



Mississippi River Parkway Commission

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Mississippi River Parkway Commission Transportation Committee Meeting October 6, 2026 | 3:45 PM – 4:30 PM

MINUTES

Introductions

Arkansas – Will Reynolds & Jeff Ingram
Illinois – no representatives
Iowa – Lisa Walsh, Emily Whaley (desired to participate, but no virtual option)
Kentucky – Jon Young
Louisiana – no representatives
Minnesota – Jessica Cartwright & Tim Wilcox
Mississippi – no representatives
Missouri – Mark Kross
Tennessee – Edmond McDavis
Wisconsin – Francis Schelfhout
National Office – no representatives

National Scenic Byways Grant Funding - Awarded

- The 10-State MRPC (TN was sponsor state/applicant) – was awarded >\$350k to update the 10-State GRR App
 - Includes map updates and reprinting
 - Includes website updates
- MRPC Board and National Office has requested confirmation of all mapping products (KMZ/GIS files) for the GRR Route from each state
 - ACTION (steps):
 - Open your states KMZ in GoogleEarth or other GIS application (located at the bottom of the [Transportation Committee webpage](#) in the [CMP AND AAR](#) table)
 - Compare/Confirm turn-by-turn directions to:
 - Installed GRR Route signs
 - State statutes or formal designation documents for your state
 - If discrepancies are found:
 - Work with state DOT to get KMZ/GIS route updated
 - Provide updated KMZ/GIS file to Francis for posting

Mississippi River Trail – U.S. Bike Route Designation

- Was adopted as a priority item in the MRPC 10-State 2027 Work Plan
- This will become priority #1 after we complete the KMZ/GIS effort in support of the NSB Grant Funding Project

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Interpretive Centers – Strengthen Relationships

- Interpretive Centers will certainly be a part of the mapping updates
- Status of Project (% Complete)

	Parcel Maps	GoogleMaps Directions	GIS Inventory	Picture Inventory	Assessment & Action
Arkansas	86%	100%	0%	80%	0%
Illinois	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Iowa	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Kentucky	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%
Louisiana	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Minnesota	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Mississippi	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Missouri	14%	14%	0%	14%	0%
Tennessee	33%	33%	0%	0%	0%
Wisconsin	100%	100%	86%	100%	14%

Next Meetings

- Future Transportation **Committee Meetings** (4th Friday – Quarterly @ 9am CST) and Working Meetings (4th Friday – months w/o regular Committee Meetings @ 9am CST)
 - [October 23, 2026](#)
 - [November 20, 2026 \(3rd Fri\)](#)
 - **December 18, 2026 (3rd Fri)**
 - [January 22, 2027](#)
 - [February 26, 2027](#)
 - **March 26, 2027**
 - [April 23, 2027](#)
 - [May 21, 2027 \(3rd Fri\)](#)
 - **June 25, 2027**
 - [July 23, 2027](#)
 - [August 27, 2027](#)
 - **September 2027 (annual mtg. - TBD)**
 - [October 22, 2027](#)
 - [November 19, 2027 \(3rd Fri\)](#)
 - **December 17, 2027 (3rd Fri)**

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