



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Attending: Steve Walensky (Barry), Todd Wiesehan (Christian), Kim Kinder (Dade), Hollie Elliott (Dallas), John Crawford (Dallas), Joel Keller (Greene), Mark Webb (Greene), Joe Kelley (Lawrence), Kyle Lee (Polk), Rick Davis (Polk), Randy Reed (Stone), Hank Smythe (Stone), Chris Daugherty (Stone), Sheila Wyatt (Taney), Matthew Briand (Taney), Randy Owens (Webster), Stan Whitehurst (Webster)

Beth Schaller (MoDOT), Kim Ader (MoDOT), Jason Ray (SMCOG), Aishwarya Shrestha (SMCOG), Courtney Pinkham (SMCOG), Michael Kohler (SMCOG), Jake Phillips (SMCOG), Erin Engelmeyer (Senator Hawley), Sam Saffa (Senator Hawley), Jered Taylor (Senator Burlison), Neil Brady (Bartlett West), David Knaut (OTO), Tucker Jobes (Senator Schmitt), Bob Titus (State Representative 139)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Todd Wiesehan.

1. Introductions and Pledge:

Self-introductions were made.

2. Approval of the agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda made by Randy Reed, motion seconded by John Crawford. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve July 12, 2023, meeting minutes made by Randy Owens motion seconded by Kim Kinder. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. 2023 Road and Bridge Prioritization:

Aishwarya Shrestha presented the top 3 needs for each county. TAC members and MoDOT staff provided input throughout the presentation. TAC members ranked the top 15 road and bridge regional needs.

Motion to rank road/bridge needs on Rt. 37 and Rt. 60 in Barry, Christian, Greene, and Lawrence Counties (Barry #1/Lawrence #1/Christian #3) as regional priority number one. Motion made by Hollie Elliott and seconded by Randy Reed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank road/bridge needs on Rt. 160/Rt. 13 in Christian and Stone Counties (Christian #1/Stone #1) as regional priority number two. Motion made by Randy Reed and seconded by Kyle Lee. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank road/bridge needs on Rt. 65 in Dallas County (Dallas #1) as regional priority number three. Motion made by Rick Davis and seconded by Randy Reed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank road/bridge needs on Rt. 160 and Rt. 39 in Dade County (Dade #1) as regional priority number four. Motion made by Randy Reed and seconded by Kim Kinder. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank road/bridge needs on Hwy 86 and Hwy 65 in Taney County (Taney #1) as regional priority number five. Motion made by Todd Wiesehan and seconded by Randy Reed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank road/bridge needs on Hwy 60 in Greene County (Greene #1) as regional priority number six. Motion made by Randy Owens and seconded by Randy Reed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank road/bridge needs on Rt. 430 in Bolivar (Polk #2) as regional priority number seven. Motion made by Kyle Lee and seconded by Hollie Elliott. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank road/bridge needs on Rt. 65 in Christian and Taney Counties (Christian #2/Taney #7) as regional priority number eight. Motion made by Todd Wiesehan and seconded by Stan Whitehurst. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank road/bridge needs on Rt. 76 in Stone County (Stone #2) as regional priority number nine. Motion made by Randy Reed and seconded by Hank Smythe. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank road/bridge needs on Hwy 60 in Webster County (Webster #1) as regional priority number ten. Motion made by Kim Kinder and seconded by Randy Reed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank road/bridge needs on I-44 in Mt. Vernon (Lawrence #2) as regional priority number eleven. Motion made by Joe Kelley and seconded by Steve Walensky. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank road/bridge needs on Hwy 83 in Bolivar (Polk #3) as regional priority number twelve. Motion made by Randy Reed and seconded by John Crawford. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank road/bridge needs on Rt. 32 in Buffalo (Dallas #2) as regional priority number thirteen. Motion made by Stan Whitehurst and seconded by Randy Reed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank road/bridge needs on Hwy 60 in rural Fordland (Webster #2) as regional priority number fourteen. Motion made by Hollie Elliott and seconded by Randy Reed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank road/bridge needs on Rt. 76/86/112/248 in Cassville (Barry #2) as regional priority number fifteen. Motion made by Randy Reed and seconded by John Crawford. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to confirm the top 15 regional road/bridge needs made by Randy Reed and seconded by John Crawford. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. SMCOG Staff Update

Aishwarya Shrestha mentioned that SMCOG is drafting the Public Transit-Human Services Coordination Plan and will be releasing it to the public for public comments in September for a 30-day comment period.

Aishwarya highlighted that MoDOT is seeking applications for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The deadline is August 24, 2023. It was noted that as SMCOG is on the TAP selection committee, SMCOG cannot write the application due to conflict of interest but would be able to provide courtesy review. Any projects utilizing MoDOT ROW must be submitted to Beth Schaller for review by August 3. Applications for courtesy review must be submitted to SMCOG by August 11. Request for a letter of support from SMCOG must be submitted by August 16.

Aishwarya announced that the Bolivar Active Transportation Plan was announced as one of the 2023 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award Recipients.

6. MoDOT Update

Kim Ader mentioned that MoDOT's unfunded needs public meeting is on August 10. Comments can be submitted online, and they will also provide paper forms to submit comments during the public meeting.

Beth Schaller mentioned that MoDOT has a lot of construction zones, she reminded everyone to drive carefully in work zones. MoDOT's ADA Transition Plan will be completed in the next two years.

7. MPO Update

David Knaut stated that the Governor vetoed funds for I-44. OTO is currently looking for funding for I-44. OTO is prioritizing needs for their TIP and is working on an Request for Proposals (RFP) for Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations.

8. Legislative Reports

Erin Englemeyer mentioned that Senator Hawley voted to ban entities from China from purchasing U.S. agriculture land.

Jered Taylor mentioned that the House approved the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Bill. Senator Burlison has been working on two new pieces of legislation. First, a Paycheck Bill, which would prohibit unions from withdrawing dues from paychecks. Second, a Food Stamp program, which will raise the age limit for food stamps. He also attended the UFO/UAP Hearing.

9. Other Member Updates & Guest Reports

John Crawford stated that the Missouri State Fair starts on August 10 in Sedalia, Missouri.

10. Adjourn by Chair

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Todd Wiesehan.

The next meeting will be on November 8, 2023.

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