

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI REGIONAL PLANNING AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Summary
April 25, 2023**

The quarterly meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee did have a quorum present. The meeting took place on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at the SEMO Regional Planning Commission in Perryville, Missouri.

ATTENDEES

Board Members:

Chairman: Paul Koeper, Cape County – present
Vice- Chairman: Brent Buerck – present
Secretary: Randy Ruzicka, Ste. Genevieve County - present

Voting Members:

Leo Arnzen, Bollinger County - present	Mike Sauer, Perry County - present
Tim Shelby, Bollinger County - absent	Jay Wengert, Perry County - present
Trey Wiginton, City of Marble Hill- present	Ken Baer, City of Perryville - absent
Clint Tracy, Cape Girardeau County - absent	Harold Gallaher, St. Francois County – present
Stacy Kinder, City of Cape Girardeau - absent	Larry Forsythe, City of Farmington - absent
Jim Scaggs, Iron County - absent	Paul Hassler, City of Ste. Genevieve - absent
Shelby Chan, City of Pilot Knob - absent	Paul Monia, City of Bloomsdale - absent
Jason Green, Madison County - absent	David Shaw City of Desloge- absent
Larry Kemp, Madison County – present	
Travis Parker, City of Fredericktown - absent	

Alternative Voting Members:

Chad Hulvey, Bollinger County - absent	Jared Kutz, Perry County - absent
Kevin Cooper, Bollinger County - absent	Shawn Kay, City of Bonne Terre – absent
Charles Fischer, City of Marble Hill – absent	Greg Beavers, City of Farmington - absent
Stacey Kinder, City of Cape Girardeau – via zoom	Karen Stuppy, Ste. Genevieve County - present
Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson - absent	Happy Welch, City of Ste. Genevieve - present
Dwayne Warncke, Iron County - absent	Rick Drury, City of Bloomsdale - absent
Tom Stevens, Madison County - absent	Kary Buckley, St. Francois County - absent
Don Firebaugh, Madison County - absent	David Kater- St. Francois County- absent
James Settle, City of Fredericktown - present	Mark Marberry- Ste. Genevieve County- present
Keith Hoehn, Perry County - present	

At Large Members:

Mandi Brink, SEMO Port – absent
Crystal Jones, Perry County EDA - present
Ronnie Inman, New Bourbon Port - absent
Denny Ward, SMTS – absent

MoDOT Representative in Attendance:

Mike Brandon- via zoom

Staff and other individuals in Attendance:

Drew Christian, RPC	Ashley Baudendistel- City of Fredericktown
Kara Johnston, RPC	Ben Young- Iron County Commission
Alex McElroy, MPO- via zoom	

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Koeper at 2:02 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said followed by introductions.

Chairman Koeper requested a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Wengert moved to approve the agenda, Mr. Welch seconded, motion carried.

Chairman Koeper requested a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Wengert moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Welch seconded, motion carried.

Next was the nomination and election of officers. With the retirement of Commissioner Nelson, the position of secretary was vacant. Both Chairman and Vice-Chairman were also up for re-election. Mr. Wengert moved that the officers be kept the same with the nomination of Commissioner Ruzicka as Secretary. Mr. Buerck seconded this motion; motion carried.

Mr. Christian spoke on the status of the Cape Girardeau/Jackson MPO. Mr. McElroy from the MPO stated that they did not meet in January. The February meeting of the MPO will include discussion about the work plan. Mr. Christian added that he has been working on the 4 year TIP update.

Mr. Christian went over handouts for Blueprint for Safer roads. Data is limited as of now since it is year to date data. This only includes a few days. There were a couple counties that have had zero fatalities in the first days of the year. Chairman Koeper spoke up to the importance of wearing a safety belt while on the roads.

Mr. Christian then moved on discussion of the Prioritization Process. He stated that this is one of the most important jobs of TAC Committee. Mr. Tanz and himself will be meeting with everyone they can before the next TAC meeting. The online survey will also be going out. This is important to get a comprehensive list of projects to send to MoDOT. This helps MoDOT with STIP projects and Unfunded Needs projects. The finalization of the lists will be done in July.

Report From MoDOT Representatives:

Michael Brandon: Mr. Brandon spoke about how they removed many projects from the unfunded needs list this year. However, next year with the rising cost of inflation and the updates to the STIP not as many projects are going to be able to get done.

Reports on Issues or Concerns

Mayor Easter voiced concern about the large amount of trash and weeds on MoDOT roads in Cape Girardeau including the overpasses on HWY 55.

Chairman Koeper requested that Mr. Brandon invite others from MoDOT to the next meeting to discuss update on a few projects.

Commissioner Kemp asked about the delay in already scheduled projects completion. Mr. Brandon reported that consultants are getting harder to get responses from and contractors are backed up.

Other Business:

The next TAC meeting was set for April 25, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Welch moved to adjourn meeting; Mr. Wengert seconded; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.