



**Mississippi River Parkway Commission  
Transportation Committee Annual Meeting  
September 19 | 2:00 PM-4:30 PM**

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**MINUTES**

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- I. Introductions:** Al Lorenz, WI; Lisa Walsh, IA; Jim LeFevre, KY; Francis Schelfhort, WI; Liat Bonneville, WI; Terri McCullough, AR; Carol Zoff, MN
- II. Approve 2109 Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes** Motion by KY,  
Second by IA, approved.
- III. Great River Road Ten-State Corridor Management Plan  
Implementation**

Between the Semi-Annual Transportation Committee meeting and the Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee and Standing Committee Chairs conducted four teleconferences to discuss and set priorities for CMP implementation. This work and CMP implementation already underway was presented during the Sept 18 General Session, attended by WiDOT Secretary Designee Craig Thompson, whose comments supported the work.

*Mapping/Data:* Below is a summary of the print, website and mobile app content that can be enhanced by our efforts to incorporate GIS-data as per the CMP. Since the last teleconference National Office has already made improvements to the app and website maps. Transportation reviewed the list and prioritized the assets below identifying next steps as noted.

- a. **GRR alignment** Transportation Next Step: Determine which states alignment has been revised since 2016, when they were last provided to MRPC by the DOTs. (Minnesota's has been revised due to a safety project)
- b. Network of Interpretive Centers **Culture & Heritage**
- c. **Rest areas, TICs, overlooks, waysides** Transportation Next Step: Work with Marketing to determine if they would add this type of resource to the online and app mapping. If yes obtain the data from each state and provide to National Office for incorporation into the platforms.
- d. Interpretive panels in R/W **Culture & Heritage**
- e. Ag tourism **ERA**
- f. Locks and Dams **Culture & Heritage**
- g. State Parks **ERA**
- h. City Parks **ERA**
- i. Cities **Marketing**
- j. Scenic Views **Marketing**



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The CMP also recommends utilizing the following data for road analysis and management, as well as potentially for marketing. With the exception of GRR wayshowing, these are generally seen as a lesser priority due to the MRPC's limitations to conduct analysis, and the likelihood of inconsistency between the states.

- a. **GRR wayshowing** **Transportation Next Step: Determine which states have GIS data for their GRR wayshowing. Consider how to view and assess the data, either by individual state or as a combined database map.**
- b. MRT alignment **Transportation**
- c. MRT wayshowing **Transportation**
- d. Scenic easements & scenic areas **Transportation**

#### **IV. Transportation Committee Leadership Succession Planning**

The MRPC Bylaws suggests leadership development by recommending "At the Annual Meeting, each technical committee shall select a chair and vice-chair. The selection must be made with representatives of all 10 states voting. Selection may be made via conference call or e-mail. Chairs may serve 3 subsequent terms."

Carol Zoff began as Co-Chair with Sid Babin, LADOTD in 2002. With a professional goal of development and approval of the 10-state GRR CMP accomplished and due to new responsibilities at MnDOT, it is time to identify a new set of Transportation Co-Chairs to lead the states in its implementation.

To help us consider Transportation's future Co-Chairs we reviewed the attached MRPC Transportation Committee Roster and others, primarily State DOT staff, who have participated in the Committee teleconferences during CMP development. We encourage all of those listed to consider the opportunity to serve and to seek preliminary approval from their agency leadership and State Chair in preparation for the next Transportation Committee teleconference, or the Semi-Annual meeting at the latest.

Pilot McCullough offered her support to help encourage DOTs to approve staff who can serve as Co-Chair.

#### **V. Reviving America's Scenic Byways Act of 2019**

Became Public Law No: 116-57 on 09/22/2019. This bill requires the U.S. Department of Transportation to issue a request for nominations with respect to roads to be designated under the national scenic byways program and make publicly available a list specifying the roads designated.

During General Sessions discussion was led by Pilot McCullough to consider if the MRPC would pursue All American Road designation for the 10-state Great River Road. While not all states were present, all that were seemed generally supportive of it, even



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getting into which of the intrinsic resources would be identified as the second, in addition to Historic which was used for initial National Scenic Byway designation.

Transportation will be a lead on the designation process, but the effort will require all four standing committees, BOD and full state commissions to apply. The Ten-State GRR CMP is well timed to use as an attachment and for application content. In addition, each state should review their current CMP to make sure it is ready for use and consider which intrinsic resource they would recommend all ten-states use as the second.

Next Step: The next FHWA Byway Coordinators' Teleconference is Wednesday, October 16, 2019 from 2:00-3:00 ET and the designation process is on the agenda. Many of the Transportation Committee members serve as state coordinators, so we ask that if they participate they share what is learned to help MRPC understand the process and guide the GRR application.

We are especially interested in learning more about multi-state applications, if states will need to apply individually, and what happens if one or more states do not apply, etc.

**VI. Set next teleconference meeting date in October** Carol will send a Doodle Poll to identify a date and time.

**Transportation (Official MRPC Committee Roster adding some from the state rosters assigned to Transportation)**

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