



Mississippi River Parkway Commission Transportation Committee Minutes

July 28, 2023

Attendees: Francis - WI, Norma - KY, Jim - KY, Lisa - IA, Alexandra (Lexi) Anderson - TN, Liat - WI, Mark - MO, Mike - TN, Peter - MN, Emily - IA, Edmond – TN, National Office (NO)

- I. Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations and EV/Alternative Fuel Corridors
 - A. Info and links to national resources are on experiencemississippiriver.com and will be used/promoted in future content.
- II. Interpretive Centers – Strengthen our Relationships
 - A. Francis shared a Sample Inventory for Freedom Park IC in Prescott, WI
 - B. State DOTs are best equipped to easily provide this info on each state's IC – REQUEST to collect sign inventory for each IC and forward to National Office/ Francis
 1. Wayfinding signage inventory (including pictures) to ICs
 2. "Ahead", "At", "Turns"
 3. Including turn-by-turn directions, distances, etc.
 4. Detailed map documenting locations, signs, directions
- III. Pollinators – Connecting Everyone
 - A. Update/Sneak Peek from Mike McClanahan
Mike introduced Lexy Anderson, a summer T-DOT intern, who is working on the Pollinator Playbook. She's drafting a playbook outline-understanding current publications and resources, interviewing colleagues within the 10-state region for fresh perspectives and greater understanding in an effort to present a final playbook at the Annual Fall meeting



1. Policies, procedures, and specifications related to similar state efforts
2. Marketing angles used by local/state organizations to support the effort

IV. Mississippi River Trail (MRT) – A Closer Look

A. Trademarked

B. Sign Plate

C. Route Status

D. Is the goal a U.S. Bike Route?

Francis shared his white paper looking at the trademark, sign plate and route status. Much discussion followed.

V. Next Meetings

A. National Meeting – September 20-22, 2023 (Alton, IL)

B. Transportation Committee Meetings
(3rd Friday – Quarterly @ 9:00am EST)

1. November 17, 2023