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December 20, 2022 TAC Minutes

The Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments TAC met at the COG office in Perry beginning at 10:32 a.m.

Voting members present:

Andrew Williford	City of Mexico
Alan Winders	Audrain County
Tony Petre	City of Macon
Alan Wyatt	Macon County
Steve Begley	Marion County
Quentin Ashenfelter	City of Paris
Marilyn O'Bannon	Monroe County
Wiley Hibbard	Ralls County
Scott Hodges	Ralls County
Tom Sanders	City of Moberly
John Truesdell	Randolph County
Glenn Eagan	Shelby County

Non-voting members present:

Rob Frese	MoDOT Northeast District Planning Manager
Jeff Kroner	MoDOT Northeast District Area Engineer
Lori Smith	MoDOT Northeast District Transportation Planner
Cindy Hultz	MTRCOG, Executive Director
Anna Gill	MTRCOG, Transportation Planner
Ray Bozarth	Senator Josh Hawley
Louis Riggs	Representative
Brian Haeffner	Audrain County
Clarence Walker	Macon County
John Lake	Ralls County
Sid Conklin	Randolph County
Terry Helmick	Shelby County

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Glenn Eagan called the TAC meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

2. Determination of Quorum and Introductions

Introductions were made to determine attendance.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Eagan asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was made by John Truesdell and seconded by Alan Wyatt. All members were in favor of the motion.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Chairman Eagan instructed the committee to look over the meeting minutes from the September 2022 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 Wyatt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Steve Begley. All members were in favor of the motion.

5. New TAC Members Roles and Responsibilities

An overview of TAC Members Roles and Responsibilities was included in the meeting packet and an electronic version was displayed on the screen during the meeting. Rob Frese explained MoDOT's planning process and the roles the TAC plays in that process. Frese gave an overview of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) and explained how the projects make it from Mark Twain TAC's Needs List to the STIP. Alan Winders discussed the importance of regional cooperation with transportation. Winders provided examples of how working together on a regional level has proven to be successful. Anna Gill gave an overview of the TAC meeting schedule and the timeline of the yearly Needs List update. Brian Haeffner noted that each county is allowed two members to serve on the TAC and is able to designate one alternate. Marilyn O'Bannon requested meetings be planned on a yearly basis and dates be sent out at the beginning of the year.

6. MoDOT Updates

Lori Smith provided an update on the BRO Program and notified the group that funds are beginning to be obligated and recipients should have an engineer selected and begin the planning process. The TAP grants will be due at the end of January for the supplemental round. Smith and Rob Frese answered questions on the timeline of the BRO program. Frese noted that the Northeast District Unfunded Needs list is in draft form, a public meeting was hosted, and a public comment period is currently open. Once the public comment period concludes, the Unfunded Needs List will go to MoDOT's Commission for approval. Frese answered questions from the group on the funding made available through the new fuel tax.

7. Presentation of 2022 Projects - MoDOT

Rob Frese presented the MoDOT projects that have been completed in 2022 or are still in progress in each county. Frese also presented the other projects that MoDOT does in the Mark Twain Region, including Needs List updates, TAP grant call, BRO/BFP funding, TEAP grant call, and maintenance activities.

8. 2022 Needs Prioritization List

Anna Gill noted that the 2022 Needs Prioritization List was approved at the September 2022 meeting and the process to update for 2023 will begin at the February 2023 meeting. No changes were made to the 2022 Needs Prioritization List.

9. Other Business

Representative Louis Riggs noted the changes in his district following the redistricting. Representative Riggs will lose Shelby County and will gain Ralls County, keeping Marion County. He noted the funding that was committed to transportation projects by the General Assembly and notified the group of an upcoming proposal regarding I-70 and discussed how that will affect Northeast Missouri. John Briscoe, a MoDOT Commissioner from Ralls County, was replaced by Brian Treece, former Mayor of Columbia. Representative Riggs spoke on the work he is doing to have Highway 36 brought up to interstate standards.

Ray Bozarth with Senator Josh Hawley introduced himself to new members and explained the work that is being done in Washington D.C. for Fiscal Year 2023 government funding. The Water Resource Development Act is in the defense spending bill, awaiting the President's signature. The new Congress starts in January and Republicans will have majority of the House of Representatives and Democrats retain majority of the Senate.

Anna Gill notified the TAC that the five-year update to the regional Transit Plan is in progress. The plan considers the transportation needs of the elderly, disabled, and low-income populations. The plan update will be presented to the TAC for approval at the February 2023 meeting.

Quentin Ashenfelter provided an update on the November train/truck wreck in Paris. He noted that the cleanup will likely be a lengthy process, but significant progress has already been made. Anna Gill requested that the MTRCOG be provided letters of appointments from the county commissions for the new TAC members prior to the February 2023 meeting.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Steve Begley and seconded by Wiley Hibbard to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.