



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Alumni Center—Hospitality Room, March 11, 2009

Attending: Eric Kellstadt, Nancy Edson, Buddy Roberts, David Miller, Steve McIntosh, Tom Huff, Danny Garbee, Todd Wiesehan, Bill Marshall, Joel Keller, J Howard Fisk, Frank Washburn, Stan Whitehurst, Kenneth Bacon, Bill Monday, Rex Barclay, Bob Walster, Stacy Burks, James Smart, Frank Miller, Tim Conklin, Natasha Longpine, George Cutbirth

SMCOG Staff: Dan Watts, Dave Faucett

Approval of January 14th, 2009 Minutes: Bill Monday motioned and Jim Smart seconded to approve the minutes. Motion Carried

Guest Reports:

Frank Miller, MoDOT District 8: Frank Miller gave a presentation regarding Recovery Funds (ARRA). The point of the stimulus package is for jobs. It is estimated to generate around twenty-two thousand jobs in Missouri. Not a lot of the package is for transportation. Only 788 million of the total package will come to Missouri for transportation. Mr. Miller described how the sub-allocations are derived from the existing framework. For information regarding the specifics of the sub allocation breakdowns please contact the SMCOG offices for a copy of the presentation. District 8 had some projects that they didn't expect to receive based on the allocation of the money. One of the projects not in the SMCOG area is to improve Amtrak service between Kansas City and St. Louis. There are 31 billion dollars worth of needs identified during the long-range planning process so this money is a great help but will not solve all our transportation needs. Additionally, there are many rules that go with this money. Half of the money must be obligated by June 30, 2009 and all by March 2010. All previous rules still apply. Due to the tight timeframes projects must be "shovel ready." As we looked at the projects, we had to keep that in mind. Projects were divided into two categories: "Major Projects and Emerging Needs" and "Taking care of the System". On the rural side there is 299 million selected for this list. Urban side in District 8 came out a little ahead with around 7 million. District 8 uses SMCOG's priority list and we used that list to review projects that could be ready to go. Hwy 60 passing lanes was one of those projects. Taney County bridge replacement is also on the list of projects along with adding a turn lane in Buffalo on 65. The full project list is available at SMCOG offices. Both districts are working on putting together projects for Transportation Enhancements as part of the ARRA.

Eric Kellstadt, MoDOT District 7: District 7 in February letting in Lawrence County for a thin lift overlay project on Rte 39 from Rte 60 to 1.5 miles north of Rte 248. In Barry county another resurfacing that includes rumble stripes and shoulder improvements on Rte 86 from Rte F to 2 miles east of Rte H. Next letting in SMCOG area is April 24th for intersection improvements at Rte 39 and Prospect Street in Aurora and a safe and sound project in Dade County on Rte N.

Tim Conklin, OTO: OTO held a workshop last week to make sure that OTO projects can make the deadlines for ARRA. OTO is receiving around 7.3 million. Project lists are available at SMCOG offices.

Scott Kosky, OATS: Nothing to report

Stacey Burks, Senator Kit Bond's Office: Omnibus bill was passed last night by the senate. Senator Bond voted for this. It is a constitutional obligation to pass a budget yearly. There is just under 2 million dollars for resurfacing I44. Some is allocated for the Springfield Regional Airport.

Steve McIntosh, Congressman Roy Blunt's Office: Route 60 bridge over James River is also on the omnibus bill. Lake Taney Como Bridge and Roundabout is also on the omnibus bill. The omnibus bill is really just a combination of several appropriations bills rolled into one.

Regional Transportation Plan Approval, Dan Watts

Mr. Watts explained the updates made to the draft RTP.

Nancy Edson motioned to approve the RTP and Robert Walster Seconded. Motion Carried.

Transportation Needs Presentations, TAC Members

Each member present presented their respective county's transportation needs. As the needs were presented, Dave Faucett, showed each need on the Google Earth application that had been set up before the meeting.

Other Business

Adjourn: Bob Walster motioned and Buddy Roberts seconded. Motion Passed.