



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Alumni Center—Hospitality Room, January 14, 2009

Attending: Eric Kellstadt, Nancy Edson, Buddy Roberts, Steve McIntosh, Tom Huff, Danny Garbee, Bill Marshall, Joel Keller, Frank Washburn, Stan Whitehurst, Lyndall Fraker, Kenneth Bacon, Rex Barclay, Bob Walster, Stacy Burks, James Smart, Randy Daniel, Dawne Gardner, Frank Miller

SMCOG Staff: Dan Watts, Dave Faucett

Introductions

Approval of January 14th, 2009 Minutes: Buddy Roberts motioned and Tom Huff seconded to approve minutes. Motion Carried

Guest Reports:

Eric Kellstadt, MoDOT District 7: Special letting on the January 20th for Hwy 60 (resurface and adding lane capacity) two days later will be safe and sound bridges in Dade County. Economic Stimulus (part II) package, these are not definite: rehabilitate route 39 bridge in Barry and add passing lanes on 39 in Barry, and also to rehabilitate a bridge in Dade county. Also possibly some shoulder work on route Y in Barry County.

Dawne Gardner, MoDOT District 8: Lettings January 23rd i44 resurfacing. Feb 20th Dallas County route 73 relocation. Also 60/65 interchange will be let in Feb. In march, Coy Boulevard in Forsyth.

Frank Miller, MoDOT District 8: Projects for phase II stimulus bill must be well underway in the planning process and shovel ready. District 8 is looking at a two bridges north of Marshfield. MoDOT is also looking at accelerating the Route 13 project in Stone County and adding a center turn lane to Rt 32 in Dallas County. In the MPO there are a couple of projects, route 14 between Ozark and Nixa; also 160 adding additional lanes. MoDOT is also looking at expanding the Cost-Share program with this money.

Scott Kosky, OATS: Nothing to report

Stacey Burks, Senator Kit Bond's Office: Both sides of the aisle are commenting on how little we know about the proposed stimulus package. The amounts of the stimulus are all over the map. One thing that seems clear is that earmarks will not be allowed into this bill. It appears that transportation will be a large portion of this bill.

Steve McIntosh, Congressman Roy Blunt's Office: The house is still up in the air on the stimulus bill. The fact is that we just don't know much about the bill. One thing seems clear, this won't be on anybody's desk on inauguration day. Mr. Blunt is the vice-ranking member on the energy. Congressman Blunt has also been appointed to the leadership team.

Regional Transportation Plan Draft, Dan Watts

Mr. Watts passed out copies of the Regional Transportation Draft plan to the group. The members were asked to review the draft plan and make comments. The plan will be on the agenda for adoption at the next meeting of the TAC in March.

Transportation Needs Update, Dave Faucett

There are 207 needs on the current list. It was decided that each county would be allowed to present a maximum of 5 needs for prioritization. The master list will remain but the prioritized list should be no more than 50 needs.

Mr. Faucett demonstrated the Google Earth application that he and another student have been putting together. At this point only Webster County has been added, but it is anticipated that within two weeks the other counties in the region will be added. All transportation needs will be added to Google Earth and members of the TAC will be invited to join the group and will be able to view pictures of the needs.

Other Business

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