



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Attending: Steve Walensky (Barry), Brent Young (Christian), Todd Wiesehan (Christian), Randy Daniel (Dade), Kim Kinder (Dade), Hollie Elliott (Dallas), J. Howard Fisk (Greene), Garen McElroy (Greene Alternate), Jon Holmes (Lawrence), Tim Selvey (Lawrence Alternate), Hank Smythe (Stone), Buddy Roberts (Taney), Randy Owens (Webster), Stan Whitehurst (Webster Alternate)

Andy Thomason (OTO), Zeke Hall (MoDOT), Frank Miller (MoDOT), Jason Ray (SMCOG), Aishwarya Shrestha (SMCOG), Hanna Schinstock (SMCOG), Lexi Mason (SMCOG), Courtney Pinkham (SMCOG), Avery Knese (SMCOG), Erin Engelmeyer (Senator Hawley), Jeremy Pruett (Congressman Long), Dan Wadlington (Senator Blunt), Dana Louderbaugh (Fair Grove), Wayne Blades

The meeting was called to order by Jason Ray (SMCOG).

1. Introductions by County & Guests

Self-introductions were skipped.

2. Approval of the agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda made by Stan, motion seconded by Kim. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Election of 2021-2022 TAC Chair and Vice-Chair

Jason asked for nominations for Chair. Todd was nominated as the Chair. Motion to approve Todd as the Chair by Howard, motion seconded by Tim. Todd Wiesehan was nominated as the Chair. Todd accepted the nomination. Committee affirmed.

Jason asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Jon Holmes was nominated as the Vice-Chair. Motion to approve Jon as the Vice-Chair by Howard, motion seconded by Tim. Jon Holmes was nominated as the Vice-Chair. Jon accepted the nomination. Committee affirmed.

4. Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve the May 12, 2021 meeting minutes made by Buddy, motion seconded by Hank. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. SMCOG Staff Update:

a. Road and bridges, and bike/ped prioritization discussion

Aishwarya asked the committee if they would be open to a September TAC meeting on the 8th to prioritize transportation needs to make up for not prioritizing at the July TAC meeting. The committee agreed to prioritize bike/ped needs on the August 11 TAC meeting, and road and bridges on September 8 (new date) TAC meeting. Motion to approve the change made by Jon, motion seconded by Tim. All ayes.

b. FY2022-2026 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) update

Aishwarya highlighted the 2022-2026 STIP that was approved by the Highway Commission on July 1, 2021. The SW District STIP is included in the meeting packet.

c. Other Items of Interest:

Aishwarya noted that the Blueprint for Safer Roadways application included in the meeting packet is due on Wednesday, July 21.

Aishwarya highlighted the press release by the Governor's Office of Communications regarding SB 262, which is also included in the meeting packet.

Aishwarya also highlighted the TAC Policy included in the meeting packet for new TAC members.

6. MoDOT Update

Frank mentioned that on SB 262, the Governor is doing a Springfield ceremonial signing on July 15, 2021, at 9:45 a.m. on Republic Road.

Frank highlighted MoDOT's city and county databook that includes the amount of state transportation revenues for cities and counties. This book is published annually and available to all.

Frank mentioned that MoDOT is currently working on their Asset Management Plan update and waiting for the Safety Plan from their consultants. MoDOT is also working on developing their unfunded needs list with a new Tier 3 as well as a multi-modal tier. FY20 prioritization will be used to populate this list. The 2023-2027 STIP process will also be carried out simultaneously with the unfunded needs list process.

Frank highlighted the survey for grade crossings across the state. This is a new plan required by federal law. The survey will be used to gather concerns about grade crossings whether it be safety, emergency response, or traffic congestion.

7. MPO Update

Andy mentioned that OTO is working on their multi-modal needs, trying to get input from bicycle and pedestrian committees, reaching out to transit partners and partners at the Springfield-Branson National Airport to gather information to educate our legislators.

OTO is also working on its transit coordination plan, which is used for the 5310 programs to buy transit vehicles within their region.

Andy mentioned that in their last board meeting, the board chose to fund a few trail projects. Two of the trail projects will be working on extending the Chadwick Flyer Trail into Ozark.

Andy highlighted that they will be kicking off a study on Kansas Expressway/MO 13 interchange at I-44. OTO will be posting an RFQ to bring an engineer on board for the study, and will also be seeking public input soon.

8. Legislative Reports

Jeremy noted that the infrastructure bill has stalled in Congress.

Dan mentioned the Senate will be voting on the infrastructure bill in a week. Senator Blunt is optimistic about the Senate plan.

9. Other Member Updates & Guest Reports

Jon mentioned that the City of Aurora handed off their emergency services 911 dispatching to the Larence County Emergency Services who is providing the services to the City.

Jon also mentioned that Aurora's City Council wants to move forward with putting together a plan for the City trails. The new trail would link the city's 2 main parks and would run along diagonally following a major stormwater floodway. The city is working with its engineer to develop the trail. There will be an Open House on July 22, 2021, to discuss the trail and provide an opportunity for the public to see what work has been done and comment on it. Jon opened the invitation to all of the committee members.

10. Adjourn by Chair

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Todd Wiesehan.

The next meeting will be on August 11, 2021, in person.

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