



February 23, 2023 TAC Minutes

The Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments TAC met at the COG office in Perry beginning at 10:31 a.m.

Voting members present:

Andrew Williford	Audrain County
Alan Winders	Audrain County
Clarence Walker	Macon County
Steve Begley	Marion County
Andy Dorian	Marion County
Marilyn O'Bannon	Monroe County
Bill Allen	Pike County
John Lake	Ralls County
John Hobbs	Randolph County
Tom Sanders	Randolph County
Terry Helmick	Shelby County

Non-voting members present:

Brian Haeffner	Audrain County
Curt Wheeler	Monroe County
Sid Conklin	Randolph County
Sarah Graff	Congressman Sam Graves
Cindy Hultz	MTRCOG, Executive Director
Anna Gill	MTRCOG, Transportation Planner
Delores Woodhurst	MTRCOG, Community Planner

1. Call Meeting to Order

Acting Chairman Alan Winders called the TAC meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

2. Determination of Quorum and Introductions

Introductions were made to determine attendance.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Acting Chairman Winders asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was made by Steve Begley and seconded by John Hobbs. All members were in favor of the motion.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Acting Chairman Alan Winders instructed the committee to look over the meeting minutes from the December 2022 TAC meeting. These minutes

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were provided for review prior to the meeting, included in the meeting packet, and an electronic version was displayed on the screen during the meeting. A motion was made by John Lake to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Steve Begley. All members were in favor of the motion.

5. 2023 Needs Prioritization List

The group reviewed the 2022 Needs Prioritization List that was approved at the September 2022 meeting. No changes were made to the to the 2022 Needs Prioritization List, but Anna Gill noted that the process for the 2023 Needs Prioritization List would be beginning soon. Anna and a MoDOT staff member will be visiting each county commission to discuss upcoming needs and all needs will be gathered by the next meeting.

6. Transit Plan Review and Adoption

Delores Woodhurst, Community Planner, presented the Coordinated Human Services Public Transit Plan to the group. Delores informed the group that this is the five-year update to a plan that focuses on identifying gaps in services for senior adult, disabled individuals, and low-income individuals and families. The process to review and update the plan included meeting with County Commissions to identify transportation providers in each county, a stakeholder meeting of transportation providers, input from transportation providers and transportation riders to identify gaps in service and gather information, and a public comment period to give stakeholders an opportunity to provide feedback on the updated plan. Through the plan update, Delores shared that the following strategies were adopted to meet the needs of senior adult, disabled individuals, and low-income individuals and families:

1. Maintain the current level of service in the region.
2. Expand transit opportunities in the Mark Twain Region.
3. Increase communication and coordination among transit providers, users, and the general public.

Delores fielded questions from the group regarding the plan update and transportation services available in the region.

7. Other Business

Sarah Graff from Congressman Sam Graves' office shared a legislative update. Congressman Graves is currently serving as the chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and will be overseeing the FAA Reauthorization. The Waters of the United States (WOTUS) issue is the in federal courts, but Congress is going to put out an official disapproval letter on the issue and it will be going through the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Anna Gill provided the group with an update on the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Applications were due in January for the 2022 Supplemental Call with three being submitted in the Mark Twain Region. The projects are being scored and project awards will come out soon thereafter. Anna Gill and Cindy Hultz will be attending the Statewide Planning Partner Meeting in Jefferson City to hear from MoDOT leaders and legislators on various transportation issues. MoDOT has sent out a save the date for a meeting with Commissioners in the Northeast District to discuss MoDOT funding, local projects, federal funding requirements, the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP), and the planning process. More information will be forthcoming. Lastly, Anna notified the group that Jeff Kroner will no longer be serving as the area engineer in the Mark Twain Region.

8. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Steve Begley and seconded by Bill Allen to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.