Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Attending: Chris Weiner (Barry), Todd Wiesehan (Christian), John Crawford (Dallas), Hollie Elliott (Dallas), Mark Webb (Greene Alternate), Tim Selvey (Lawrence), Randy Reed (Stone), Hank Smythe (Stone Alternate), Ronald Newman (Taney), Buddy Roberts (Taney), Randy Owens (Webster), Stan Whitehurst (Webster Alternate), Kyle Lee (Polk), J. Howard Fisk (Greene), Joe Kelley (Lawrence), Miranda Beadles (Christian),

Hannah Knopf (MoDOT), Beth Schaller (MoDOT), Jason Ray (SMCOG), Aishwarya Shrestha (SMCOG), Courtney Pinkham (SMCOG), Erin Engelmeyer (Senator Hawley), Jake Phillips (SMCOG), Jered Taylor (Senator Burlison), Jackson Hotaling (MRT), Tucker Jobes (Senator Schmitt)

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 Buddy Roberts. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. **Approval of minutes:**
   Motion to approve March 8, 2023, meeting minutes made by Tim Selvey, motion seconded by Hank Smythe. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. **SMCOG Staff Update:**
   Aishwarya Shrestha highlighted the Public Transit-Human Services Coordination Plan prioritization meetings. She mentioned that once the meetings are confirmed, they will be posted to the SMCOG website.

   Aishwarya provided an update on the 2023 Transportation Needs Prioritization process. She highlighted the meeting dates for each county's transportation needs prioritization meeting. She also announced Lawrence and Christian County's meeting dates, which were not included in the schedule provided.

   Aishwarya announced that MoDOT is requesting project applications for consideration in the Regional Bridge Program for off-system structures. The Regional Bridge Program replaces the previous BRO program and will be funded using BRO funds and new funds available through the Bridge Formula Program (BFP). With this program call, approximately $48.5 million of federal bridge funds will be available for projects for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2025. Applications are due June 9, 2023.

   Aishwarya also highlighted the US DOT's 2023 Calendar of Upcoming Funding Opportunities from the meeting packet. She also announced that the next call for projects for the TAP applications will be in early July.

5. **MoDOT Update**
   Beth Schaller mentioned that the 60/125 interchange is progressing and they are working on the outer roads and moving utilities. For the I-44 Bridge Bundle, they are currently focusing on bridges in Lawrence County, this should be completed by Memorial Day. After that they will be moving east and working on bridges in Webster County. Long Creek Bridge in Taney County is progressing and going well. They are also working on the Big Cedar/Hwy 86 Governor Cost Share Program; this went out to

bid and they received one response. The Cost Share for highway 76 through Indian Point, adding a turn lane, should start in the summer and will be completed by fall of 2023. Hanna Knopf stated that the BRO will have a committee made up of one RPC representative and one member of that region's community.

6. **Legislative Reports**
   Erin Engelmeyer with Senator Hawley's office mentioned that Senator Hawley introduced the Corporate Child Labor Act.

   Tucker Jobes with Senator Schmitt's office stated that Senator Schmitt introduced 2 Acts, the Eraser Act, any new rule must get rid of 3 old rules and help lower the cost of implementation. He also introduced the Collude Act.

   Jered Taylor with Senator Burlison's office stated that Senator Burlison is on the Oversight committee, Transportation Committee and Workforce Committee.

7. **Other Member Updates & Guest Reports**
   Ron Newman highlighted that the Governor came to give a proclamation in Branson for a project that SMCOG wrote and is administering the grant funding.

   Howard Fisk commented on how much our region is able to accomplish due to the efforts and hard work of SMCOG.

8. **Adjourn by Chair**
   The meeting was adjourned by Chair Todd Wiesehan.

   The next meeting will be on July 12, 2023.

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