

SOUTH CENTRAL OZARK COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

# FY 2026 Transportation Planning Work Plan

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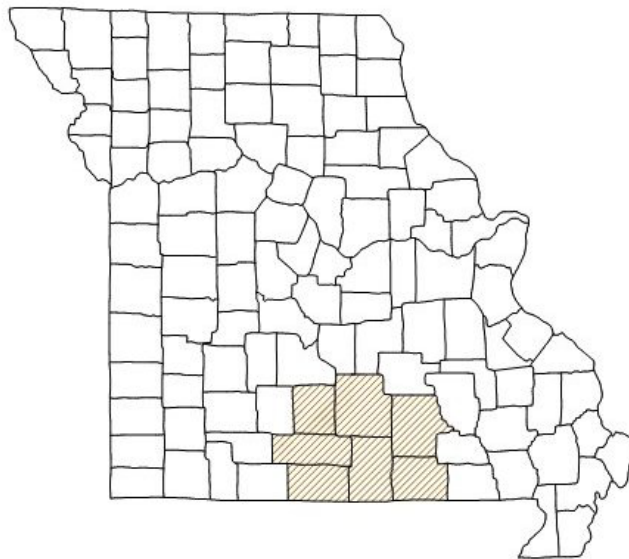
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South Central Ozark Council of Governments (SCOCOG) is designated as a “Transportation Planning Partner” and is charged with the responsibility of identifying local and regional transportation needs, prioritizing transportation needs, educating the public and general transportation stakeholders about the transportation planning and investment process, and coordinating transportation improvements with local, regional, and state development activities. To fulfill this responsibility and engage local leaders, the Board of Directors approved a policy that establishes the process for appointing representation of the region’s Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). The policy was developed to provide an equitable and established process for appointing members to the committee.

The TAC plays an important role in the transportation planning process. The TAC is assigned the duty of identifying and prioritizing transportation needs within the region and recommending these priorities to the SCOCOG Board of Directors. The board approved TAC recommendations are then presented to MoDOT for consideration in the development of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP is the tool used by the Missouri Department of Transportation to make critical transportation investments in the State of Missouri.

The TAC consists of the seven presiding commissioners from the SCOCOG region, and two additional appointees from each member county. The MMTAC consist of three members.

#### FY 2026 TAC Roster:

	<b>Presiding Commissioner</b>	<b>Appointed TAC Members 1</b>	<b>Appointed TAC Members 2</b>
<b>Douglas County:</b>	Rodney Clouse	Travis Chaney Associate Commissioner	Kirk Pueppke Mayor
<b>Howell County:</b>	Ralph Riggs	Beverly Hicks City Administrator	Brian Mitchell Transportation Director
<b>Oregon County:</b>	David Stubblefield	Jake Parker Associate Commissioner	Bob Robertson Thayer Special Road
<b>Ozark County:</b>	Terry Newton	Layne Nance Associate Commissioner	Jim Britt Associate Commissioner
<b>Shannon County:</b>	Beth Stewart-Long	Herman Kelly Associate Commissioner	David Trotter Citizen
<b>Texas County:</b>	Scott Long	Ron Scheets City Administrator	Scott Ogden Mayor
<b>Wright County:</b>	Zachary Williams	Randy Pamperien Associate Commissioner	Becky Davis City Administrator
<b>Multi-Modal Roster Alternative 3</b>	Daniel Smith SMTS Director	Wes Parks Citizen	Darryl Newcomb Transit City of West Plains

**Task One - Administration****Purpose:**

*This task covers general administration tasks related to the execution of the contract to include, but not limited to: accounting, reporting, performance evaluation and general correspondence. All reporting will follow the guidelines described in 23 CFR 420.117(b), as well as maintain the required documentation for work elements as described in 23 CFR 420.111. This is necessary for reimbursement of planning funds from MoDOT and provides the audit detail to justify the continued funding availability.*

**End Documents:**

- Invoices
- Activity and financial reports, on agreed upon timeframe
- FY 24/25 Performance Evaluation
- FY 25/26 Transportation Planning Work Plan
- Financial audit
- Direct/Indirect Cost Documentation
- Title VI update, if required

**Prior Year Accomplishments:**

- Staff completed and submitted quarterly financial reports to MoDOT within 30 days of the end of each quarter
- Staff completed and submitted quarterly activity reports to MoDOT within 30 days of the end of each quarter
- Staff reported on transportation planning activities, needs and prioritization process, and major project investment activities to general membership and transportation stakeholders
- Prepared correspondence with various emails from MoDOT staff, TAC members and local stakeholders

**Task Deliverables:**

<b>Task Description</b>	<b>Staff Assigned</b>	<b>Estimated Completion Date</b>
Submit invoices/financial reports on agreed-upon timeframe.	Fiscal Officer	May 30, 2026
Prepare and submit progress and activity reports on agreed-upon timeframe. (At least quarterly)	Fiscal Officer	May 30, 2026
Prepare and submit annual performance evaluation on time.	Fiscal Officer	April 21, 2026
Prepare and submit the annual work plan on time.	Fiscal Officer	May 18, 2026
Provide certification of direct and/or indirect costs, as required.	Fiscal Officer	May 30, 2026
Complete audit and share audit report with the Office of Administration.	Fiscal Officer	May 30, 2026
Prepare update of Title VI plan, if applicable. (Due on a three-year cycle.)	Transportation Planner	May 30, 2026
<b>Total Staff Hours:</b>	26	

**Budgeted Funds:**

<b>Total Task Expense:</b>	<b>\$1,741</b>
MoDOT 80% Share:	\$1,392.80
RPC 20% Share:	\$348.20

## Task 2 - Core Planning Activities/Public Engagement

### Purpose:

*To cover all planning and public engagement activities necessary to complete the identified activities, including regional needs identification and prioritization; updating the Regional Transportation Plan, including needs and priorities, data, multi-modal asset and prioritization information and sidewalk inventories, assessments and mapping; engaging the citizens, stakeholders, TAC and board to ensure a complete and accurate needs list; develop a new regional multi-modal needs list; supporting statewide planning efforts and participating in MoDOT sponsored event and studies; maintaining and upgrading our office meeting space, and holding at least four Transportation Advisory Committee meetings per year. This task will also include all activities that encourage public engagement and education and enhance the general transportation for the region, including activities that provide opportunities to interface with the public, such as attending public hearings, hosting forums and workshops, TAC meetings, board meetings, newsletters, social media and other methods of communication and information sharing with the public. Planning activities may include (but are not limited to) GIS development, data generation, provision of traffic counts at various sites within the region, local development trends and assistance with local financing options for communities.*

### End Documents:

- Updated version of the Regional Transportation Plan
- Update Regional Transportation Needs
- Inventory of transportation stakeholders (all modes) with contact information
- FY2026 TAC Priorities for the region submitted to MoDOT
- GIS/maps as developed
- TAC agendas, minutes, and other documents used to conduct at least four TAC meetings throughout FY25

### Prior Year Accomplishments:

- Staff, in conjunction with the TAC, worked to update the list of needs and ranked priorities in the RTP at the April 2025 TAC meeting
- Updated a portion of the GIS work related to Sidewalk Inventory and Assessment, and redistributed data to all communities within the region
- Updated the RTP document in 2025
- Continued to compile a regional transportation stakeholder list for inclusion in the RTP
- Staff attended meetings with MoDOT SE District personnel to discuss developments within the region
- Staff facilitated meetings in numerous communities to discuss transportation needs and planning activities related to the TAC and the statewide planning framework.
- Staff assisted with the application process for a West Plains TAP Grant
- Transportation improvement project development in several cities within the region.
- Staff provided GIS services to the region including numerous city maps
- Assisted with FY24/25 application development for CDBG Street – General Infrastructure Grants for multiple communities
- Attended MoDOT annual RTP and STP process meetings
- The COG convened four TAC meetings

- Developed 2025 calendar year TAC Priorities for the region
- Completed administrative tasks related to public meetings including agenda and meeting minutes
- Staff distributed information to transportation stakeholders on the major investment prioritization activities
- Staff attended public meetings on scheduled transportation improvement projects
- Prepared for and attended Executive Committee and SCOCOG full board meetings
- Coordinated and facilitated meetings with member communities of the South Central Region in order to stay well-informed of local transportation needs relating to community growth and economic development

### Task Deliverables:

Task Description	Staff Assigned	Estimated Completion Date
Participate in MODOT sponsored events and processes, including Statewide Planning Partners meeting and district level meetings and periodic MODOT leadership calls. District level meetings include district prioritization meetings, high-priorities, unfunded needs prioritization meeting and project selection meetings for TAP and BRO projects.	Executive Director Transportation Planner	June 30, 2026
Provide regional needs identification and project prioritization, that include public input, for use in the STIP development	Executive Director Transportation Planner	June 30, 2026, Ongoing
Provide identification and prioritization of Tier 1, 2 and 3 High Priority, Unfunded Needs for use in statewide planning	Executive Director Transportation Planner	June 30, 2026, Ongoing
Provide support towards the development of statewide planning efforts.	Executive Director Transportation Planner	June 30, 2026, Ongoing
Engage in specific MODOT transportation studies conducted by MODOT.	Executive Director Transportation Planner	June 30, 2026, Ongoing
Update Regional Transportation Plan, to include Needs and Priorities, including soliciting, fielding and following needs submitted by citizens; updated data gathered from Census, cities, counties and other sources; updated list of transportation stakeholders; update of multi-modal asset and prioritization information and update sidewalk assessments/mapping.	All Staff	June 30, 2026, Ongoing
Hold at least four TAC meetings, including preparation of agendas, minutes, other documents, coordinate speakers, prioritize needs and submit annual report.	Transportation Planner	June 30, 2026, Ongoing
<b>Total Staff Hours:</b>	975	

### Budgeted Funds:

<b>Total Task Expense:</b>	<b>\$49,910.00</b>
MoDOT 80% Share:	\$39,928.00
RPC 20% Share:	\$9,982.00

### Task 3 - Professional Development

#### Purpose:

*Includes activities necessary to support transportation planning staff activities. RPC will partner with MACOG on coordination of transportation planning activities, including fiscal officer's quarterly meetings, transportation planner's quarterly meeting, transit and bike/ped information, and other transportation-related work to benefit RPCs. This category should also include any memberships to professional, state or national organizations and other staff activities to stay current on transportation issues and trends.*

#### End Documents:

- Certificates of achievement
- Conference attendee staff reports
- Professional organization membership

#### Prior Year Accomplishments:

- Staff attended monthly and quarterly MACOG meetings
- Staff attended the Missouri Statewide Planning Conference
- Staff attended several workshops and webinars relating to economic development, public transit, and environmental protection
- Staff participated in Community Development Block Grant training
- SCOCOG retained membership to various professional organizations (MACOG, DRA, APA)
- SCOCOG staff participated in numerous transportation-related webinars

#### Task Deliverables:

Task Description	Staff Assigned	Estimated Completion Date
Attend MACOG meetings and MACOG annual professional development conference	Executive Director	June 30, 2026
Participate in quarterly transportation planner's workgroup.	Transportation Planner	June 30, 2026
Costs associated with participation in transportation-related conferences, webinars, workshops, etc.	Transportation Planner	June 30, 2026
Complete LPA Certification for at least 1 staff member	Executive Director Transportation Planner	June 30, 2026
<b>Total Staff Hours:</b>	149	

#### Budgeted Funds:

<b>Total Task Expense:</b>	<b>\$10,659</b>
MoDOT 80% Share:	\$8,527.20
RPC 20% Share:	\$2,131.80

## Task 4 - Multi-Modal

### Purpose:

*This task encompasses planning and public engagement activities to expand the TAC's membership and size to incorporate multi-modal committee positions, reflective of the region. New positions would be filled by multi-modal representatives/subject-matter experts who have an understanding of multi-modal transportation needs in the region.*

### End Documents:

- Documentation that the TAC has been expanded to include additional positions focused on multi-modal transportation in the region, and related documents such as updated membership list, updated TAC bylaws to reflect new positions.
- Agendas, minutes, sign-in sheets and other meeting hand-outs, documenting the inclusion of new members, increase emphasis and discussion of multi-modal needs.
- Any multi-modal GIS/maps as developed
- Any multi-modal assessments, inventories and plans that may have been developed.
- Certificates from any completed trainings.

### Prior Year Accomplishments:

- Added three Multi-Modal Representatives to TAC Board
- Included Multi-Modal needs to TAC Agenda in Discussion

### Task Deliverables:

Task Description	Staff Assigned	Estimated Completion Date
Maintain and coordinate the RPC's expanded Transportation Advisory Committee to include multi-modal positions reflective of the region. Continue to enhance the process that includes public engagement for selecting multi-modal representation on the TAC.	Executive Director	June 30, 2026
Incorporate presentations from MODOT multi-modal divisions into TAC meetings to increase TAC/staff capacity and understanding of various modes. Document meetings through agendas, minutes, sign-in sheets.	Transportation Planner	June 30, 2026
Maintain/update an inventory of multi modal transportation stakeholders with contact information.	All Staff	June 30, 2026
Create/update sections of the Regional Transportation Plan to reflect multi-modal inventory, needs, service providers, stakeholders, High-Priority, Unfunded Multi-modal needs, and incorporate maps/GIS as needed.	Transportation Planner	June 30, 2026
Work with TAC to update and prioritize regional multi-modal needs list and develop Multi-Modal High Priority, Unfunded Needs (HPUN) list to be approved by RPC board and submitted to MODOT.	All Staff	June 30, 2026
Attend meetings, trainings and conferences to expand knowledge of modes.	Transportation Planner	June 30, 2026
Participate in MODOT multi-modal meetings as requested.	Transportation Planner	June 30, 2026

<b>Total Staff Hours:</b>	133	
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**Budgeted Funds:**

**Total Task Expense:**           **\$8,750**

MoDOT 80% Share:           \$7,000

RPC 20% Share:               \$1,750

RPO: **South Central Ozark Council of Governments****ALLOCATION BY TASKS**

Task	Description	Estimated Expenses	Estimated Staff Hours
1	Administration	1,741	26
2	Core Planning Activities/Public Engagement	49,910	975
3	Professional Development	10,659	149
4	Multi-Modal	8,750	133
<b>Total Project Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 71,060</b>	<b>1,284</b>
80% MoDOT Allocation		\$ 56,848	
20% Local Allocation		\$ 14,212	

**ESTIMATED ALLOCATION BY LINE ITEM**

	Estimated Staff Hours		
	Staff Salaries & Fringe	71,060.03	
	Printing	1,100.00	
	Copies	110.00	
	Postage	200.00	
	Travel Expenses-Mileage	5,800.00	
	Travel Expenses-Lodging	5,000.00	
	Travel Expenses-Meals / Meetings Expense	3,100.00	
	Conference Registration & Memberships	4,000.00	
	Equipment, Software, & Supplies	3,000.00	
	Indirect Expenses	14,005.51	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 107,375.54</b>	

<b>Total Project Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 107,375.54</b>
80% MoDOT Allocation	\$ 85,900.43
20% Local Allocation	\$ 21,475.11

**SCOCOG Staff**

Executive Director. ....Trent Courtney  
Transportation Planning Manager.....Brent Lidgard  
Fiscal Officer.....Kelly Wise  
Communications and Marketing Coordinator.....Angela Ball  
Community Development Specialist.....Melanie Barnett  
Community Development Specialist.....Sarah Callahan  
Community Development Specialist .....Jess Moran  
Community Development Specialist.....Jessica Green  
Planner.....Jenni Collins

## SCOCOG EDD Board Membership Roster

Revised 05-2025

**1. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES (51-65%) 25 – 32 Members**  
**Thirty-one (31) Government Representatives, which equals 58% (rounded).**

*Elected officials and/or employees of a general-purpose unit of state, local or Indian tribal government who have been appointed to represent the government.*

	Name	Government	Position	Count
1	Rodney Clouse	Douglas County	Presiding Commissioner	1
2	Ralph Riggs	Howell County	Presiding Commissioner	2
3	David Stubblefield	Oregon County	Presiding Commissioner	3
4	Terry Newton	Ozark County	Presiding Commissioner	4
5	Beth Stewart-Long	Shannon County	Presiding Commissioner	5
6	Scott Long	Texas County	Presiding Commissioner	6
7	Zachary Williams	Wright County	Presiding Commissioner	7
8	Kirk Pueppke	City of Ava	Mayor	8
9	Linda Bunch	City of Brandsville	Mayor	9
10	Charry McCann	City of Mountain View	Mayor	10
11	Mike Topliff	City of West Plains	Mayor	11
12	Adam Webb	City of Willow Springs	Mayor	12
13	Wesley Buckner	City of Alton	Mayor	13
14	Jennifer Johnson	City of Koshkonong	Mayor	14
15	Donna Martin	City of Thayer	Mayor	15
16	Tony Johnson	Village of Bakersfield	Mayor	16
17	Deanna Gail Reich	City of Gainesville	Mayor	17
18	Jonathan Humbert	Village of Theodosia	Chairman of the Board, ProTem	18
19	Louis Colaianna	City of Birch Tree	Mayor	19
20	Margie Cleary	City of Eminence	Mayor	20
21	Michael Phoenix	City of Winona	Mayor	21
22	Danny Cannon	City of Cabool	Mayor	22
23	Sam Kelly	City of Houston	Mayor	23
24	Scott Ogden	City of Licking	Mayor	24
25	Justin Copley*	Village of Plato	Chairman of the Board	25
26	Gene DeWitt	Village of Raymondville	Chairman of the Board	26
27	Chris Bryant	City of Summersville	Mayor	27
28	Jessica Vandergrift	City of Hartville	Mayor	28
29	Derrick Neal	City of Mansfield	Mayor	29
30	David Todd	City of Mountain Grove	Mayor	30
31	Steven Jarrett	City of Norwood	Mayor	31
	* Tony Floyd appointed to represent Plato			

2. NON-GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES (35-49%) 17 – 24 Members  
 Eighteen (18) Private and or Stakeholder sector reps, which equals 34% (rounded).

A. Private Sector Representatives: Any senior management official or executive holding a key decision-making position, with respect to any for-profit enterprise. (At least one required)

	Name	Company / Enterprise	Position	Count
1	Randall Combs	Alton Bank	President	32
2	Gary Collins	Gary Collins Farms	Owner	33
3	John Casey	Cabool Lock & Store Storage	Owner	34
4	Tommy Kingery	TK Investments, LLC	Owner	35
5	Wes Parks	CAPS Plus Embroidery	Owner	36
6	Craig Cunningham	Cunningham Construction	Owner	37
7	Gus Ramseur	Community First Banking Company	VP/Commercial Lender	38
8	Darlene Sorensen	MasterWorks Custom Home Design	Owner	39
9	Todd Shanks	Ozark Heritage Welcome Center	Director	40
10	Herman Kelly	Kelly's Auto Body	Owner	41
11	Scott Cecil	State Farm Insurance	Agent	42
12	Reid Grigsby	BURO Office Supply	Owner	43
13	Lawson Curtis	Woods and Water Taxidermy	Owner	44
14	Chris Degase	Degase Farms	Owner	45

B. Stakeholder Organization Representatives: Executive directors of chambers of commerce, or representatives of institutions of post-secondary education, workforce development groups or labor groups. (At least one required)

	Name	Organization	Position	Count
15	Judy Shields	Ava Chamber of Commerce	Executive Director	46
16	Josh Cotter	South Central Career Center	Director	47
17	Jody James	South Central Workforce Investment Board	Executive Director	48

3. AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES (0-14%) 0 – 7 Members  
 Four (4) At-Large members, which equals 8% (rounded).

Other individuals who represent the principal economic interests of the region. (No minimum required)

	Name	Organization	Position	Count
1	Randy Pamperien	Transportation	Retired MoDOT	49
2	Dick Salgado	Economic Development Committee / Ava Area Chamber of Commerce	Chairman	50
3	Shelly Bland	Shannon County	Clerk	51
4	Kathleen Morrissey	Retired MSU / West Plains Council on the Arts	Volunteer	52

Total membership count

53

CALCULATIONS

Number

Percent

1. Government Representatives (51-65%)	31	58%
2. Non- Government Representatives (35-49%)	18	34%
A. Private Sector Representatives (at least 1)	14	
B. Stakeholder Organization Representatives (at least 1)	3	
3. At-Large Representatives (0-14%)	4	8%
<b>Total Board Membership</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>100%</b>