



# Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

**Attending:** Chris Weiner (Barry), Steve Walensky (Barry), Todd Wiesehan (Christian), Miranda Beadles (Christian), Kim Kinder (Dade), Hollie Elliott (Dallas), Joel Keller (Greene), Howard Fisk (Greene), Mark Webb (Greene), Tim Selvey (Lawrence), Joe Kelley (Lawrence), Kyle Lee (Polk), Randy Reed (Stone), Hank Smythe (Stone), Chris Daugherty (Stone), Sheila Wyatt (Taney), Matthew Briand (Taney), Sam Rost (Webster), Randy Owens (Webster), Stan Whitehurst (Webster)

Beth Schaller (MoDOT), Jason Ray (SMCOG), Aishwarya Shrestha (SMCOG), Courtney Pinkham (SMCOG), Krissy Dickens (SMCOG), Michael Kohler (SMCOG), Emma Horn (SMCOG), Christopher Lynn (SMCOG), Yetimoni Kpeebe (SMCOG), Erin Engelmeyer (Senator Hawley), Jered Taylor (Senator Burlison), Jackson Hotaling (MRT), Neil Brady (Bartlett West), Mike Beaty (GRE), Jerany Jackson (GRE), David Knaut (OTO), 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 Hank Smythe. All ayes. Motion carried.

**3. Election of 2023-2024 TAC Chair and Vice Chair**

Randy Reed made the motion to nominate Todd Wiesehan for the 2023-2024 TAC Chair, motion seconded by Howard Fisk.

Chris Wiener made the motion to nominate Randy Reed as the 2023-2024 Vice Chair, motion seconded by Todd.

Chair Wiesehan called for the vote for both motions. All ayes. Motion Carried.

**4. Approval of minutes:**

Motion to approve May 10, 2023, meeting minutes made by Tim Selvey, motion seconded by Kim Kinder. All ayes. Motion carried.

**5. Complete Streets Presentation – Jackson Hotaling (MRT)**

Jackson Hotaling presented about the importance of complete streets and things to consider while prioritizing bike and ped needs.

**6. 2023 Bicycle and Pedestrian Prioritization:**

Aishwarya Shrestha presented the top 2 needs for each county. TAC members and MoDOT staff provided input throughout the presentation. TAC members ranked the top 10 bike and ped regional needs.

Motion to rank bike/peds needs on Rt. 125 in Fair Grove (Greene #1) as regional priority number one. Motion made by Chris Weiner and seconded by Hollie Elliott. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank bike/ped needs on Rt. 112 in Roaring River State Park (Barry #1) as regional priority number two. Motion made by Howard Fisk and seconded by Kim Kinder. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank bike/ped needs on Rt. 125 in Chadwick (Christian #1) as regional priority number three. Motion made by Randy Reed and seconded by Steve Walensky. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank bike/ped needs on Rt. 76 in Branson (Taney #1) as regional priority number four. Motion made by Kyle Lee and seconded by Matt Briand. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank bike/ped needs on Rt. 39 in Miller (Lawrence #1) as regional priority number five. Motion made by Randy Reed and seconded by Hollie Elliott. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank bike/ped needs on Rt 83 in Bolivar (Polk #1) as regional priority number six. Motion made by Chris Weiner and seconded by Randy Reed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank bike/ped needs Rt. 160 and Rt. 39 in Greenfield (Dade #1) as regional priority number seven. Motion made by Tim Selvey and seconded by Matt Briand. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank bike/ped needs on Rt. 13 in Kimberling City (Stone #1) as regional priority number eight. Motion made by Hank Smythe and seconded by Radny Reed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank bike/ped needs on Hwy FF/PP in Fordland (Webster #1) as regional priority number nine. Motion made by Chris Weiner and seconded by Randy Reed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank bike/ped needs on Autoscope Drive and Hickory Street in Buffalo (Dallas #1) as regional priority number ten. Motion made by Howard Fisk and seconded by Randy Reed All ayes. Motion carried.

Chair Wiesehan asked for a motion to accept the Bike/Pedestrian Prioritization as above. Motion made by Randy Reed and seconded by Kim Kinder. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **7. SMCOG Staff Update**

Aishwarya Shrestha noted that the Road and Bridge prioritization will take place on August 9. She mentioned that SMCOG is drafting the Public Transit-Human Services Coordination Plan and will be releasing it to the public for public comments in August for a 30-day comment period.

Aishwarya highlighted the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant program that is accepting applications until August 21, 2023. She also 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.

#### **8. MoDOT Update**

Beth Schaller mentioned that MoDOT will provide more protective vehicles to their employees and contractors to keep them safe in the construction zones.

#### **9. OTO Update**

David Knaut mentioned that the Governor vetoed I-44 funds. OTO recently approved 15 projects for their TAP funding.

#### **10. Legislative Reports**

Erin Englemeyer mentioned that Senator Hawley has asked for oversight and fiscal responsibility for the Ukraine war. He is also trying to get relief for farmers from drought.

Tucker Jobs mentioned that there was a hearing about Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Senator Schmitt is concerned about China in regards to AI.

Jered Taylor mentioned that Senator Burlison filed 2 legislations regarding Amtrak and freight trains and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) ruling where farmers are burdened with purchasing antibiotics. He also mentioned that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization is coming up soon.

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

Jason Ray mentioned that SMCOG submitted an application for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program to develop a Regional Safety Action Plan. The purpose and need of submitting this planning application is to financially assist SMCOG's development of a regional safety action plan and supplemental planning road safety audits with the ultimate goal of saving lives and preventing serious harm for all road users.

#### **12. Adjourn by Chair**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Todd Wiesehan.

The next meeting will be on August 9, 2023.

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