



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Library Station, May 12, 2010

Attending: Buddy Roberts, Kenneth Bacon, Ron Mersch, Frank Washburn, Bill Marshall, Jenni Jones, Bryan Ross, David Rauch, David Miller, Stacy Burks, Eric Kellstadt, Frank Miller, Rick Davis, Billy Dryer, Danny Garbee, Todd Wiesehan, Nancy Edson, Bob Walster, Steve McIntosh

SMCOG Staff: Dan Watts

Introductions

Approval of February 10, 2010 Minutes: Robert Walster motioned and Buddy Roberts seconded to approve minutes. Motion Carried

Guest Reports:

Eric Kellstadt, MoDOT District 7: Lettings include mostly safe and sound bridges, in Dade County Route U Bride over Big Stock River. In Lawrence County there is a small safety project to put up some guard rail. The Draft STIP is up for viewing on the MoDOT website. Comment period is over at the end of June. The BRO allocations have been made for FY10. Balance reports are not available yet but should be by June. Allocations are a little higher this year. Local Programs are going to be seeing a lot of changes in the future. The changes are in relation to making sure all regulations and rules are followed. Mr. Kellstadt stressed that before any work is started on Local Programs the recipient must talk to their respective MoDOT district. There will be some training workshops in the future that may be required for attendance.

Dawne Gardner, MoDOT District 8: ARRA projects review team was in Missouri and gave us a satisfactory review. All ARRA projects are under construction. The Frisco Trail is being paved from FR115 to Springfield. Other ARRA projects in D8 include: Sidewalks in Willard is complete aside from a handrail issue with buy America certification, sidewalks in the City of Battlefield. In the rural area: Stone County in Galena is in pre-construction, Gainesville (SCOCOG), in Polk County paving a portion of the Frisco Highline trail and putting in a trail head at Wishert. The Rogersville project at VV/B is in preconstruction.

Stacey Burks, Senator Kit Bond's Office: We are under a continuing resolution for highway funds until September 31. The Senate will be locked in confirmation hearings for most of the summer, as well as financial reform, a possible immigration bill, a possible climate bill. Doesn't look like the highway bill will be dealt with, look for more continuing resolutions through December. Senator Bond has supported the BRO program and will continue to do so.

David Rauch, Senator McCaskill's Office: We may see continuing resolutions on the Highway bill for a couple of years. How to pay for the Highway bill will be highly debated. Local program funding will be debated.

Steve McIntosh, Congressman Roy Blunt's Office: We will hear about various funding mechanisms regarding the highway bill; the odometer tax and a sales tax will be floated. Though continuing resolutions we will keep the highway bill at historic levels.

MoDOT's Five Year Direction, Frank Miller

Mr. Miller presented the Five Year Plan for MoDOT. MoDOT did a customer satisfaction survey and 89% of MoDOT customers feel that MoDOT carries through with their promises. The financial situation at MoDOT was discussed. The PowerPoint presentation is available by contacting the SMCOCG offices.

Transportation Needs Process, Dan Watts

Mr. Watts described where the needs process is going. Surveys have been completed and county needs meetings have been completed. The needs presentation meeting is scheduled for June.

Other Business

Adjourn Billy Dryer Motioned to Adjourn and Buddy Roberts Seconded.