



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Library Center

Attending: Dennis Pyle (Barry), Cherry Warren (Barry), Todd Wiesehan (Christian), Brent Young (Christian), Roger Bradley (Dallas), Hollie Elliott (Dallas), Howard Fisk (Greene), Joel Keller (Greene), Max Springer (Lawrence), Jon Holmes (Lawrence), Sydney Allen (Polk), Dennis Wood (Stone), Jerry Harman (Stone), Buddy Roberts (Taney), Rick Ziegenfuss (Taney), Stan Whitehurst (Webster), Randy Owens (Webster)

Tim Selvey (Lawrence), Steve Seaton (Stone County), Wayne Blades (Stone County), Andy Thomason (OTO), Dan Wadlington (Senator Roy Blunt), Jeremy Pruet (Congressman Bill Long), Zeke Hall (MoDOT), Frank Miller (MoDOT), Megan Clark (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 Howard Fisk, motion seconded by Buddy Roberts. All yeas. Motion carried.

3. Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve the January 8, 2020 meeting minutes made by Rick Ziegenfuss, motion seconded by Jerry Harman. All yeas. Motion carried.

4. MoDOT Asset Management Plan- Frank Miller, MoDOT

Frank Miller, Southwest District Planning Manager, reviewed the funding distributions for MoDOT at the State and Southwest District level. He also reviewed asset management pertaining to roads, bridges, and the ADA transition plan. Miller noted that the current funding levels for asset management barely keep pace with needed funding, so dollars must be taken from the system improvement funds. A copy of the presentation is available in the agenda packet.

5. 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 5: Local Outreach.

6. SMCOG Staff Update:

a. Statewide Planning Partners Meeting Recap:

Megan Clark reminded the TAC that each year MoDOT hosts a statewide planning partners meeting in Jefferson City. This meeting brings together MoDOT staff and planning partners (RPCs, COGs, MPOs,) from across the state to discuss current topics and share information. Clark reviewed some highlights regarding funding projections, the state safety plan, and unfunded needs. Presentations are available in the agenda packet.

b. Multimodal Needs:

Megan Clark reported that MoDOT has asked planning partners to begin prioritizing multimodal needs. SMCOG and the MoDOT Southwest District currently prioritize bike and pedestrian needs but have not historically prioritized freight, aviation, or transit. The 2020 prioritization will now include those needs.

c. **Prioritization Process-** to discuss in more detail in May:

Megan Clark reported that she would be asking the TAC to discuss the prioritization process in more detail at the May meeting. In the past few years, the TAC has been very collaborative and ensured that each county gets at least one need in the top ten. However, when we take those needs to the district not all score very well. The group began factoring in a pre-score which includes quantitative scores determined with MoDOT staff ahead of time and those scores are tied to MoDOT's goals. Clark asked the group to consider if the needs prioritization should have more of a score focus.

Howard Fisk asked that the conversation in May begin with an example of the needs prioritization with the scores.

d. **Other Items of Interest:**

Megan noted that she had sent an email to the TAC with the form collecting the 2020 needs. She also noted that the 2020 Census will be going live this week, and everyone should make sure to take it. There are other items of interest in the packet.

7. MoDOT Update

Frank Miller reported that I-44 bridge construction in Lawrence County will begin again next week.

Jerry Harman asked Frank when the Railey Creek bridge would be done and what the timeline for construction along Highway 13 would be. Miller stated project information is usually available on MoDOT's website at: <https://traveler.modot.org/map/index.html>

Howard Fisk asked if counties that have high amounts of horse and buggy traffic receive extra funding for maintenance on those roads. Miller responded that the counties don't receive more money, but when MoDOT is looking at routes in those areas that experience high horse and buggy traffic they do consider that extra wear and tear when deciding on resurfacing schedules and may budget additional funds.

8. MPO Update

Andy Thomason reported that the OTO has some public engagement options scheduled for the update of the Long-Range Transportation Plan. OTO is also working with MoDOT on the STIP. An application for federal funding was submitted for six-laning I-44 in Springfield. OTO is also working on congestion management process and what projects can be done to assist.

9. Legislative Reports

Dan Wadlington with Senator Roy Blunt's office reported that the Senate is working on appropriations bills and those seem to be moving along. The President has requested some stimulus money but there is no agreement on approving it yet.

Jeremy Pruet reported that the House doesn't have much going on. His office did write a letter of support for the I-44 six-laning project.

10. Other Member Updates & Guest Reports

None

11. Adjourn by Chairman

Meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m. by Chair Wood.

The next meeting will be May 13, 2020 at 9 a.m. at Library Center in Springfield.