



**Harry S Truman Coordinating Council**

**TAC Meeting**

**Minutes from 3/29/23 – 11:30 a.m.**

107 N Jefferson St, Neosho, MO 64801

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**Voting members:**

David Osborn—Newton County, *Chair*  
Jamey Cope—McDonald County  
David Johnson—Barton County  
Lonnie Jordan—Seneca Special Road District

**ATTENDEES:**

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| Lyn—Seneca Special Road District Commissioner |                                                    |
| Cyndy Hutchings – <i>Seneca</i>               | Carrie Campbell— <i>HSTCC</i>                      |
| Jamie Arnall— <i>Granby</i>                   | Lane Osborn— <i>HSTCC</i>                          |
| Frank Miller— <i>MoDOT</i>                    | Madelyn Wood— <i>HSTCC</i>                         |
| Russ Worsley— <i>Lamar</i>                    | David Osborn— <i>Newton County</i>                 |
| Greg Dagnan— <i>Carthage</i>                  | Jamey Cope— <i>McDonald County</i>                 |
| Kim Ader— <i>MoDOT</i>                        | David Johnson— <i>Barton County</i>                |
| Marvin Morris— <i>MoDOT</i>                   | Lonnie Jordan— <i>Seneca Special Road District</i> |

**ATTENDED VIA ZOOM:** (delete if N/A)

Bree Pettengill – *Golden City*  
Aishwarya Shrestha—*SMCOG Planner*  
Elizabeth Bowen—*NWARPC Planner*  
Jackson Hotaling—*Missourians for Responsible Transportation*  
Craig Switzer—*MoDOT*  
Richard Leavens—*Neosho*  
Rachel Holcomb—*JATSO*

**Call to Order:** Chair David Osborn called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion to approve the 3/29/23's agenda by Jamey Cope. Russ Worsley seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Motion to approve the 2/1/23's minutes by Jamey Cope. Lonnie Jordan seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

**HSTCC Staff Business & Updates:**

*Bridges:*

Newton: Filmore bridge needs repaved, and the substructure fixed. Old E bridge in Granby is limited to 5-tons but often has vehicles too heavy for cross over it, which will cause further damage to the bridge. Marvin from MoDOT discussed different options for restricting semis to travel that road. Craig

explained that the roundabout on Hammer Rd in Neosho is still expected to begin this year, probably October, and will most likely be completed around June 2024.

McDonald: Added a low water bridge off 76 to Beaver Road and the county has experienced some wash outs recently due to flooding, which is a reoccurring issue with their low water bridges. Jamey discussed the needs and issues with various bridges within McDonald County. The low water bridge on Fry Road to SW City has lots of issues with flooding. Marvin discussed various potential options to solve the issues with low water bridges to help with future maintenance.

Barton: Russ Worsley explained how B highway has many of accidents on the bridge, it needs widen and straightened out for safety. It is a one lane bridge that needs widened.

Jasper: Duquesne bridge will be added to prioritization, it is currently at 90% failure rate. Rachel Holcomb explained Joplin's plan to widen Zora from Rangeline to 249 and adding a roundabout at Hall Street, in addition to improving shoulders for the railroad crossing there too. From Carthage, Greg Dagnan spoke about the Oak Street bridge which is on 96 Highway. It is owned by Union Pacific, a contract made from the 1800s, so they are responsible for maintenance of the bridge, but haven't kept up with maintenance. Carthage is struggling to find a solution regarding fixing the bridge. Oak Street bridge is still currently opened and closing it would affect tourism related to Route 66. There are four other bridges that need work done in town, two have been closed.

Elizabeth from NWARPC: They are continuing with the Safe Streets for All grant which effects part of McDonald County. They have several plans that are out for comments, which can be located on their website.

**Community Needs Survey & Unfunded List:** Motion made by Jamey to approve sending out the 2023 Transportation Needs & Prioritization Survey. Seconded by Russ. All in favor, none opposed.

Carrie discussed the survey for the new Transportation Needs list and all the new projects that will be added to the MoDOT Prioritization list. Votes will be made to change the Prioritization list after the survey is sent out. Frank Miller emphasized the need for clear and concise language regarding location of the roads/bridges on list and the importance of clarity on why/what the problem is when making the needs list. Surveys will be sent out soon.

#### **MoDOT Updates:**

Frank explained how inflation affects their projects and how they are having to push projects back a year, except for the most urgent ones. He explained the process of prioritization as: the communities help identify the needs and prioritize them, then MoDOT determines what goes into the construction program and the rest go into the unfunded list.

Melvin discussed the updates to various projects throughout the counties.

Craig Switzer went over future MoDOT projects such as resurfacing I-49 from OK to Rangeline, Route AA in Neosho to AR, and Business Route 76 in Anderson to Sarcoxie.

There will be many projects in 2024, some of which include US 60 Oklahoma to Monett resurfacing, resurface of business route in Neosho, intersection improvements in 6 locations on US 60, adding several roundabouts, resurfacing I-60, and an ADA multi-city cleanup project.

Carrie discussed several grants available such as the Safe Streets for All and the Active Transportation Grant, which helps with walkability in communities and is due April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Future TAC Dates:**

Wednesdays at 11:30 am -

June 14, 2023

August 16, 2023

December 13, 2023

**Next Meeting:** June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 11:30 am at Truman Council's building.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned by David Osborn at 12:35 p.m.

Motion to approve by David Johnson. Jamey cope seconded. All approved, none opposed.