TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
SCOTAC
August 18, 2026

The following are the TAC members present ("X"):

	Commissioners		***Appointed TAC Members 1***		***Appointed TAC Members 2***
X	Rodney Clouse		Travis Cheyney		Kirk Pueppke
X	Ralph Riggs		Beverly Hicks	X	Chris Henson
X	David Stubblefield, ***Secretary***		Jake Parker	X	Lee Reynolds
X	Terry Newton		Layne Nance		Jim Britt
	Beth Stewart-Long		Herman Kelly, ***Vice Chairman***		David Trotter
X	Scott Long	X	Ron Scheets		John Casey
X	Zachary Williams		Randy Pamperien, ***Chairman***		Tommy Kingery

Multimodal Members

	Wes Parks		Darryl Newcomb		Daniel Smith

SCOCOG staff present:

Trent Courtney	-	Executive Director
Angie Ball	-	Marketing Coordinator

MoDOT:
Joe Killian

Visitors:

Jeff Ledbetter	-	City of West Plains
Rene Frazier	-	OATS
Suzanne Welsh	-	City of Ava
Levi Woods	-	MoDOT (Zoom)
Alex Schroeder	-	MoDOT (Zoom)
Christy Evers	-	MoDOT (Zoom)
Kyle LePage	-	MoDOT (Zoom)
Lisa Durnell	-	Missouri District 154 Representative

In accordance of Section 4.8 of the TAC bylaws, Suzanne Welsh will be voting in place of Kirk Pueppke at this meeting.

David Stubblefield called the meeting to order at 11:07 AM. An introduction of guests and members was made at this time.

Motion to approve the June 16, 2026 minutes was made by Scott Long and seconded by Ralph Riggs. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Program Title:
"Multimodal Modes"
Alex Schroeder - MoDOT

Alex began by giving a review and overview of multimodal operations. Levi then spoke about his work with the port authority. He said that they provide administrative funding for public ports. He went over how that revenue is generated and added that they have $1 million that goes into this program. He said that Missouri also receives state ferry boat assistance, as well as capital improvement funding. He then presented information about the freight program and said that a 20% match for funding is required, with the goal being to move freight. In 2027, he said that there is $3.25 million in grants available. He said that he is also manager for the state freight rail plan.

Kyle said that he is administrator for aviation. He said that there are 520 airports statewide, 120 of those are for public use and thirteen are for private use, with 107 of those eligible for state and federal funds. The 120 are inspected by MoDOT and MoDOT is one of ten states that works with the block grant program. He discussed the state aviation trust fund and said that this is used for improvements. He added that Ava and Mansfield airports may get a seal coat next year. He then outlined the funding streams they use and said that each airport in the block grant program can get $150,000 per year. They can save those funds for up to four years to put toward a project.

Christy said that she is the administrator of transit and administers multiple programs throughout the state. She said that MoDOT does not operate a transit service, they only administer funds. She went through the programs she works with including the MEHTAP program which supports seniors and disabled; they receive approximately $5 million per year. She said that the state transit program supports transit providers and receives $4.2 million per year. On the federal side, this is more application based and the funding cycles depend on funding availability. She went through the 5304 program, as well as the FTA program, and the 5311 program, which supports transportation in rural areas. The section 5339 program provides bus and public transit funding.

Alex ended the presentation by saying that a representative will be available at the December TAC meeting to discuss railroads and funding. The group thanked them for presenting.

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

Southeast District Projects and Happenings – *MoDOT Reps.*

Joe said that Elquin is retiring and Melanie Elmore will be taking over on September 6. He made available information on the current work zone updates and said that the regional bridge program closes September 30. This time, they are asking for accurate and reasonable cost estimates per phase. He then went over the cost share program and said that since June, the new FY2027-2031 STIP has been approved and is available on the MoDOT website. He said that he will be performing a county road inventory. He said that if there are any aviation or multimodal needs, there will be a public meeting on Thursday at Ozark Foothills RPC from 4-6 p.m. Work is beginning on the asset management plan. He concluded by saying that MoDOT has a new pavement specialist, Trey Scott.

Open Discussion

The next TAC meeting will be held **December 15, 2026.**

There being no other business to discuss, motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ralph Riggs and seconded by Zach Williams. All were in favor. The motion carried at 11:59 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Angie Ball
Marketing Coordinator

Reviewed for Content,

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David Stubblefield
TAC Secretary