



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Library Center, February 10, 2010

Attending: Howard Fisk, David Miller, Stacy Burks, Natasha Longpine, Dawne Gardner, Eric Kellstadt, Julie Zibert, Ron Mersch, Scott Kosky, Bill Marshall, Dennis Wood, Buddy Roberts, Danny Garbee, Lyndall Fraker, Kenneth Bacon, Billy Dryer, Rick Davis, Steve McIntosh

SMCOG Staff: Dan Watts

Introductions

Approval of September 10, 2009 Minutes: Buddy Roberts motioned and Billy Dryer seconded to approve minutes. Motion Carried

Guest Reports:

Eric Kellstadt, MoDOT District 7: Lettings include resurfacing various routes in Barry County. Nothing further reported.

Dawne Gardner, MoDOT District 8: MoDOT is looking for Bike/Pedestrian needs. There is short notice for collecting the needs. Ms. Gardner asked that cities and counties wishing to submit bike/pedestrian needs give them to either her or Dan Watts by Friday the 12th.

Tim Conklin, OTO: Mr. Conklin reported that the OTO and member jurisdictions are currently in the process of updating the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Scott Kosky, OATS: Mr. Kosky announced that Flexible Fixed Route service will begin in the City of Bolivar this spring. Also, Transystem is doing a feasibility study.

Stacey Burks, Senator Kit Bond's Office: Ms. Burks indicated that the Jobs Bill could be passed this weekend.

Steve McIntosh, Congressman Roy Blunt's Office: Mr. McIntosh reported that the main focus is on the Senate side. Some issues are the Jobs for Main Street bill, Health Care, extension of the transportation bill. At this time nothing in the extension fixes the recession. The Highway Trust Fund needs approximately 8 billion dollars to remain solvent.

State Investment Priority Meeting, Frank Miller

Mr. Miller discussed the upcoming State Investment Priority meeting to be held in February in Jefferson City. Regionally significant needs being presented at this meeting for our area include the Ozark Mountain Highroad Extension from Rt. 76 to Rt. 376, Route 65 passing lanes between Warsaw and Buffalo, Rt. 60 upgrade to freeway between Springfield and Rogersville, Route 65 six-lane from Springfield to Ozark, Route 60 operations improvements on James River Freeway, and MO 37 four lane expressway from Monett to Arkansas State line/US 60 4 lane from Republic to Monett.

Transportation Needs Process, Dan Watts

Mr. Watts discussed this year's needs process with the group. A suggestion that the group prioritize transportation needs every two years instead of every year was discussed.

A motion was made to keep the prioritization process on an annual basis and limit the needs presented for prioritization to five for each county. (Buddy Roberts motioned and Howard Fisk Seconded. Motion Carried)

Other Business

Adjourn: Howard Fisk Motioned to Adjourn and Kenneth Bacon Seconded.