

Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission

Transportation Advisory Council (TAC)

Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2025, Regular Meeting

Concordia Community Center

802 S Gordon St., Concordia, MO 64020

I. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission (PTRPC) Transportation Advisory Council (TAC) called to order on July 17, 2025, at 6:15 PM at the Concordia Community Center with Chair Mark Edwards presiding.

II. Introduction of Guests

No guests were present

III. Introduction of New TAC Members

No new members were present.

IV. Members present and quorum

TAC members who were present are as follows:

Jimmy Tye	Paul Porter	Bryan Berlin	Phil Adlich
Harold Hoflander	Michael Brown	Jim Marcum	Stephanie Gooden
Rusty Sproat	Jim Wiseman	David Brown	Greg Swift
Mark Edwards	Keith Windmeyer	Jack Harvey	

TAC multimodal members who were present are as follows:

TAC members who were not present are as follows:

Mike Schrage	Paul Engelman	Tom Charette	John Marr
Richard Strobel	Craig Williams	Randy Florence	Kris White
Adam Couch	Monica Ritter	Gary Bauer	James Hill
Israel Baeza	Clark Fobian	Ron Toellner	Bill Taylor
Cindy Schroeder			

A Quorum was Present

Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) staff members who were present are as follows:

Marisela Ward, KC District Area Engineer	Melissa Schmitz Transportation Planning Coordinator
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Others who were present are as follows:

Eldon Preston, Pioneer Trails RPC Associate Planner	Christopher Hess, Pioneer Trails RPC Executive Director
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V. Approval of Agenda*

The meeting agenda was provided via email to all members prior to the meeting. Printed copies were provided.

****Mr. Greg Swift moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Ms. Stephanie Gooden. The motion carried unanimously by an affirmative vote, with no additional discussion ****

VI. Consideration of April 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes*

Meeting minutes were provided via email to all members prior to the meeting. Printed copies were provided.

****Mr. Rusty Sproat moved to approve the April 17, 2025, minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Jim Marcum. The motion carried unanimously by an affirmative vote, with no additional discussion. ****

VII. Consideration of Transportation Need Addition and/or Removal*

Several transportation needs and one revision were submitted to PTRPC prior to this meeting, with no removals. These submissions were provided via email to all members prior to the meeting. Printed copies were provided.

Mr. Eldon Preston led a discussion on each individual need for clarification and agreement. One additional transportation need was added during this discussion.

Chair Mark Edwards entertained a motion to accept the transportation needs as presented and discussed.

****Mr. Brian Berlin moved to add the needs as presented to the unfunded needs list, seconded by Mr. Rusty Sproat. The motion carried unanimously by an affirmative vote, with no additional discussion. ****

VIII. Missouri Department of Transportation

a. MoDOT Program Updates

- Ms. Marisela Ward gave the following project updates:
 - Public meetings will be held in August regarding the I-70 Project from Bates City to Odessa
 - Construction will begin soon, including two new overpasses and a concrete barrier down the median
 - The Lemon Trail bridge should be completed by the end of July
 - The J-Turn project on Hwy 50 in Johnson County is under way
 - The Hwy 23 project is ongoing

b. Legislative Impact Report

- Ms. Marisela Ward gave the following updates regarding state legislation and budgets:
 - \$20 million has been budgeted for low volume roads statewide
 - Approximately \$700,000 will be allocated for our region
 - The Hwy 45 and Hwy E project in Sedalia has been appropriated
 - No Governor's Cost Share jobs are currently underway
 - Governor's Cost Share funds are available

- Ms. Melissa Schmitz shared that the Traffic Engineering Assistance program (TEAP) funding is now available for fiscal year 2026. This allows for local public agencies to receive funding to study traffic engineering, safety, or operational issues. These projects require a minimum of a 20% local match.

IX. TAC County Reports

Johnson Co.

- Appreciation was expressed to Ms. Marisela Ward for the time she has taken to personally meet with individual jurisdictions including the City of Knob Noster.

Lafayette Co.

- The S curves on Hwy 23 continue to erode, with less soil after each rain.
- The Old Hwy 40 and speed limit signs need to be moved back.
- The sign at the Odessa exit has been repaired and put back up.
- Ms. Marisela Ward shared that new signs would begin going up soon.

Pettis Co.

- The coming growth of Sedalia was highlighted
 - Two new subdivisions with up to 500 and 600 homes each
 - A new Amazon last mile distribution center, and a new egg processing plant
 - A new 5,000-seat arena at the State Fairgrounds

Saline Co.

Multi-Modal

X. Other Business

a. Regional Freight Plan

Mr. Christopher Hess announced that the Regional Freight Plan has been completed, and is available with all supporting documentation on the PTRPC website.

b. Regional Needs List Updates Schedule

Mr. Eldon Preston gave a brief overview of the needs list update schedule, submission and scoring process.

XI. Next Meeting: October 16, 2025, at 6:15 PM

2025 TAC Meeting Dates
January 16, 2025
April 17, 2025
July 17, 2025
October 16, 2025

2025 Transportation Needs Update Schedule	
November 1, 2024	New transportation needs submission opens.
July 1 – July 30, 2025	Review of 2024 needs for project removal and updates
July 30, 2025	New needs submission closes.
August 29, 2025	Disseminate transportation prioritization score sheet to all TAC members.
October 3, 2025 (Score Deadline)	Member scores due at end of business for consolidation.
October 16, 2025 (regularly Scheduled meeting)	Final scores presented to members and recommendation of approval and recommendation to the Board of Directors requested.

XII. Adjournment

****Mr. David Brown moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Harold Hofflander, carried unanimously by an affirmative vote. ****

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Mark Edwards at 7:13 PM.

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