



September 19, 2023 TAC Minutes

The Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments TAC met at the COG office in Perry beginning at 10:02 a.m.

Voting members present:

Andrew Williford	Audrain County
Alan Winders	Audrain County
Steve Begley	Marion County
Andy Dorian	Marion County
Marilyn O'Bannon	Monroe County
John Lake	Ralls County
Sid Conklin	Randolph County
Tom Sanders	Randolph County
Glenn Eagan	Shelby County
Terry Helmick	Shelby County

Non-voting attendees present:

Bryan Nichols	Congressman Sam Graves
Greg Sharpe	Representative
Louis Riggs	Representative
Emily Edgar	MoDOT, Area Engineer
Lori Smith	MoDOT, Transportation Planner
Rob Frese	MoDOT, Planning Manager
Cindy Hultz	MTRCOG, Executive Director
Anna Gill	MTRCOG, Transportation Planner

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Glenn Eagan called the TAC meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. Introductions

Introductions were made.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Glenn Eagan asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was made by Alan Winders and seconded by Terry Helmick. All members were in favor of the motion.

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4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Chairman Glenn Eagan instructed the committee to look over the meeting minutes from the June 2023 TAC meeting. These minutes 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 Alan Winders to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Steve Begley. All members were in favor of the motion.

5. MoDOT Updates

Emily Edgar notified the group that there are a variety of striping activities happening throughout the region on major and minor routes, so be aware of striping trucks. In order to mitigate traffic issues, the striping activities will be night work in some of the larger communities. She shared that MoDOT has awarded contracts for the construction on Route 3 and Route 149 with Notices to Proceed coming in October. Several major projects throughout the region are wrapping up with just a few punch items remaining. The Route 19 project is nearing completion with some remaining guardrails to be installed soon. Mowing activities have begun, and workers will be doing two passes instead of the typical one pass. On October 2nd, those mowing activities will begin on the major routes.

Lori Smith updated the group on new and existing LPA projects. For the BRO program, there are two projects in the closeout phase, 11 bridges in the preliminary engineering phase, and all the new projects have executed agreements and can begin working with a consultant. There are two Cost Share projects ongoing with Moberly. There are several TAP projects open, and a new application round just closed. Lori answered questions from the group on the TAP application timeline.

Rob Frese noted that the TEAP call recently closed and those applications will be ranked soon along with the TAP applications that were submitted. He shared that the BRO projects Lori presented are double the amount of BRO projects that were done in the past, due to the regionalization of the program. The public comment period has closed for the Northeast District's High Priority Unfunded Needs list. The Commission will have the opportunity to approve the list or make changes based on public comments received. MoDOT has just released their Rail Crossing Plan and has made recommendations on various rail crossing locations including signage, closure, overpasses, and consolidation. The plan is extensive, but MoDOT has received \$50 million to improve rail crossing safety across the state. MoDOT is currently working on their asset management plan, then will work on their financial forecast, and can begin programming for the STIP after that. Rob answered questions regarding the condition of low volume minor routes.

6. Legislative Updates

Representative Louis Riggs informed the group that the \$2 million that was line item vetoed out of the budget was for construction activities for the Hannibal Bypass project. There was no TDD for the money to go into and the funding was ultimately vetoed by the Governor. Representative Riggs plans to attempt to get the funding again next year along with funding for Macon Bypass and the feasibility study for I-72. He shared that a legislative priority is to get the I-72 project moving.

Representative Greg Sharpe echoed the comments made by Representative Louis Riggs regarding the items that were vetoed. Representative Sharpe fielded a few questions regarding the taxes paid by electric vehicles.

Bryan Nichols from Congressman Sam Graves' office noted that Congressman Graves has been working on trying to figure out the federal gas tax and determining how that would work with the trust fund. Secretary Pete Buttigieg will be in front the of the Transportation Committee on September 20th and the administrator of FEMA is meeting with the Committee on September 19th. Bryan answered questions about the previously discussed mileage tax by Congressman Graves.

7. Prioritization of Needs

Anna Gill presented the group with the ranking sheets for the 2023 prioritization. Members were given the opportunity to rank the needs for both the Road and Bridge category and the Multimodal category. Anna noted that the needs would be scored, and the proposed Needs List would be presented for approval at the December 2023 meeting.

8. Other Business

Chairman Eagan shared that every time it rains on Eastbound Highway 36, ½ mile East of Lakenan, there are semis that lose control. He mentioned the tremendous time and financial commitment of the local fire departments that is a result of the wrecks. He called on MoDOT to explore possible solutions including signage, flashing lights, or an overlay for better traction.

9. Adjourn

A motion was made by Steve Begley and seconded by Marilyn O'Bannon to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.