

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

SCOTAC

December 17, 2024

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

<i>Commissioners</i>	<i>Appointed TAC Members 1</i>	<i>Appointed TAC Members 2</i>
_____ Rodney Clouse	_____ Brad Loveless	_____ X Suzanne Welsh
X _____ Ralph Riggs	_____ Beverly Hicks	_____ X Brian Mitchell
X _____ David Stubblefield, <i>Secretary</i>	_____ Terry Cline	_____ Bob Robertson
X _____ Terry Newton	_____ Layne Nance	_____ Gary Collins
X _____ Beth Stewart-Long	_____ Herman Kelly, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	_____ David Trotter
X _____ Scott Long	X _____ Ron Scheets	X _____ Keith Cantrell
X _____ Zachary Williams	X _____ Randy Pamperien, <i>Chairman</i>	_____ Becky Davis

SCOCOG staff present:

Trent Courtney	-	Executive Director
Angie Ball	-	Communications and Marketing Coordinator
Brent Lidgard	-	Solid Waste Coordinator / Transportation Planner

MoDOT:

Elquin Auala
Joe Killian
Jonathan Smith
Melissa Rose

Visitors:

Daniel Smith	-	SMTS
Jeff Ledbetter	-	City of West Plains
Jake Parker	-	Oregon County
Darryl Newcomb	-	City of West Plains
John Casey	-	Texas County Associate Commissioner
Wes Parks	-	Retired City of West Plains
Erin Engelmeyer	-	Senator Hawley's Office
David Norman	-	Ava Mayor
McKenzie Tuttle	-	Missouri Extension Office

Randy Pamperien called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. An introduction of guests and members was made at this time.

Motion to approve the August 20, 2024 minutes was made by David Stubblefield and seconded by Scott Long. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Program: “The Future of Rural Transit in Missouri” – Daniel Smith, SMTS

Daniel gave the background of SMTS and discussed the challenges and pitfalls facing the agency at this time. He said that 50% of their funding comes from the FTA and MoDOT. The other half they are responsible for finding on their own. Their budget is approximately \$8 million per year. The minimum wage and insurance costs rising are going to be a problem next year. He also said that they have less and less drivers as time goes on. The lack of cell phone service and gps capabilities are issues as well. He said that in the future, electric vehicles will provide most riders with a better experience. He said that most of their drivers are retired at this time. Elquin asked if riders have to pay; Daniel explained the tiers. Trent asked about if riders are able to get rides back home after appointments; Daniel said that they do take riders home. Trent said that he has heard of concerns about return trips and added that SCOCOG would like to help with some of the issues they face. The group thanked Daniel for his presentation.

Old Business

New Business

Southeast District Projects and Happenings – *MoDOT Reps.*

Elquin discussed the past and future lettings and gave work zone updates.

Melissa said that there was one BRO application in the SCOCOG area, and that scoring will happen in January.

Joe discussed the Cost Share Program. He said that if there are questions, please ask him or Elquin. The next application cycle will be in April. Work is also being done on the STIP.

Addition of Multimodal Sector

Trent said that the COG’s were presented with three options, all including multi-modal. SCOCOG, Ozark Foothills RPC, and Meramec RPC have always left their multi-modal separate. The three options include: 1) Create a separate multi-modal board, 2) Create a separate multi-modal board with less members, 3) Just add members to the existing TAC. SCOCOG decided on option three. The members who will serve include: Daniel Smith, SMTS, Darrell Newcomb, City of West Plains, Wes Parks, Retired City of West Plains. Trent recommended adding those three to the existing TAC. Motion to approve the addition of the multimodal sector and its three representatives was made by Zach Williams and seconded by David Stubblefield. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Review and Approve TAC Bylaws

Trent said that the draft bylaws had been sent out and those propose to add three new members to the Board. They will be allowed to vote in April. They will have input on multi-modal issues, with the goal being to know the multi-modal side of transportation, which include airports, transit, etc. Brent added that after the first of the year, he will be holding public hearings in order to obtain needs for voting at the April TAC meeting.

Motion to approve the updated TAC bylaws with the addition of the multimodal was made by Scott Long and seconded by Zach Williams. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Appoint new TAC Representatives

This will be discussed next year, after office changes.

Open Discussion

Erin said that Senator Hawley is looking forward to serving for another six years. She said that if anyone needed assistance with social security, passports, etc., please let her know.

The next TAC meeting will be held **April 15, 2025.**

There being no other business to discuss, motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Zach Williams and seconded by Ralph Riggs. All were in favor. The motion carried at 12:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reviewed for Content,

Angie Ball
Communications and Marketing
Coordinator

David Stubblefield
TAC Secretary