



**Program Title:**  
***"Bridge Inspection"***  
***Melanie Elmore, MoDOT***

Melanie and Jerrod presented information on bridges in the region, and what the MoDOT District bridge engineers do, and what constitutes a bridge as well as the components of a bridge. They highlighted the importance of regular inspections and the types of inspections as well as the inspection process. They showed examples of bridges that need work, and examples of scour prevention and maintenance techniques. They took questions from the group and those present thanked them for their presentation.

**Old Business**

None at this time.

**New Business**

***Southeast District Projects and Happenings – MoDOT Reps.***

Elquin went through the closed out projects for the year, as well as past and future lettings. She also answered questions about projects in our region.

***Sidewalk Plan Updates – Brent Lidgard***

Brent said that the Active Transportation Plan for Birch Tree is finished, and the second year of projects will start with five more plans. He said he would meet with cities to form committees to perform walk audits for sidewalks. DHSS and MU are funding. Brent added that after the first of the year, meetings will be set up with the commissions to discuss the unfunded needs list.

Brent said that there is still an opening on the TAC for Texas County. Brent stressed the importance of filling that before the April voting.

Trent added that the sidewalk plans can be used to go after grant funding in the future.

**Open Discussion**

The next TAC meeting will be held **April 21, 2026.**

There being no other business to discuss, motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Scott Long and seconded by Beth Stewart-Long. All were in favor. The motion carried at 11:51 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Angie Ball  
Marketing Coordinator

Reviewed for Content,

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David Stubblefield  
TAC Secretary