

**Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2016**

Members Present: Leo Sanders (Crawford), Jared Boast (Crawford), Rob Cummings (Crawford), Gary Brown (Dent), Ray Walden (Dent), Robert Parsons (Dent Alt.), John Kamler (Gasconade), Nathan Schauf (Gasconade), Deb Mehmert (Osage), David Dudenhoeffer (Osage), Larry Kliethermes (Osage), Larry Stratman (Phelps), Jim White (Phelps), George Lauritson (Pulaski), Larry Helms (Pulaski Alt.), James Morgan (Pulaski Alt.), John Casey (Washington), T. R. Dudley (Washington) and Marvin Wright (Washington)

Members Absent: Darrell Skiles (Dent), Jerry Larimore (Gasconade), Larry Miskel (Gasconade Alt.), Ray Schwartz (Maries), Vicki Bade (Maries), Ron Rowden (Maries), Mark James (Maries), John Butz (Phelps), John Petersen (Phelps Alt.), Gary Hicks (Phelps Alt.), Randy Verkamp (Phelps Alt.), Cyndra Lorey (Phelps Alt.), Bruce Harrill (Pulaski), Gene Newkirk (Pulaski), Cody Brinley (Washington Alt.), and Mike Riddle (Washington Alt.)

Guests Present: Preston Kramer (MoDOT Area Engineer), Oscar Powers (FLW Safety-Ex Officio), and Steve Engelbrecht (MoDOT)

Staff Present: Anne Freand and Bonnie Prigge

Call to Order & Welcome: Chairman, John Casey, called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Approval of December 8, 2016, TAC Minutes: Marvin Wright made a motion, seconded by Larry Kliethermes to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Transportation Funding: Preston Kramer gave a presentation on how funding is received and distributed for Missouri roads and MoDOT. He reviewed the MoDOT website for the Citizen's Guide to Transportation Funding and went through each section to inform TAC members. It was noted that citizens pay an average of \$30 per month towards transportation facilities and Preston broke down where each bucket of money goes on an annual basis. Bonnie Prigge suggested placing the provided snapshot handouts on bulletin boards and John Casey made recommendations for changes to the handout to make the information more noticeable to citizens.

Coalition for Roadway Safety: Bonnie Prigge passed out an unofficial breakdown of fatality rates for MoDOT's Central District and reviewed the website <http://savemolives.com/>. A pamphlet for parents and young drivers (First Impact) was provided to TAC members. Bonnie also reviewed the "It Only Takes 1" competition and noted that 3 different schools are working on docudramas. Buckle Buddy is also a way that MRPC reaches out to preschool through second graders around the region. T.R. Dudley recommended listing websites under agenda items when associated with a specific item. Bonnie Prigge and Preston Kramer noted that each of the items presented could be reached from the main modot.org page.

Transportation Plan Updates: Anne Freand updated the TAC members on the timelines for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan (PTHSTCP) Updates. The RTP is required to be completed by the end of June 2017 and the Public Transit Plan will be completed by the end of the calendar year. Steve Engelbrecht provided a notice on the upcoming STIP meeting and that they will be working off of the prioritized transportation needs list. Projects such as 133 in Westphalia and scoping work for I-44 in Jerome both have good changes of being added to the new STIP.

MoDOT Construction Project Update: Preston Kramer, MoDOT, gave a brief update on 2017 construction projects and noted that the better weather has moved up construction schedules. The Hwy 42 Bridge and Pulaski County roundabout work is in process and work around Hwy V in Phelps County includes brush, pipes and ditch repair.

Members Reports: Larry Stratman provided an update on Rolla's Transportation Development District (TDD) and reviewed the projects to include the reshaping of Hwy 63, the west side commercial development, etc. They are in the process of selling bonds and tax credits and acquiring property along the Hwy 72 extension.

Bonnie Prigge provided an update on the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and the projects that were selected to include Belle, Salem and a partial funding of Rolla's work plan.

John Kamler and Nathan Schauf gave an overview of the Rock Island Trail status. Costs for the rock alone is \$100,000 in Owensville. Ameren is still using crews to clear the area.

Larry Helms requested that signage be placed on Hwy PP where it changes from blacktop to gravel. Several people are being incorrectly directed along this route and are not slowing down in time for the pavement change.

Next TAC Meeting: April 13, 2017.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Chairman John Casey at 5:26pm.

John Casey, Chairman

Date