

Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2017

Members Present: Rob Cummings (Crawford), Leo Sanders (Crawford), Gary Brown (Dent), Ray Walden (Dent), Darrell Skiles (Dent), Robert Parsons (Dent Alt.), Nathan Schauf (Gasconade), Jerry Larimore (Gasconade), Ray Schwartz (Maries), Deb Mehmert (Osage), David Dudenhoefter (Osage), Larry Kliethermes (Osage), Darin Pryor (Phelps), Larry Stratman (Phelps), Jim White (Phelps), George Lauritson (Pulaski), Gene Newkirk (Pulaski), John Casey (Washington), and Marvin Wright (Washington)

Members Absent: Jared Boast (Crawford), Danny Brown (Crawford Alt.), John Kamler (Gasconade), Larry Miskel (Gasconade Alt.), Vicki Bade (Maries), Ron Rowden (Maries), Mark James (Maries), John Butz (Phelps Alt.), Gary Hicks (Phelps Alt.), Randy Verkamp (Phelps Alt.), Cyndra Lorey (Phelps Alt.), Bruce Harrill (Pulaski), Larry Helms (Pulaski Alt.), T. R. Dudley (Washington), Cody Brinley (Washington Alt.), and Mike Riddle (Washington Alt.)

Guests Present: Preston Kramer (MoDOT Area Engineer), Natalie Roark (MoDOT), Kelly Wilson (MoDOT), and Steve Engelbrecht (MoDOT)

Staff Present: Anne Freand, Caitlin Jones, and Bonnie Prigge

Call to Order & Welcome: Chairman, John Casey, called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

Approval of June 8, 2017 TAC Minutes: Larry Stratman made a motion, seconded by Leo Sanders to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

TAC Officer Turnover: Staff presented the new elected members that will assume the duties and responsibilities below:

- **John Casey:** Chair
- **Dave Dudenhoefter:** Vice-Chair
- **Larry Stratman:** Secretary

Rolla, MO Transportation Development District (TDD): Rolla City Administrator John Butz updated the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) on the MoveRolla Transportation Plan. MoveRolla Transportation is a strategic project to develop a transportation system that meets the needs of all people and modes of transportation while promoting a safe, healthy community and economic opportunities for the next 20 years. Goals include developing a safe and convenient transportation environment, promote alternative mobility choices, develop a transportation system that promotes economic opportunities and creates a sense of place.

MoveRolla Transportation Development District (TDD) improvements are planned in three phases with completion planned for 2021. Improvements include:

- Creating a Westside Marketplace (Phase 1);
- Extending Highway 72 (Phase 1);

- Realigning University Drive (Phase 2);
- Improvements to Bishop Avenue Safety (Phase 2);
- Improvements to Kingshighway (Phase 2);
- Creating a pedestrian overpass over I-44 (Phase 3); and
- Improvements to 10th Street (Phase 3).

In total, the MoveRolla TDD is estimated to cost \$33 million. For more information on the MoveRolla TDD, visit www.rollawest.com.

Cost Share Program and Buckle Up/Phone Down: Preston Kramer noted that MoDOT received 23 statewide applications of which 3 were in our district and 2 specifically in our region. No approvals have been given yet at the district level. The first round is approximately \$30 million in funding and the deadline for the next round of applications is October 26th.

TEAP & TAP Application Review: Kelly Wilson noted that TEAP will be funded one year with TAP applications coming next fall. TEAP is a study grant with a 20% match and the TAP relates to construction projects such as sidewalks, pedestrian improvements, etc. Regional Planning Commissions will score the projects with approximately 2-3 projects coming from the Central District.

Arrive Alive Update: Bonnie Prigge noted that Phelps County is running high in fatalities with a total of 8; however, the numbers are down from last year. A meeting will be held in Rolla to brainstorm ideas on September 12th at 1pm at the Delbert Day Cancer Institute. Committee members asked about travel safe zones in Washington County and the group discussed what has been done to improve safety in these areas.

Road Safety Audit Update: Anne Freand gave an update on the Road Safety Audit completed in June of 2017. The intersection of CR 1050 and Hwy 68 in Phelps County has had a number of accidents over the years but they are not tied to any one time of day or weather pattern. During the course of the audit, MoDOT, MRPC and other stakeholders were able to identify some quick fixes such as lowering the speed limit, removing passing lanes, limb trimming, signage improvements, striping, etc. with possible turn lanes being considered as a longer term project.

Public Transit Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan (PTHSTCP): Anne Freand provided an update on the upcoming Transit Plan work to be done in the region. The first meeting will be held August 29th at 9:30am at MRPC. The Transit Plan is updated every five years and helps identify transit needs for the region and its' citizens.

MoDOT Construction Project Update: Preston Kramer provided an overview of the ongoing work through the Central District and Meramec Region. Several bridges were being repaired or replaced and resurfacing is taking place in various counties.

MoDOT Updates and Staff Reports (As time allows): Steve Engelbrecht with MoDOT noted that the central office is doing an update of the Long Range Transportation Plan which they will have in place by May 2018. They are working on finding funding gaps and are using RPC's needs lists. A survey will also be distributed later.

Member Reports (As time allows): Bonnie Prigge reminded all Committee members to start thinking about their unfunded transportation needs lists and that MRPC and Preston would be coming to visit in the next few months. Marvin Wright asked about multimodal funding, specifically airport funding for expansion of runways. It was noted that future DRA funding will be frozen until President Trump assigns a new chair.

Next TAC Meeting: October 12, 2017.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Chairman John Casey at 5:33 pm.

John Casey, Chairman

Date