



# Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

**Attending:** Chris Weiner (Barry), Todd Wiesehan (Christian), Kim Kinder (Dade), John Crawford (Dallas), Bill Monday (Dallas), Joel Keller (Greene), Mark Webb (Greene), Tim Selvey (Lawrence), Kyle Lee (Polk), Randy Reed (Stone), Chris Daugherty (Stone), Hank Smythe (Stone), Sheila Wyatt (Taney), Randy Owens (Webster), Stan Whitehurst (Webster)

Frank Miller (MoDOT), Brad Kelley (MoDOT), Justin Bray (MoDOT), Dan Westkamp (FHWA), Jason Ray (SMCOG), Aishwarya Shrestha (SMCOG), Courtney Pinkham (SMCOG), Pratika Banjara (SMCOG), Erin Engelmeyer (Senator Hawley), Mike Ussery (Senator Schmidt), David Knaut (OTO), Ricky Wolf (Lawrence)

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 Kim Kinder. All ayes. Motion carried.

## 3. Approval of minutes

Motion to approve January 10, 2024, meeting minutes made by Randy Reed, motion seconded by Bill Monday. All ayes. Motion carried.

## 4. SMCOG Staff Update

Aishwarya Shrestha provided a recap of the Statewide Planning Partner Meeting in Jefferson City. She provided a recap of MoDOT's 2023 year in review, safety updates for the state and SW district, and BRO and TAP updates. She mentioned that the pdf version of the meeting packet contains all the presentations provided during the meeting.

Aishwarya noted that MoDOT is seeking projects for the FY26 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The deadline to apply is April 26, 4:00 pm. She also noted that any projects utilizing MoDOT Right of Way must be submitted to SW MoDOT Area Engineer, Beth Schaller, for review by April 5. If applicants would like SMCOG to provide a courtesy review, applications should be submitted by April 8. Applicants should submit a request for SMCOG letter of support by April 17.

Aishwarya highlighted the different articles in the meeting packet that might be of interest to the TAC members. Aishwarya mentioned that the May 8 TAC meeting is cancelled as it falls on Truman Day.

## 5. MoDOT Update

Frank introduced Justin Bray (MoDOT), and Dan Westkamp (FHWA). He encouraged all communities to submit a TAP application as MoDOT has extra funds from the last cycle. Frank mentioned several upcoming public meetings in the SMCOG region.

- I-44 Corridor Upgrades & Melville Bridge Project in Springfield  
Date: 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 19  
Location: Crossway Baptist Church, 2900 N Barnes Ave, Springfield  
Project Description: This project includes lane widening, bridge replacement and interchange improvements along the I-44 Corridor in the Springfield area.

- Missouri Route 64 Bridge Replacement in Dallas County  
Date: 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 26  
Location: Bennett State Park Nature Center, 26250 MO-64 ALT, Lebanon  
Project Description: This project replaces the Missouri Route 64 bridge in Bennette Springs.
- Greene County Route MM Realignment in Republic  
Date/Time: 4:30-6 p.m., Tuesday, April 2  
Location: Springfield Livestock Marketing Center, 6821 W Independence Dr, Springfield  
Project Description: Project will improve safety and traffic flow by relocating Greene County Routes MM while building a bridge over 1 BNSF railroad in Republic.
- Missouri Route 13, U.S. Route 160 and Missouri Route 248 Roundabout north of Reeds Spring  
Date/Time: 4:30-6 p.m., Tuesday, April 9  
Location: District Learning Center, Reeds Spring High School, 20277 MO-413, Reeds Spring  
Project Description: This project will improve the intersection of U.S. Route 160, Missouri Route 13, Missouri Route 248 and Dogwood Tree Road north of Reeds Spring.
- U.S. Route 60 Intersection Improvements in Seymour  
Date/Time: 4:30-6 p.m., Monday, May 13  
Location: Seymour Middle School Cafeteria, 501 E Clinton Ave, Seymour  
Project Description: This project will build a new interchange at U.S. Route 60 and Webster County Route C/K intersection and intersection Improvements at Route 60 and Clinton Avenue in Seymour.

#### **6. MPO Update**

David Knaut mentioned OTO submitted a RAISE grant for Hwy MM corridor between I-44 & Hwy 60. OTO announced call for projects for TAP engineering. TAP Call for Projects for all will be announced in July.

#### **7. Legislative Reports**

Mike Ussery mentioned that the Senate hasn't voted on the FAA Authorization yet. They will need to vote by May 10. A funding resolution was passed last week, Senator Schmidt voted no, and they have till March 27 to resolve. Schmidt will vote no on any resolution as he wants to see the appropriations reviewed singularly, not as a large group, this has not been done since the 1990s.

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

None.

#### **9. Other Business**

Todd mentioned we will not have a May meeting due to Truman Day conflict.

#### **10. Adjourn by Chair**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Todd Wiesehan.

The next meeting will be on July 10, 2024.

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