



**Mississippi River Parkway Commission**  
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**Mississippi River Parkway Commission  
Transportation Committee Teleconference Meeting  
June 30, 2020 | 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

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**AGENDA**

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**I. Introductions**

MRPC National Office: Susanne Thiede-Barnet  
Arkansas: unrepresented  
Illinois: Erin  
Iowa: Lisa Walsh  
Kentucky: Jackie Jones  
Louisiana: Jessica DeVille  
Minnesota: Carol Zoff, Chris Miller, Tim Wilcox  
Mississippi: Lindsey Killebrew  
Missouri: Mark Kross  
Tennessee: Mike McClanahan  
Wisconsin: Francis Schelfhout, Liat Bonneville

**II. Approve April 22, 2020 Teleconference Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes as presented by Carol Zoff-MN; Second by Mark Kross-MO; Motion approved unanimously.

**III. All American Road Wrap-Up**

8 of 10 states submitted. Based on the “Reviving America’s Scenic Byways Act of 2019” which was signed into law on September 29, 2019. The Nomination Portal was opened on February 13, 2020. Initial nomination due date was May 15, 2020 but was extended to June 15, 2020. Final designation determinations must be completed by February 13, 2021. This is based on 1-year from when the request for nominations was completed. So that sets us up with the window of realistically November of this year to February of next year. Optimistic to hear before election in November.

[ACTION](#): Members or co-chairs will report any updates as they become available.

**IV. Transportation Committee (MRPCmembers.com) Webpage**



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- A. General – What do we want our webpage to provide?  
Request for hotlinks to all interpretive centers (can be sourced elsewhere) - Mark Kross-MO  
Conversation on the need for a History section. Over 80-years of history of the GRR itself, history of the MRPC, other story items.  
[ACTION: Co-chairs will work with National Office on vision of the website and content.](#)
- B. AAR Materials  
Plan to place in archives with an active link on our page. Links will be by state and will possibly be application, attachments and possibly both depending on overall file size.  
[ACTION: A call for these AAR materials from each state will be requested by the co-chairs.](#)
- C. NSB Materials  
Plan to place in archives with an active link on our page. Links will be by state and will possibly be application, attachments and possibly both depending on overall file size.  
[ACTION: A call for these NSB materials from each state will be requested by the co-chairs.](#)
- D. Meeting Agendas/Minutes  
Agendas and Minutes will provide links by years and then drill down to months within those given years. Current year agenda/minutes will be listed by month.
- E. Committee/Invitation Roster  
Roster will be sent out to distribution list for updates. This may include removals based upon changes in position, active participation and other factors.  
[ACTION: Roster distributed and responses back prior to August 1 – solicitation for September Meeting date.](#)
- F. Archives/CMPs/Statutes/others  
Archived items will be accessed to see if a link should be provided on Transportation page. CMPs will be archived or housed appropriately but will be linked from the Transportation page.  
[ACTION: A call for these CMP materials from each state will be requested by the co-chairs.](#)  
[ACTION: Co-chairs will notify members when website updates have been completed for their review.](#)

## V. Great River Road Ten-State Corridor Management Plan

- A. Great River Road  
1. Alignment



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Carol – Just prior to AAR, this committee had reached out to members that if they had any changes in their routes since the phone app that they would submit those. National office should have those changes. A-1 may be accomplished by this, but we may need to verify that this has all been received.

Liat – NSBF could be a resource.

Carol – Don't go with Americas Byways Resource (FHWA) because they don't keep it updated. We did get shapefiles from 10 DOTs for the GRR. That is what the phone app has represented.

Francis – It's a good idea to run the shapefiles of the app against the AAR application's shapefiles to make sure what is most accurate.

ACTION: Co-chairs to confirm what National Office currently has. What was received for updates previously. What was submitted with the AAR Nominations. Will reach out to states where these alignments do not align.

### 2. Route Signage

ACTION: Co-chairs to provide sample of GIS located/shapefiles of route signage (WI) – call for these items will be included with these samples.

### 3. Way-Showing

Was not discussed in great detail – will focus on route and route signage to start.

## B. Mississippi River Trail

### 1. Alignment

MN – provided this alignment in 2015

IL – Erin will check with IL-DNR

LA – Carol mentioned Brian Parsons, Jessica will check

WI – Liat and Dan Thyges (WisDOT GIS) will check

TN – Mike will check (map was provided immediately after meeting)

MO – Mark will check

ACTION: Co-chairs to request maps and GIS located/shapefiles of MRT route.

### 2. Route Signage

Was not discussed – will focus on route first.

### 3. Way-Showing

Was not discussed – will focus on route first.

### 4. Wisconsin – State Request

Was not discussed – will focus on route first.

## VI. Next Meetings

### A. Transportation Committee Teleconference/Zoom

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- (September 1-16 – Doodle Poll to come mid-August)  
B. MRPC Annual Meeting – September 17<sup>th</sup>

**Motion to adjourn by Mike McClanahan-TN; Second by Mark Kross-MO at 2:50pm.**