



mark twain regional
council of governments

Audrain

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Randolph

Shelby

June 20, 2023 TAC Minutes

The Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments TAC met at the COG office in Perry beginning at 10:01 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
John Lake	Ralls County
John Hobbs	Randolph County
Tom Sanders	Randolph County
Glenn Eagan	Shelby County

Non-voting attendees present:

Brian Haeffner	Audrain County
Emille Scanavino	Audrain County
Kevin Souther	Macon County
Sid Conklin	Randolph County
Tom Shively	Shelby County
Bryan Nichols	Congressman Sam Graves
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
Dennis Sharkey	Mexico Ledger

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Glenn Eagan called the TAC meeting to order at 10:01 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 Steve Begley and seconded by Alan Winders. 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 February 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 Marilyn O'Bannon to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Tom Sanders. All members were in favor of the motion.

5. MoDOT Updates

Emily Edgar introduced herself to the group as MoDOT's new Area Engineer for the central region of the Northeast District.

Rob Frese informed the group that the draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) is now out for public comment on MoDOT's website. Comments are encouraged. The FY 25 BRO Call closed at the beginning of June and MoDOT staff are working on finalizing the list of projects throughout the Northeast District to submit to Central Office. There will be a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Call opening soon. Rob shared with the TAC that there were not enough applications last year to use all the funding available, so it is very important that all interested communities start developing projects. Rob noted that there are still legislative bills out for the Governor to review and sign or veto, which included I-70 improvements, a study on US 36 to bring up to interstate standards (I-72), Macon Expressway, and Hannibal Expressway. MoDOT is changing the timeline of the High Priority Unfunded Needs List process, so MoDOT's Needs List timeline will not line up with the TAC's for one year only. MoDOT staff, TAC Chairmen, and RPC staff will meet at the Northeast District Office on July 29th to select projects for new High Priority Unfunded Needs List. Due to the skewed timelines, the TAC's 2022 Needs List will be utilized.

Rob and Emily fielded questions regarding construction projects and low volume roads throughout the region.

Lori Smith updated the group on existing BRO projects and mentioned that all projects are on schedule.

6. County Presentations of 2023 Needs

Each county had representatives present to the group the transportation needs they had submitted for this year. Rob Frese with MoDOT created data sheets for each transportation need that were provided to each member.

Anna Gill reminded the group that TAC members would be ranking the projects at the September meeting.

7. Legislative Updates

Bryan Nichols from Congressman Sam Graves' office shared a legislative update. Congressman Graves is currently serving as the chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee which has completed the FAA Reauthorization with the bill passing the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee last week. This bill provides federal funding to airports. The Waters of the United States (WOTUS) issue has been in federal courts, but Congressman Graves introduced a resolution of disapproval on the issue which passed the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the House of Representatives, and the Senate, but was vetoed by the President. However, the Supreme Court came out with a ruling that dramatically reduced what could be considered to be connected to a navigable body of water.

Anna Gill shared an update with the group provided by Representative Louis Riggs. During the last legislative session, Representative Riggs passed a number of appropriations including \$2.5 million for an engineering study for Macon Bypass, \$2 million to fund construction of Hannibal Bypass, and \$2.5 million to study the feasibility of an upgrade of US 36 to I-72. Any letters of support are appreciated and should be sent to Representative Riggs' House email address. In his report, Representative Riggs shared that his next steps are to explore numbers to request funding for US 54 upgrades and ports funding for Lewis, Marion, and Ralls Counties.

8. Other Business

Anna Gill noted that the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments is planning partners with MoDOT and as a requirement of that partnership a Work Plan for the upcoming fiscal year must be created. The Work Plan outlines all activities that will be completed, such as hosting four TAC meetings a year, coordinating the creation of Unfunded Needs List, traffic counters and speed trailer usage, and working with the Northeast Coalition for Roadway Safety.

9. Adjourn

A motion was made by Steve Begley and seconded by Tom Sanders to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.