Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission

Transportation Advisory Council (TAC)
Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2026, 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 16, 2026, at 6:15 PM at the Concordia Community Center with Chair Keith Windmeyer presiding.

II. Introduction of guests

City of Concordia Alderman Beth Kruse was present and introduced as a guest.
Guest speaker Troy Flickinger of MoDOT was introduced as a guest.

III. Introduction of New TAC Members

No new TAC members were present.

IV. Members present and quorum

TAC members who were present are as follows:

Mike Schrage	Phil Adlich	Cameron Jackson	Richard Strobel
Josh Thompson	Slade Baker	Michael Brown	Gary Bauer
Israel Baeza	Jim Marcum	David Brown	Bill Taylor
Mark Edwards	Paul Porter	Bryan Berlin	Jim Wiseman
Jack Harvey	Stephanie Gooden	Greg Swift	Keith Windemeyer
Cindy Schroeder			

TAC multimodal members who were present are as follows:

None Present

TAC members who were not present are as follows:

Jimmy Tye	Rusty Sproat	John Marr	Randy Florence
Harold Hoflander	Amy Legate	Monica Ritter	James Hill
Clark Fobian	Ron Toellner		

A Quorum was Present

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

Melissa Schmitz, KC District Transportation Planning Coordinator	Cate Tucker, KC District Transportation Planner

Marisela Ward, KC District Area Engineer — Beth Peterson

Troy Flickinger
Multimodal Rail Safety Specialist

Others who were present are as follows:
Eldon Preston, Pioneer Trails RPC
Associate Planner

V. Approval of Agenda*

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

Mr. Cameron Jackson moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Michael Brown. The motion carried unanimously by an affirmative vote, with no additional discussion *

VI. Consideration of April 16, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes*

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

Ms. Stephanie Gooden moved to approve the April 16, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Cameron Jackson. The motion was carried unanimously by an affirmative vote, with no additional discussion. *

VII. MoDOT Multimodal Rail Program, presented by Multimodal Rail Safety Specialist, Mr. Troy Flickinger

Mr. Troy Flickinger gave a brief presentation regarding MoDOT's Multimodal Rail Program, and its availability to assist local jurisdictions with at grade rail crossing safety, and other issues. They assist with such things as maintaining or improving the physical crossing surface or geometry, updating/upgrading rail crossing safety technology (lights, gates, warning systems) or eliminating selected at grade rail crossings altogether. Safety Specialists are available to meet with counties or other jurisdictions to asses their rail crossings for safety concerns. They also work with Operation Lifesaver, which is a nationally recognized rail safety education program.

VIII. Consideration of Transportation Needs Additions, Update, or Removals*

Recommended transportation needs additions, updates, and removals were submitted to the RPC prior to this meeting. Updates, additions and/or removals were submitted from Johnson and Pettis Counties. Printed copies of the submissions were provided. These items were considered by the TAC in order by county.

***Mr. Bill Taylor moved to add the transportation needs submitted from Johnson County, seconded by Mr. Bryan Berlin. The motion was carried unanimously by an affirmative vote, with no additional discussion. Mr. Israel Baeza moved to add the transportation needs submitted from Pettis County, seconded by Ms. Stephanie Gooden. The motion was carried unanimously by an affirmative vote, with no additional discussion. Mr. Bill Taylor moved update the transportation need submitted from Pettis County, Seconded by Mr. Cameron Jackson. The motion was carried unanimously by an affirmative**

vote, with no additional discussion. Mr. Mark Edwards moved to remove the transportation needs submitted from Pettis County, seconded by Mr. Michael Brown. The motion was carried unanimously by an affirmative vote, with no additional discussion.

IX. Missouri Department of Transportation

MoDOT Program Updates

- Ms. Melissa Schmitz gave the following program updates:
    - Ms. Melissa Schmitz had no LPA updates to share at this time.
    - Ms. Schmitz reminded everyone that MoDOT is nearing the end of their fiscal year, and they need to get as much funding obligated as possible.

MoDOT Project Updates and TAC Requested Updates

- Ms. Marisela Ward gave the following project updates:
    - The 2027 – 2031 STIP has been approved (five-year cycle)
    - Ms. Marisela Ward gave an overview of the projects programmed in the STIP, by county, which will take place within the next three years.
    - She gave an overview of road and bridge projects in progress and those going to begin in FY2027.
    - The process of removing crossovers and adding J-turns on Hwy 50 will continue East to Sedalia.
    - The Hwy 13 project has unresolved right of way with several parcels, which will begin the condemnation process.
    - Pavement repairs on Hwy 20 in Saline County have begun this week.
    - The four-County signage replacement project is complete
    - The Nitrogen Bridge was demolished last week. Temporary access to I-70 is in place.
    - The Johnson County J-turn project on Hwy 50 should have been completed this week, but due to many days of heavy rain, it will not be completed until the end of July.
    - The bridge replacement on Hwy 50 West of Hwy 23 is completed.
    - Bridge replacements on Hwy 50 over Blackwater River and Butcher Branch Creek are in process.
    - The bridge over Turkey Creek on Hwy 65 should begin this summer. The project was let earlier this year, but no bids were received. It has been re-let and bids have been submitted.
    - The I-70 project should be fully completed by the end of 2030.
    - The Hwy 127 at Sweet Springs project will be delayed due to a $630,000 overbid and subsequent bid rejection. The City of Sweet Springs cannot cover this overage. It will be added to the I-70 project and should begin in May of 2027.

X. TAC County Reports

Johnson Co.

- No reports given

Lafayette Co.

- They have concerns regarding Old-65 in Waverly where the old bridge was removed and the roadway was cut off and re-routed. This area has a lot of grain truck traffic and the geometry of the new route is extremely difficult for these grain trucks to navigate the tight curve. Could MoDOT potentially open up the old lane, reconfigure it with a one-way route in and another one-way route out?
- The rock added to the curves on Hwy 23 on the South edge of Concordia has been very beneficial, even though it is a temporary fix.
- The Bates City bridge over I-70 is being built offline now, and the Johnson Dr. and the Johnson Drive bridge in Odessa is scheduled to begin next month.
- The bridges over the railroad will be replaced in early 2027, and Eastbound I-70 will be diverted onto Old 40 for about a year, making Old 40 very congested.
- Through a cost share through TAP grants Hwy 131 through Odessa is an excellent example upgrading a corridor for multi-modal access, and OO Hwy will also be repaved.
- The repaving of route CC from route E to Hwy 23 is complete

Pettis Co.

- No reports given

Saline Co.

- On Hwy 240 from Hwy 65 to the 41 junction MoDOT has previously done repairs, but made the conditions worse. Now they are doing repairs towards Glasgow, but he feels that the entire roadway is bad and needs a complete re-build. He asked why some sections of the roadway have been repaired multiple times, but not investing in a more permanent solution. Marisela stated that area does need a structural re-build, but they are working to keep it together until it can be budgeted for in the STIP.

Multi-Modal

- No reports given

XI. Other Business

a. MoDOT Long-Range Transportation Plan
Mr. Eldon Preston gave a brief reminder that the newly updated MoDOT Long Range Transportation Plan and the MoDOT STIP are available online

b. FTA 5311 Rural Public Transportation Call for Projects
Mr. Eldon Preston gave a brief reminder that the application window is open for rural public transit projects, through the FTA 5311 program.

c. Regional Needs List Update Schedule

Mr. Eldon Preston gave a brief explanation of the regional needs list timeline, update and scoring process.

XII. Next Meeting: October 15, 2026, at 6:15 PM

2026 TAC Meeting Dates
January 15, 2026
April 16, 2026
July 16, 2026
October 15, 2026

2026 Transportation Needs Update Schedule	
November 6, 2025	New transportation needs submission opens.
May 1 – May 30, 2026	Review of 2025 needs for project removal and updates
July 2, 2026	New needs submission closes.
August 28, 2026	Disseminate transportation prioritization score sheet to all TAC members.
October 2, 2026 (Score Deadline)	Member scores due at close of business for consolidation.
October 15, 2026 (regularly Scheduled meeting)	Final scores presented to members and recommendation of approval and recommendation to the Board of Directors requested.

XIII. Adjournment

***Mr. David Brown moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Phil Adlich, and was carried unanimously by an affirmative vote. ***

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Keith Windmeyer at 7:13 PM.

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