



# Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

**Attending:** Chris Weiner (Barry), Todd Wiesehan (Christian), Miranda Beadles (Christian), Kim Kinder (Dade), Hollie Elliott (Dallas), John Crawford (Dallas), Joel Keller (Greene), Mark Webb (Greene), Howard Fisk (Greene), Jon Holmes (Lawrence), Tim Selvey (Lawrence), Chris Daugherty (Stone), Randy Owens (Webster), Stan Whitehurst (Webster), Sam Rost (Webster)

Kim Ader (MoDOT), Beth Schaller (MoDOT), Brad Kelley (MoDOT), Frank Miller (MoDOT), Aishwarya Shrestha (SMCOG), Courtney Pinkham (SMCOG), Michael Kohler (SMCOG), Emma Horm (SMCOG), Christopher Lynn (SMCOG), Erin Engelmeyer (Senator Hawley), Jered Taylor (Senator Burlison), David Knaut (OTO), Tucker Jobes (Senator Schmidt), Rene Frazier (OATS Transit)

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 Kim Kinder, motion seconded by Howard Fisk. All ayes. Motion carried.

## 3. Approval of minutes

Motion to approve August 9, 2023, meeting minutes made by Chris Daugherty, motion seconded by John Holmes. All ayes. Motion carried.

## 4. 2023 Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan

Aishwarya Shrestha presented the Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan for approval. Motion to approve the 2023 Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan made by Howard Fisk, motion seconded by Randy Owens. All ayes. Motion carried.

## 5. Intersection Improvements and Roundabouts Presentation

MoDOT staff presented about roundabouts and its benefits such as fewer conflict points and lower crash rates.

## 6. SMCOG Staff Update

Aishwarya Shrestha mentioned that the SW District Transportation Needs Workshop is scheduled for November 30. She asked the TAC members to respond to her email if they are interested in attending the workshop.

Aishwarya highlighted upcoming grant opportunities. She highlighted the Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program, Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program, and Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grants Program.

## 7. MoDOT Update

Frank Miller introduced Brad Kelley as the new Transportation Planner for SW District MoDOT Office. He mentioned that MoDOT is working on their Carbon Reduction Strategy that is due on November 15.

Beth Schaller provided an update of current projects in the region. 125/60 intersection is progressing and is on time. Route 86 bridge in Taney County is moving forward, they do have a live camera

footage of this project on the MoDOT website. MoDOT is working on a bridge and box culvert on Rt. 97 in Lawrence County. MoDOT is working on the last mowing cycle of the year.

#### **8. MPO Update**

David Knaut stated that OTO's number one legislative priority for 2024 is I-44 corridor funding. Chadwick Flyer Trail between Kissick Avenue and Christian County line is completed. They will start working on their Safety Action Plan soon.

#### **9. Legislative Reports**

Erin Englemeyer mentioned that Senator Hawley introduced the State Border Defense Act.

Tucker Jobes highlighted that Senator Schmidt's focus is on the budget. He also worked on Launch Communications Act.

Jered Taylor mentioned that Senator Burlison worked on the State Border Defense Act and on propane regulations. He is also working on a way to streamline regulations for truck drivers.

#### **10. Other Member Updates & Guest Reports**

Tim Selvey stated that opening of the TA stop hasn't caused delays on I-44 ramp. He also mentioned that he brought a guest, a citizen of Lawrence County, who has concerns regarding an intersection in Lawrence County, to observe how the TAC works and to meet with MoDOT staff and SMOG staff after the meeting.

#### **11. Adjourn by Chair**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Todd Wiesehan.

The next meeting will be on January 10, 2024.

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