

# Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission

Transportation Advisory Council (TAC)

Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2024 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 18, 2024 at 6:15 PM at the Concordia Community Center with Chair Paul Engelman presiding.

## II. Members Present and Quorum Check

### TAC members present were as follows:

Paul Engelman	Phil Adlich	Tom Charette	John Marr
Richard Strobel	Kris White	Greg Swift	Adam Couch
Dane Plymell	Gary Bauer	Clark Fobian	David Brown
Bryan Berlin	Jack Harvey	Keith Windmeyer	

### TAC members not present were as follows:

Jimmy Tye	Bill Bernier	Phil Harris	Craig Williams
Randy Florence	Harold Hoflander	James Hill	Israel Baeza
Jim Marcum	Bill Taylor	Chris Marshall	Noah Shepard
Paul Porter	Stephanie Gooden	Jim Wiseman	Cindy Schroeder

### *A Quorum was Present*

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

Marisela Ward, KC District MoDOT Area Engineer	Melissa Schmitz, KC District Transportation Planning Coordinator
Katie Jardieu, KC District Senior Transportation Planner	Jamey Laughlin, Central Office BEAP Program Contact

### Others present were as follow:

Christopher Hess, Pioneer Trails RPC Principal Planner	Suzanne Taylor, Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce, Director
Miichael Teel, Great River Engineering Project Engineer	

## III. Guest Introductions

Mr. Engelman welcomed all present and asked all guests present to introduce themselves.

#### IV. Agenda Approval\*

Meeting agenda were provided via email to all members, media, and publicly posted prior to the meeting. Printed copies were also provided. No comments or discussion took place.

***\*Mr. John Marr moved to approve the July 18, 2024 agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Jack Harvey. The motion carried unanimously by an affirmative vote. \****

#### V. Bridge Engineering Assistance Program (BEAP) Presentation

Mr. Laughlin provided a brief presentation highlighting the application process and BEAP program. Program and eligibility questions can be sent to [Laughlin@modot.mo.gov](mailto:Laughlin@modot.mo.gov) or by calling 573-526-5167.

#### VI. Consideration of April 18, 2024 meeting minutes\*

Meeting minutes were provided via email to all members prior to the meeting. Printed copies were provided. No comments or discussion took place.

***\*Mr. Greg Swift moved to approve the April 18, 2024 minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Bryan Berlin. The motion carried unanimously by an affirmative vote. \****

#### VII. New Need Submission for Consideration in 2024 Needs Update\*

- **Multimodal Needs**

Mr. Hess explained the needs presented were identified in 2019 when TAC was requested to identify multimodal needs for the High Priority Unfunded Needs list for the first time. The projects identified were obtained through direct conversations with jurisdictional representatives and did not go through the prioritization process.

***\*Mr. Tom Charette moved to include the projects identified in the 2024 PTRPC Identified Needs List for prioritization, excluding the two Knob Noster projects presented due to prior completion, seconded by Mr. Clark Fobian. The motion carried unanimously by an affirmative vote. \****

- **Lafayette County Need**

Mr. Hess stated a need to take of the system repairs to Rte. FF from Higginsville to Jackson County Line was submitted by Commissioner Harold Hoflander.

***\*Mr. Adam Couch moved to include the submission to the identified in the 2024 PTRPC Identified Needs List for prioritization, seconded by Mr. Kris White. The motion carried unanimously by an affirmative vote. \****

- **Pettis County Need**

Mr. David Brown requested NW and SW bypass construction, as identified through an economic impact study by MoDOT in 1990, be added to the PTRPC Needs List for Prioritization. Mr. Hess provided background information of when the needs was removed from the list in 2022.

***\*The submission was not added due to the lack of a motion\****

### **VIII. New TAC Positions and Bylaw Changes**

Mr. Hess explained, as part of the new PTRPC and MoDOT fiscal years, new requirements for multimodal representation will require the TAC bylaws be amended. A copy of the approved procedure for amendment, and current bylaws were provided prior to the regularly scheduled meeting via email.

He further explained the RPC has been given the latitude to accommodate the requirement in any way it feels best fits the region. Three possible options were provided to be considered and discussed.

Additional changes to the bylaws were also provided for consideration that would implement a city of high population center position, and an automatic replacement of members who have abdicated the position by missing more than three meetings clause.

All comments and suggestions can be forwarded to Chris Hess at [chris@trailsrp.org](mailto:chris@trailsrp.org), or by calling 660-463-7934.

### **IX. Missouri Department of Transportation**

- Openings will be constructed along I-70 but will not be large enough for firetrucks. Concerns of traffic utilizing space to turn around by MoDOT were expressed.
- Lemon Trail bridge has an executed contract and is being surveyed now. Construction is expected in 2025. Nitrogen bridge improvements will be completed second. (Concerns regarding access during construction were stated)
- Bridge replacement along Hwy 50, east of Knob Noster, has experienced a lot of problems causing delays. Competition is now expected around September and October.
- Signal installation and improvement work has started at the Higginsville junction. Work is expected to be completed in November.
- Bridge near Leeton along Mo-2 has been delayed due to weather. The new completion date is estimated to be August 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Various resurfacing projects were announced:
  - Hwy 13 from Burns School Rd. to Rte. 20 – August 2024
  - Rte. D from 224 to I-70 – September 2024
  - Rte. DD in Knob Noster State Park – October 2024
  - Rte. Z from Lafayette County line to US-50 – September 2024
  - Rte. Z from I-70 to Johnson County line – September 2024
  - Hwy 13 N from Rte. Y to Henry County line – August 2024
  - Hwy 20 from Mo-213 to Rte. W – July 2024
  - US-65 N over Muddy Creek – Under construction, approximately 15% complete
- Hwy 13 improvements are tentatively scheduled for letting in April, 2025. ROW acquisition is expected to start in the next two months.
- J-turns are being considered for construction at Rebar Rd. and US-65 once Pettis Co. Cost Share project at Rte. HH is complete.
- TAP funding was awarded to the City of Slater and to Lafayette County.

- The next BRO call for projects will be in October.

## X. TAC County Reports

### Johnson Co.

- Gravel from Rte. FF onto Hwy 50 is creating slick conditions for vehicles.
- The exit ramp east bound and west bound from Hwy 50 at Warrensburg has large pothole in need of patching.

### Lafayette Co.

- Concerns were expressed about the resurfacing along Hwy 20 and the gravel shoulder. Representatives were assured gravel along the roadway would be replaced to match surface height.
- Drainage inlets at Rte. B in Corder at the railroad crossing have become clogged and water is overtopping the road during rain events.

### Pettis Co.

- No report given.

### Saline Co.

- Culvert clogged at Rte. YY and 165<sup>th</sup>.

## XI. Other Business

### a. Regional Transportation Needs Scoring Schedule

The scoring schedule will be sent to all members in the coming weeks. Scoring will take place between the months of August and September. Score confirmation and recommendation to the board will be on the regularly scheduled October TAC meeting agenda.

### b. TEAP Funding Reminder

The Transportation Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP) was discussed and conversation regarding eligible projects occurred. The application period is expected to open August 1, 2024 and close September 12, 2024.

### c. Removal of TAC Member

Mr. Marr informed all present Phil Harris has requested removal from the TAC.

***\*Mr. John Marr moved to remove Phil Harris as a representative of Johnson County on the PTRPC TAC, seconded by Mr. Tom Charette. The motion carried unanimously by an affirmative vote. \****

Mr. Hess also stated a letter of concurrence was provided by the RPC in support of improvements to the intersection of Rte. B and US 65. The request for concurrence was made by MoDOT at the instruction of the Missouri Highway Commission. The project is estimated to cost \$4.7 million.

## XII. Next Meeting: October 17, 2024, at 6:15 PM

## XIII. Adjournment

***\*Mr. David Brown moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Clark Fobian. The motion carried unanimously by an affirmative vote. \****

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Paul Engelman at 8:11 PM.

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