



Mississippi River Parkway Commission

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Mississippi River Parkway Commission Transportation Committee Meeting November 15, 2024 | 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

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AGENDA

Introductions

Arkansas – no representatives
Illinois – no representatives
Iowa – Lisa Walsh, Emily Whaley
Kentucky – Norma Pruitt
Louisiana – Jessica DeVille
Minnesota – Peter MacDonagh, Anne Lewis
Mississippi – no representatives
Missouri – Mark Kross
Tennessee – no representatives
Wisconsin – Francis Schelfhout, Liat Bonneville
National Office – Susanne Thiede-Barnet

Interpretive Centers – Strengthen Relationships

- Website: [Interpretive Center Signing Standards Working Documents - MRPC Members](#)
- Interpretive Center Listing – Validated by all states
 - ACTION: Each of the below locations should be validated and confirmed that the list of ICs is complete and accurate/consistent by name by all states and report all changes to Francis/Mike to have N.O. update as directed – DUE: December 1, 2024
 - [MRPC Transportation Committee – IC Working Documents](#)
 - [MRPC Members – IC checklist/contacts listing](#)
 - [Experience the Mississippi River \(Great River Road\)](#)
- Parcel Maps – Working Session (Parcel Maps help document)
 - ACTION: Develop Parcel Map document for each IC within each respective state – Working Meeting on December 6, 2024 will be dedicated to this effort – Additional Help available by request from Francis. Finished documents can be submitted to Francis/Mike to have N.O. update website with materials – DUE: January 1, 2025
- GoogleMaps – Demo (very short – leave time for working meeting elements)

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- Demo was presented by Francis – this future action item has a delivery due date by February 1, 2025 – any state wishing to work on this task in advance can contact Francis for assistance.
- Schedule – Review Draft
 - Concerns over task “Circulate to Committees” – other committees will be meeting in the May/June timeframe with their fall meeting being at the annual meeting – will be necessary to have draft of CMP Amendment complete in advance of these meetings.
 - ACTION: Francis will update schedule to reflect this advancement, along with discussions of December 1 and January 1 as goal deadlines to complete “Confirm State IC Listing” and “Complete Parcel Maps” tasks respectively.
- OTHER ITEMS BROUGHT UP FOR DISCUSSION



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○ MRT STATUS:

- Trademark for MRT/Mississippi River Trail – currently owned by MRT, Inc. will expire in March 2025. Legal action will be taken at the national level and at individual state levels as necessary or deemed appropriate to secure this trademark on behalf of the 10-State MRPC.
- N.O. is in the process of developing the 2025 Budget and based upon estimates from the attorney that is currently advising on this effort the request for a not-to-exceed \$5,000 line item for legal services will be requested on behalf of the Transportation Committee.
- WI MRT effort is nearing completion with all resolutions necessary for a US Bike Route application being attained by Spring 2025. Due to biennial budget cycle in WI, it is more likely that actual signage of the route would occur in 2026. If other states were interested in completing the resolution and formal designation process in advance of that timeframe, WI would entertain holding off so that a multi-state application could be submitted to AASHTO/Adventure Cycling for US Bike Route Designation.
- Creating a work group, similar to the AAR effort, with DOT Bike/Ped Coordinators as the primary contacts was recommended – development of that list of contacts by each state should be pursued.
 - Arkansas – ?
 - Illinois – ?
 - Iowa – Milly Ortiz-Pagan
 - Kentucky – ?
 - Louisiana – ?
 - Minnesota – ?
 - Mississippi – ?
 - Missouri – ?
 - Tennessee – ?
 - Wisconsin – Francis Schelfhout

Next Meetings

We discussed meeting formats going forward, with working meetings on the off months for help with development of the materials for the IC Signage Standards Effort. This help can be given specifically during these meetings or can be coordinated with Francis specifically at a time that works for both Francis and the state requesting assistance. This format was used when we were working through the AAR application process, and we found success there.

- [December 6, 2024](#)
- 2025 Transportation **Committee Meetings** (4th Friday – Quarterly @ 9am CST) and Working Meetings (4th Friday – months w/o regular Committee Meetings @ 9am CST)
 - [January 24, 2025](#)
 - [February 28, 2025](#)
 - **March 28, 2025**

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- April 25, 2025
- May 23, 2025
- **June 27, 2025**
- July 25, 2025
- August 22, 2025
- **September 26, 2025 (annual mtg.)**
- October 24, 2025
- November 21, 2025 (3rd Fri)
- **December 12, 2025 (2nd Fri)**
- Other Meetings (need coverage)
 - November 19, 2024 @ 10:00am: Culture & Heritage Committee Meeting
 - **Mark Kross will cover this meeting**
 - November 20, 2024 @ 9:00am: Marketing Committee Meeting
 - **IA (Lisa Walsh & Emily Whaley will cover this meeting**
 - November 20, 2024 @ 10:00am: Environment, Recreation and Agriculture Committee Meeting
 - **Francis Schelfhout will cover this meeting (cancelled)**
 - December 13, 2024 @ 9:00am: MRPC Board Meeting
 - **Francis Schelfhout will cover this meeting**

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