):** TAC members in Phelps County asked MoDOT representatives if they had spoken to anyone regarding the Amazon warehouse construction currently happening off of Highway 68 in St. James. MoDOT noted they would check to see if any permits had been issued for driveways. The group also discussed how projects would impact the area and Joey Auxier brought up the need for partnering on a County Road 1050 and Highway 68 intersection improvement.

**Next TAC Meeting:** Sean Wilson reminded everyone that the next meeting will be on February 12, 2026. Anne Freand noted that it will likely be a joint meeting with the Multimodal TAC to discuss High Priority Unfunded Needs.

**Adjournment:** Joey Auxier motioned and Sherry Stites seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm.