



## Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Library Station, May 11, 2011

**Attending:** Eugene Dilbeck, Susie Knust, Howard Fisk, David Miller, Buddy Roberts, Billy Dryer, Burt Pitchford, Joel Keller, Kenneth Bacon, Bob Walster, Nancy J. Edson, Steve McIntosh, David Rauch, Frank Washburn, Todd Wiesenhan, Eric Kellstadt, Becky Baltz, Frank Miller, Dawne Gardner, Jenni Jones, Sara Edwards, Stacy Burks, Scott Kosky, Nick Maddux

**SMCOG Staff:** Dan Watts

### Introductions

**Approval of March 9, 2010 Minutes:** Buddy Roberts motioned and Howard Fisk seconded to approve minutes. Motion Carried

### Bolder Five Year Direction—Becky Baltz:

Ms. Baltz discussed the proposal presented by MoDOT to the Missouri Highway Commission to reduce costs at MoDOT. Over the last year MoDOT has reduced employees by 340 and saved \$64 million to put back into the road and bridge program. More cutbacks and savings are needed. The bolder plan reduces employees by 1,200 through attrition and reassignment. There will be 135 fewer facilities including 3 fewer district facilities. 10 districts are being reduced to 7, meaning there will be larger areas to administer. This plan will save \$117 million a year over the next 5 years. There will also be equipment reductions.

### Draft STIP FY 2012-2016—Frank Miller/Eric Kellstadt

We are seeing smaller types of projects rather than the large construction projects. The focus is taking care of the roadways and bridges. There are lots of resurfacing projects on major and minor routes. There is a lot of bridge work occurring across the area. 9 projects that came out of the rural planning workshop are on the STIP. *Eric Kellstadt:* The upgrade to 71 to I49 is progressing. District 7 projects also focus on bridges and resurfacing projects.

### Sidewalk Inventory Web Portal—Dan Watts

Mr. Watts presented a web portal that is being used to publicly display sidewalk inventory. The test city used was Billings. SMCOG is currently using space on an MSU server to host the web-portal.

### Guest Reports:

**Dawne Gardner, MoDOT District 8:** All district 8 enhancements projects are on target with the reasonable progress policy. The letting schedule is light at this time of year. We are doing some thin lift overlays.

**Kirk Juranis, MoDOT District 8:** Mr. Juranis discussed the upcoming changes to the MoDOT districts. June 8, the Highway Commission will decide to accept or reject the plan. At that time, district 7 and 8 will combine to form the Southwest District. Mr. Juranis will be moving to Central District and Becky Baltz will be district engineer for S.W. district.

**Sara Edwards, OTO:** OTO is starting the process of deciding which projects will get funded over the next four years in the OTO regions. There are changes affecting areas under 200,000; however, OTO is over 200,000 so it won't affect us.

**David Rauch, Senator McCaskill's Office:** The Highway Trust fund issues need to be resolved. It is currently being funded out of general funds. The source of funding for this fund has not been dependable and the big question is what we replace this with. There is a lot of disaster activity happening with the floods. Ozark County had 20 inches of rain last week.

**Steve McIntosh, Senator Blunt's Office:** Disaster Declarations have been made in four counties in Missouri. This will open up funds for public and private assistance in dealing with disasters.

**Nick Maddux, Congressman Long's Office:** We have been surveying some of the flood damaged areas over the last few days. Chairman Mica wants to move a bill through for the Highway Reauthorization bill. There are funding mechanisms that are coming though, such as charges per mile, that Mr. Long does not support.

#### **Other Business**

None

**Adjourn:** Howard Fisk motioned to Adjourn and Buddy Roberts Seconded.