

MINUTES
MO-KAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 26, 2025, 9:00 AM

VOTING MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Chet Owen – DeKalb County
Tad Wilson – City of Cameron
Richard Riddell – Clinton County
Mike O'Donnell – City of Cameron, Planning & Zoning
Brooke Bell – Andrew County *virtual*

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Adam Wood – MoDOT
Madison Woodward- MoDOT
Trevor Tutt – Mo-Kan Regional Council
Citlali Samano – Mo-Kan Regional Council
Tony McGaughy – Engineer, Buchanan County

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wyatt Fletcher – Missouri Senator (Buchanan County)
virtual

A meeting of the Mo-Kan Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was held at the Mo-Kan Regional Council office, 224 North 7th Street, St. Joseph, MO. Following discussions of the TAC ranking for the next funding cycle. Citlali Samano called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and took attendance. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the March 12, 2024, meeting was presented for approval. Richard Riddell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mike O'Donnell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Old Business:

1. Upcoming Lettings and Recent Awards – Adam Wood presented:

- Recent Project Awards: Bridge Rehab Andrew County (\$2,423,154 to Emery Sapp & Sons), Rte. 116 resurfacing (\$3,683,860 to Herzog), Rte. 6 resurfacing (\$4,226,412 to Herzog).
- Upcoming Bid Openings: March – Various Routes Scrub Seal.
- LPA Update:
 - 1. Bridge Program: 201 applications, 63 projects selected, \$54.6 million total, \$49.9 million in federal funds.
 - 2. Regional Bridge Team: 21 bridges selected, prioritizing district poor bridges, previous awards, and application rankings.
 - 3. Comments: Concerns about the ranking process; MoDOT plans workshops to support the next round of rankings and suggests delegating task updates to counties, saving costs by working with planning partners.

2. STIP & HPUN Updates:

- STIP: MoDOT may remove lower-priority bridges, freeing up \$40 million. Proposed alternatives include I-35 from Iowa to Eagleville and Highway 136 for a larger project. I-

70 funding is separate, but competition for contractors could drive up costs for other projects.

- HPUN: Funding adjustments for regions after removing bridge projects:
 1. Tier 1 Target: \$23,000,000, remaining balance: \$1,526,789
 2. Tier 2 Target: \$92,000,000, remaining balance: \$46,868,538
 3. Tier 3 Target: \$92,000,000, deficit: -\$3,419,759
 4. Mo-Kan Regional Council currently has 12 projects listed.

3. New Proposed HPUN Projects:

- Transportation Priorities: After discussions with County Commissioners, 3 projects were deemed viable for HPUN inclusion:
 1. Buchanan – Hwy 169 & NW Hwy VV (Gower)
 2. Clinton – Hwy 169 & Route Z (north of Trimble)
 3. DeKalb – MO 31 & Hwy P (Clarksdale)
- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A): For ineligible low-volume roads, Mo-Kan highlighted the SS4A program aimed at reducing fatalities. Projects can apply for up to \$25 million in funding. A regional meeting is set for March 24th at 1:00 PM at Mo-Kan's conference room, with a virtual option.

4. TAC Ranking: Four projects previously on the list have been expedited to STIP, removing them from the HPUN list. Buchanan's Route KK and Route H were removed due to low priority and a bridge removal. The three proposed projects were added to the TAC list.

New Business:

5. TAC Ranking:

- The meeting began with a discussion on the project ranking system, which combines both last year's high-priority funded needs and newly proposed projects. Seventeen projects were included in the ranking, with a voting process planned for further prioritization. Several items were identified for review, including projects associated with previous crashes. Additionally, the HPUN list will undergo a complete revamp this year due to its increased use by representatives and politicians. This includes reconsidering bridge replacements that were previously deemed unfunded, as they now align with a longer-term engineering plan. The prioritization of infrastructure projects placed low-volume road resurfacing under Tier 3, while high-priority projects are those with significant political and societal impact. Funding allocation discussions revealed that while funding is generally assigned based on pre-defined priorities, the execution order may shift depending on available resources.
- The results of the TAC ranking are as follows

TAC Ranking	County	Route	Project Description	MPO /RPC	Cost Est.	HPUN Current Tier	Previous TAC Ranking
1	Clinton	RT BB	Interchange improvements at Rte. BB (Cameron)	MKRC	6,059,492.00	2	1
2	Clinton	MO 116	Intersection improvement 116 and 169	MKRC	3,234,816.00	2	2
3	Clinton	RT PP	Bridge improvement over I-35	MKRC	3,554,304.00	3	9
4	Buchanan	RT AC	Improve US 36 interchange	MPO	5,845,000.00	1	7
5	Buchanan	MO 6	Interchange improvements at Rte. 6 and IS 29	MPO	24,050,000.00	2	11
6	Clinton	RT W	Pavement resurfacing from Rte. 116 to End of State Maintenance	MKRC	200,560.00	2	8
7	DeKalb	P Hwy/MO 31	Intersection Improvements	MKRC	2,000,000.00	N/A	N/A
8	Buchanan	RT A	Intersection Improvements at Rte. 371	MKRC	1,170,000.00	2	10

9	Andrew	RT O/W	Pavement resurfacing from Rte. D to Rte. Z	MKRC	906,931.00	1	4
10	Clinton	US 169/RT Z	Intersection Improvements	MKRC	2,000,000.00	N/A	N/A
11	DeKalb	RT O	Pavement resurfacing from Rte. N to MO 31	MKRC	343,280.00	2	16
12	Buchanan	RT Y	Pavement resurfacing from Rte. DD to Platte County	MKRC	721,280.00	1	13
13	Andrew	RT UU	Roadway resurfacing on Rte. UU from Rte. V to Rte. P	MKRC	695,565.00	2	14
14	Buchanan	IS 29	Interchange improvements at Rte. 169 (South Junction)	MPO	23,400,000.00	3	18
15	Buchanan	RT AB	Pavement resurfacing from MO 6 to US 36	MKRC	167,860.00	2	15
16	Buchanan	US 169/RT VV	Intersection Improvements	MKRC	2,000,000.00	N/A	N/A
17	Buchanan	US 59	Flood resiliency – Rte. 45 to Missouri River	MKRC	12,870,000.00	3	17

- A discussion was held on the Multi-Modal needs list, focusing on railroad bridges, easement acquisitions, and bridge conversion projects, including a proposed rail trail in Clinton and Buchanan County. Concerns were raised about the impact of easement acquisitions on businesses, requiring ongoing negotiations. Ownership and maintenance responsibilities for bridge conversions remain uncertain, with potential financial risks if not carefully managed. Further investigation into bridge projects, including inspection histories and restoration costs, was requested. Land acquisition for trail development is challenging, especially when private property is involved or no rail lines exist, with alternatives like using existing right-of-ways suggested. The meeting also covered bridge projects, right-of-way acquisition in Cameron, and the challenges of land acquisition for trail projects, which can take years. A pedestrian bridge in Cameron was discussed, with potential impacts from city management changes on project priorities. Lastly, concerns about property lines and train traffic for a west-side bridge project were raised, with further investigation and clarification expected from MoDOT.
- The Multi-Modal Needs list is as follows:

TAC Ranking	County	Route	MPO /RPC	Project Description	Cost Est.	Improve Multi-Modal Transportation Options
1	Buchanan	CRD Airport RD	MPO	Relocation to fuel systems at Rosecrans Memorial Airport	4 million	Aviation
2	Buchanan	CRD Airport RD	MPO	General Rehabilitation at Rosecrans Memorial Airport	5 million	Aviation
3	Buchanan	CRD Airport RD	MPO	SRE Building at Rosecrans Memorial Airport	3.9 million	Aviation
4	Buchanan	CRD Airport RD	MPO	Rehabilitate Taxiway B at Rosecrans Memorial Airport	6 million	Aviation
5	DeKalb	IS 35	MKRC	Convert abandoned RR bridge over I 35 for pedestrian use in Cameron	1.1 million	Active Transportation
6	Buchanan	Atchison to Rushville	MKRC	Convert abandoned RR line from the swing bridge in Atchison to Rushville	6.9 million	Active Transportation

- It was noted after the meeting that the RR Bridge in Cameron over I-35 is not maintained by MoDOT. However, it is unclear whether the City of Cameron holds responsibility for its maintenance or if ownership remains with the former railroad company. For now, the

project will remain on the list and be included in a list of potential projects for Mo-Kan to consider for future funding opportunities.

Other Business:

1. **Next TAC Meeting:** The next meeting is in the Fall *tentative*.

McGaughy made a motion to adjourn. Chet Owen seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 9:39 AM.