



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 14, 2019
Library Center

Attending: Dennis Pyle (Barry), Brent Young (Christian), Roger Bradley (Dallas), Hollie Elliott (Dallas), Joel Keller (Greene), Jon Holmes (Lawrence), Max Springer (Lawrence), Sydney Allen (Polk), Rick Davis (Polk), Dennis Wood (Stone), Jerry Harman (Stone), Buddy Roberts (Taney), Randy Haes (Taney), John Benson (Webster), Randy Owens (Webster)

Steve Seaton (Stone Alternate), Stan Whitehurst (Webster Alternate)

Wayne Blades (Stone County), Andy Thomason (OTO), Dan Wadlington (Senator Roy Blunt), Beth Schaller (MoDOT), Jason Ray (SMCOG), Megan Clark (SMCOG), Adam Olinger (SMCOG), Scott Hayes (SMCOG)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wood at 9:00 a.m.

1. Introductions & Pledge

Self-introductions were made.

2. Approval of the agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda made by Jerry Harman, motion seconded by John Benson. All yeas. Motion carried.

3. Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve the July 10, 2019 meeting minutes made by Dennis Pyle, motion seconded by Max Springer. All yeas. Motion carried.

4. Elections: Chair and Vice Chair:

Megan Clark noted that she had forgotten to include this item on July's meeting agenda. The Chair and Vice Chair serve for one term.

Buddy Roberts nominated Dennis Wood to serve as Chair, nomination seconded by Jerry Harman. Committee affirmed.

Rick Davis nominated Todd Wiesehan to serve as Vice Chair, nomination seconded by Dennis Pyle. Committee affirmed.

5. 2019 Bike and Pedestrian Review:

Megan Clark reviewed the process outline for regional bike and pedestrian needs. She reminded the group that it had previously been determined that the TAC would only prioritize bike and pedestrian needs every other year in preparation for TAP funding opportunities. However, due to three of the top 10 projects being funded through the fall 2018 TAP she recommended updating the list. Clark outlined three options:

- 1) Removing the funded projects and adopting a top 7 list.
- 2) Removing the funded projects but replacing the number one need for remaining counties with any updated number one needs.
- 3) Reprioritizing the list completely.

The TAC determined that using the list of removing the funded projects with updated number one needs was acceptable.

Dennis Pyle noted that Polk County’s number two need had a higher pre-score than the number one project. He asked Polk County’s representatives if they would like to submit the number two need in place of the number one. Rick Davis and Sydney Allen agreed.

Dennis Pyle also noted that the Barry County number one need is the bridge over Roaring River. Historically that need has been determined to be infeasible unless the bridge is replaced. He recommended putting Barry County’s number two need in the top ten list instead of the number one. The committee agreed that seemed appropriate.

Beth Schaller suggested making a full top ten list so the group is prepared in the event of any new funding that might become available.

John Benson commented that replacing the 2018 needs with the updated number one need would be Webster County’s preference. He also suggested that the Webster County need may score better if the advancing economic development category was readdressed.

Motion to approve the updated list with the counties remaining in order of the 2018 list, updating the new number one needs excepting Polk and adding Barry Counties for the number two needs made by Buddy Roberts, motion seconded by Randy Owens. All yeas. Motion carried.

The top ten regional priorities were determined to be:

1	Greene	Fair Grove	Bike/Ped	on Rte. 125	in Fair Grove, Main St. & eastward
2	Taney	Hollister	Bike/Ped	on BU 65 S	from Birch Street to College of the Ozarks
3	Webster	Marshfield	Bike/Ped	Courthouse Square	Downtown Marshfield
4	Stone	Crane	Bike/Ped	on Rte. 413	through Crane
5	Polk	Bolivar	Bike/Ped	on Rte. 83	from Jackson to Mt. Gilead Rd
6	Christian	Clever	Bike/Ped	on Rte. 14	in Clever
7	Dade	Greenfield	Bike/Ped	on Rte. 160/39	From Pennington Seed to Simmons along 160
8	Lawrence	Miller	Bike/Ped	on Rte. 39	from 6th to DD
9	Barry	Cassville	Bike/Ped	on Rte. 76/86	over Flat Creek
10	Dallas	Buffalo	Bike/Ped	on Rte. 32	from Hwy 65 to Maple, south side

6. Bridges

Megan Clark reviewed the list of bridges that were on counties’ needs lists or would be along corridors. She asked if any of the bridges should be noted as high priority or if anyone had comments or concerns on the identified bridges. This is an opportunity for the counties to provide input to MoDOT that could affect the prioritization of bridge repairs and replacements.

Roger Bradley commented that the bridge on 64 over the Niangua River, which is in poor condition, is an important bridge for the county. Beth Schaller noted that repairs to that bridge might be included in the STIP but she would have to check.

Megan Clark noted that MoDOT has created a sort of simplified STIP that just has [Road and Bridge](#) projects listed, called Missouri's Road and Bridge Program. She showed the group where to find the document online.

Sara Fields added that MoDOT has created a nice [STIP map](#) that allows users to zoom in and see what projects are programmed and for what year.

Randy Owens reported that Webster County had a visit from MoDOT's bridge engineer. He explained how they do the inspections and that the approaches to the bridge structure are not included, which was a surprise to the commissioners.

7. Regional Transportation Plan:

Megan Clark stated that as promised the TAC would be reviewing the regional transportation plan goals at each meeting. She reviewed goal 2: access and mobility and requested any feedback on identified objectives be sent to her via email.

8. SMCOG Staff Update:

a. INFRA Grant:

Megan Clark informed the group that the State of Missouri had been awarded a federal INFRA grant for the Rocheport Bridge, outside of Columbia on I-70. While the State did not receive the full amount of funding requested, it still triggered the bonding for bridges. This means there will be some funding that is currently program in the STIP that might become available for other improvements. A full informational document was included in the packet.

Beth Schaller noted that MoDOT has not yet determined what that will look like. The funding exercise list will be used, but it is not clear to what extent. Due to limited funds, MoDOT may need that money for asset management first.

b. Governor's Cost-Share:

The information regarding the Governor's Cost-Share has been released. There is a focus on economic development and the project may be on any public road or bridge. MoDOT will be developing a FAQ that will be provided later. The Southwest District is asking for a rough draft application to be submitted by August 30th. This allows staff time to review the project and ensure it is something that can be supported.

c. Other Items of Interest:

Megan Clark informed the group of an opportunity through the [Missouri Complete Streets Consortium Series](#) which would provide technical assistance to communities looking to work on and implement more active transportation options. Applications are due September 15.

Included in the packet is information pertaining to Emergency Relief Funds tied to Federal Disaster Declaration 4451 and opportunities for eligible counties.

Megan Clark noted that she included some information on transportation funding at the federal level with S2302 America's Transportation Infrastructure Act. Federal legislators are on holiday but hoping to take up this conversation when they return in September.

The packet includes several articles that may be of interest.

9. MoDOT Update

Beth Schaller reported that the 65 rebuild project was moving ahead of schedule and likely to reopen the southbound lanes early.

The I-44 bridge project is moving along and will continue next year. The Mt. Vernon business loop will be closed on Monday evening.

Next week on August 20th, MoDOT will be hosting a public meeting in Rogersville to seek input on the proposed design(s) for the 125/60 interchange.

10. MPO Update

Andy Thomason reported that the OTO will be prioritizing regional needs next week. The Board will also be discussing additional funding for trails. City Utilities Transit was awarded a few electric busses, which should be delivered and put in service late 2020, early 2021.

11. Legislative Reports

Dan Wadlington with Senator Roy Blunt's office reported that there has not been much traction on transportation or infrastructure funding. However, Webster County representatives were in Washington, D.C. and met with Senator Blunt about BRO and low water crossings. After that meeting, Sen. Blunt's office drafted and introduced an amendment that would officially allow BRO funds to be used for low water crossings.

12. Other Member Updates & Guest Reports

None

13. Adjourn by Chairman

Meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m. by Chair Wood.

The next meeting will be November 13, 2019 at 9 a.m. at Library Center in Springfield.