

Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission

**Transportation Advisory Council (TAC)  
Meeting Summary**

November 19, 2009 Regular Meeting

**I. Call to Order**

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission (PTRPC) Transportation Advisory Council (TAC) was called to order on November 19, 2009 at 5:50 p.m. at the Concordia Community Center at 802 S. Gordon, Concordia, Missouri in Room 202 with Chairperson Bob Crumb presiding.

**II. Members Present and Quorum**

Everyone present introduced himself or herself.

The following TAC members were present: A.J. Utlaut, Gene Cassell, Dale Zank, Bill Kolas, Greg Swift, Dwayne Jackson, Gary Bell, John Marr, Phil Harris, Roxanne L. Hinton, Jim Marcum, Richard Strobel, Jerry Deardorff, Kenneth Dieckmann, Bill Beck, Cliff Jarvis, Don Eckhoff, John Hinz, Elson Summers, Bob Crumb and Mike Batie. A quorum was present.

Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) staff present were Hope Visconti, District 4 Transportation Planner; Roy Hogsett, District 2 Transportation Planner; Beth Wright, District 4 District Engineer; Dion Knipp, District 5 Transportation Planner and Jenni Jones, Central Officer Senior Transportation Planner.

Also present were Colleen Summers, guest; Linda Fischer, guest; Ron Burfeind, guest; Mildred Conner, guest and Nancy Heidrich, PTRPC.

**III. Consideration of meeting summaries of March 12, May 14, July 16 and September 10, 2009 meetings**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 12, May 14, July 16 and September 10, 2009 meeting summaries as presented. M/S Deardorff/Zank. Approved unanimously.**

**IV. TAC Membership update**

• **Status of amendments to TAC bylaws**

Chair Crumb reviewed the history of the TAC membership and quorum requirements. Chair Crumb reported that the proposed TAC bylaws amendments about changes to eligible votes per county and quorum requirements had been mailed to all TAC members. Resulting vote responses to the PTRPC office were received via United States Postal Service, email and telephone calls. Responses from voting TAC members included 23 votes approving the proposed amendments and one vote abstaining from voting for the proposed amendments. **The proposed amendments passed with a 72% majority.**

• **New TAC member appointments**

Chair Crumb welcomed the new TAC members present – Phil Harris, Dwayne Jackson and Mike Batie as well as MoDOT staff person, Jenni Jones, who will assume the transportation responsibilities formerly held by Eric Bernskoetter. Mr. Bernskoetter has assumed other MoDOT responsibilities.

## V. **Proposed “County Reports” for each TAC meeting**

Chair Crumb introduced the idea of each county presenting a report about transportation items pertinent to their county at every TAC meeting and asked for any comments TAC members would like to make.

- Mr. Hinz praised MoDOT staff on roadwork done on Highway 24.
- Mr. Dieckmann commented on the rumble stripes improving safety on the roadways.

## VI. **Election of 2010 TAC officers**

- History of rotation of the TAC Chair position between Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis and Saline counties was discussed. The next two counties up in the Chair rotation are Pettis and then Saline. The Vice Chair has typically moved into the Chair position after serving a term as the Vice Chair.
- Consensus of the group was that Cliff Jarvis, the Pettis County TAC Chair, would become the new TAC Chair beginning January 1, 2010. The TAC Vice Chair for TAC will be Greg Swift beginning January 1, 2010.
- **A motion was made followed by a second that beginning with the term of the newly elected TAC Chair, the Chair will serve a two-year term. M/S Hinz/Deardorff.** There was discussion about the possible advantages and disadvantages of having two-year terms. The motion failed with a majority of the voting members opposing the motion.
- Chair Crumb noted that he has been serving as an ex officio member of the MO Highway 13 Corridor Committee during this year. He noted the importance of communication between the TAC members and the MO Highway 13 Corridor Committee members. The TAC may consider continuing to designate a TAC member be a liaison between the two committees.

## VII. **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) status**

Ms. Heidrich reported that MoDOT staff stated that the 2009 PTRPC RTP has met the necessary MoDOT requirements and was therefore accepted by MoDOT. PTRPC staff plans to print final copies of the 2009 RTP with the proposed change to include a list of TAC members serving at the time the RTP was approved. Those present were encouraged to contact Ms. Heidrich if they would like a hard copy or compact disk (CD) of the 2009 RTP. The 2009 RTP will also be posted on the PTRPC Web site. Chair Crumb commended TAC members and staff for the work done on the RTP.

## VIII. **Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Announcements**

- Ms. Wright reported that safety improvements in the Pioneer Trails area had resulted in a 24% reduction in fatalities on the area’s roadways.
- Ms. Wright stated that transportation groups, e.g., Missouri Transportation Alliance (MTA), were advocating additional funding for transportation projects in Missouri.
- Ms. Wright said that in the near future, probably January or February 2010, the Pioneer Trails will have an opportunity to participate in a statewide transportation planning meeting at which those present will help determine transportation project priorities for Missouri if additional funds become available. *Moving Missouri Forward* is expected to inform the project priority selection.
- Mr. Hogsett reported that even though transportation funds are down, bids are coming in well.
- Mr. Knipp noted that MoDOT is completing asphalt work on the roadways.
- There was discussion about The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (Public Law 109-59; SAFETEA-LU), being extended until December 15, 2009.

**IX. Other Business**

- Chair Crumb discussed the importance of the TAC's role in transportation funding for the Pioneer Trails four-county area.
- Chair Crumb thanked District Engineer Beth Wright for her role in backing up and supporting the TAC and the Pioneer Trails' transportation priorities.

**X. Next meeting: January 14, 2010, 6:00 p.m., Concordia Community Center (with light meal buffet at 5:30 p.m.)**

**XI. Adjournment**

**A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. M/S Zank/Kolas.** Hearing no objections to adjourning, Chair Crumb adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

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