



# Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

**Attending:** Steve Walensky (Barry), Brent Young (Christian), Todd Wiesehan (Christian), Kim Kinder (Dade), Hollie Elliott (Dallas), Roger Bradley (Dallas), J. Howard Fisk (Greene), Joel Keller (Greene), Max Springer (Lawrence), Gail Noggle (Polk), Rick Davis (Polk), Steve Seaton (Stone Alternate), Jerry Harman (Stone), Buddy Roberts (Taney), Randy Owens (Webster), Sam Rost (Webster), Stan Whitehurst (Webster Alternate)

Andy Thomason (OTO), Frank Miller (MoDOT), Jason Ray (SMCOG), Aishwarya Shrestha (SMCOG), Hanna Schinstock (SMCOG), Courtney Pinkham (SMCOG), Avery Knese (SMCOG), Sonya Anderson (Senator Blunt), Dana Louderbaugh (Fair Grove), Crystal Warren (Fair Grove), Wayne Blades, David Hutchison

The meeting was called to order by Chair Todd Wiesehan.

**1. Introductions and Pledge:**

Self introductions were made.

**2. Approval of the agenda:**

Motion to approve the agenda made by Max Springer, motion seconded by Buddy Roberts. All ayes. Motion carried.

**3. Approval of minutes:**

Motion to approve the July 14, 2021 meeting minutes made by Buddy Roberts, motion seconded by Howard Fisk. All ayes. Motion carried.

**4. USBR 51 Discussion:**

David Hutchison provided an overview of US Bicycle Route 51 in Missouri and the Butterfield Stage Experience Bicycle Route. David provided a brief history of the routes, development, approval process for routes in the USBR system, and introduced the draft routes in Missouri.

Howard Fisk asked who will pay for the projects. David stated that it is normally paid for locally.

Gail Noggle asked if there would be bicycle-specific lanes. David stated that they were not part of the project at this time.

Brent Young asked if safety with the routes is being considered. David stated safety is being considered. The committee prefers local roads over state roads.

Gail Noggle asked if the City of Springfield routes were done by Missouri Bicycle and Pedestrian Federation. David stated that it is done by the city.

Maps will be provided to the TAC to choose the preferred route.

**5. 2021 Bicycle and Pedestrian Prioritization:**

Aishwarya Shrestha presented the top 2 needs for each county. TAC members and MoDOT staff provided input throughout the presentation. TAC members ranked the top 10 regional needs.

Motion to rank bike/ped needs on Rt. 112 over Dry Hollar Branch in Roaring River State Park (Barry#1) as regional priority number one. Motion made by Steve Walensky and seconded by Howard Fisk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank bike/ped needs on Rt. 76 near elementary school and post office in Kirbyville (Taney #1) as regional priority number two. Motion made by Buddy Roberts. Motion not carried due to a lack of a second.

Motion to rank bike/ped needs on Rte. 125 in Fair Grove Main Street & Westward (Greene #1) as regional priority number two. Motion made by Joel Keller and seconded by Rick Davis. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank bike/ped needs on Rt. 83 from Jackson to Mt. Gilead Road in Bolivar (Polk #2) as regional priority number three. Motion made by Rick Davis and seconded by Howard Fisk. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank bike/ped needs on new State Highway CC to Highway DD in Marshfield (Webster #1) as regional priority number four. Motion made by Randy Owens and seconded by Jerry Harman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank bike/ped needs on Rt. 76 near elementary school and post office in Kirbyville (Taney #1) as regional priority number five. Motion made by Max Springer and seconded by Steve Walensky. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank bike/ped needs on Rt. E from Meadow View School to Coatney Road (Dallas #2) as regional priority number six. Motion made by Howard Fisk and seconded by Hollie Elliott. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank bike/ped needs on Rt. 160 from Barton to Green County lines (Dade #2) as regional priority number seven. Motion made by Kim Kinder and seconded by Steve Walensky. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank bike/ped needs on Rt. 14 in Clever (Christian #1) as regional priority number eight. Motion made by Kim Kinder and seconded by Steve Seaton. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank bike/ped needs on Rt. 39 from 6<sup>th</sup> to Rt. DD in Miller (Lawrence #1) as regional priority number nine. Motion made by Steve Walensky and seconded by Max Springer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to rank bike/ped needs on Rt. 413 through Crane (Stone #1) as regional priority number ten. Motion made by Steve Seaton and seconded by Max Springer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to confirm the top 10 regional bike/ped needs made by Howard Fisk and seconded by Kim Kinder, Sam Rost, and Hollie Elliott. All ayes. Motion carried.

## **6. SMCOG Staff Update:**

- a. Road and bridges prioritization on September 8, 2021  
Aishwarya Shrestha reminded the committee that the road and bridges prioritization will take place on September 8, 2021, at 9 am at the Library Center.
- b. 2021 TEAP Application  
Aishwarya Shrestha highlighted that the TEAP application is due on August 31, 2021. The application is also included in the meeting packet.
- c. Other items of interest  
Aishwarya Shrestha highlighted that the New York Times's summary of the Infrastructure Plan is included in the meeting packet along with the attendance sheet.

## **7. MoDOT Update**

Frank Miller mentioned that MoDOT and planning partners are working on the unfunded needs list. Tier 1 and Tier 2 of the road and bridges of the unfunded needs list are completed. Currently, everyone is working on Tier 3, which is a long-term, 10-15 years unfunded needs list. He also mentioned that the legislators like to see these lists with the details to understand the needs of the communities. MoDOT is working on a new multimodal unfunded needs list that includes bike/ped, rail, freight, air, and transit needs.

MoDOT is also working on creating funding projections for the new gas tax while considering the rebate provisions included in the bill.

## **8. MPO Update**

Andy Thomason mentioned that OTO is looking to do a study for Kansas Expressway and I-44 interchange. RFQ's for this project is due on August 13, 2021.

OTO is currently working on compiling their multimodal needs.

Andy also noted that they are taking their Destination 2045 plan to the TPC and Board of Directors for their approval.

## **9. Legislative Reports**

Sonya Anderson mentioned that Senator Blunt has been involved with the negotiations from the beginning to ensure that the bill contained funding for traditional infrastructure. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill passed Tuesday morning by a vote of 69-30 and this bill will authorize more than 8 billion for Missouri to help improve the safety and reliability of our roads. Out of that \$8 billion, it is estimated that Missouri will receive approximately \$6 billion for federal highway programs and over \$480 million for bridge repairs and replacements. Each state including Missouri is also estimated to receive approximately \$100 million for broadband. She also noted that Senator Blunt voted yes to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill.

Howard Fisk mentioned that on behalf of TAC, it is important to know that Senator Blunt voted yes to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill.

## **10. Other Member Updates & Guest Reports**

Jason Ray mentioned that there is a lot of funding coming through ARPA. Six Notice of Funding Opportunities were released through EDA along with CDBG Cares Act funds.

## **11. Adjourn by Chair**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Todd Wiesehan.

The next meeting will be on September 8, 2021, in person.

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