



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

Library Station

Attending: Dennis Pyle (Barry), Todd Wiesehan (Christian), Brent Young (Christian), Kim Kinder (Dade), Roger Bradley (Dallas), Hollie Elliott (Dallas), Joel Keller (Greene), Howard Fisk (Greene), Max Springer (Lawrence), Tim Rice (Lawrence), Rick Davis (Polk), Dennis Wood (Stone), Randy Rogers (Stone Alternate), Buddy Roberts (Taney), David Miller (Taney), Randy Owens (Webster), Stan Whitehurst (Webster Alternate)

Jeff Scott (Greene Alternate)

Beth Schaller (MoDOT), Jerry Harman (Kimberling City), Tina Horn (Walnut Grove), Andy Thomason (Ozarks Transportation Organization), Amanda Bybee (Trek Design Group), Justin Butkovich (SMCOG), Jason Ray (SMCOG), Megan Clark (SMCOG), Bailey DeJonge (SMCOG), Simon Nogin (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:

Max Springer noted the misspelling of Tim Rice's name on the July 12 minutes. Motion to approve the July 12, 2017 meeting minutes as amended made by Buddy Roberts, motion seconded by Todd Wiesehan. All yeas. Motion carried

4. Regional Transportation Prioritization Process- Bike and Pedestrian:

Megan Clark explained the prioritization process would include the top two needs from each county, and the TAC should rank at least the top five needs for the region. The top ten road and bridge needs and the top five bike and pedestrian needs will be taken to the MoDOT Southwest District meeting on October 27. TAC members interested in attending should let Megan know ASAP as there are only four spots for TAC members.

Megan Clark and members of the TAC presented the top bike and pedestrian need for each county. Randy Owen and Stan Whitehurst stated that Webster County's need was not as well scoped as many of the others and therefore would remove their projects from being ranked.

Motion that the group begin ranking the top regional needs using only the number one need from each county made by Howard Fisk, motion seconded by Rick Davis. All yeas.

Dennis Pyle asked if MoDOT had any comments or recommendations for any of the projects.

Beth Schaller stated that she would remain neutral because many of the needs are concerns that MoDOT has been aware of for a while.

Buddy Roberts asked Beth Schaller who takes on the liability for sidewalks once constructed utilizing MoDOT funds. Schaller stated that there are agreements with the community that maintenance would be taken on by the community. Liability will likely lie with the community, but if something happens, such as an injury on the sidewalk, and a lawsuit is filed, often nearly all entities will end up involved.

Motion to rank Barry County's number one need, pedestrian accommodations on Rte. 112 bridge in Roaring River State Park, as regional priority number one made by Howard Fisk, motion seconded by Kim Kinder. 11 yeas, 2 nays. Motion carried.

Motion to rank Stone County's number one need, pedestrian accommodations on Rte. 13 in Kimberling City, as regional priority number two made by Max Springer, motion seconded by Dennis Pyle. All yeas. Motion carried.

Motion to rank Polk County's number one need, pedestrian accommodations on Rte. H in Pleasant Hope, as regional priority number three made by Todd Wiesehan, motion seconded by Hollie Elliott. 15 yeas. Motion carried.

Motion to rank Greene County's number one need, pedestrian accommodations on Rte. 125 in Fair Grove, as regional priority number four made by Rick Davis, motion seconded by Howard Fisk. 16 yeas. Motion carried.

Motion to rank Dallas County's number one need, pedestrian accommodations on Rte. 32 in Buffalo, as regional priority number five made by Roger Bradley, motion seconded by Rick Davis. 13 yeas. Motion carried.

Chair Woods asked if the group would like to rank a number six need just in case there was a need to pull one from the top five or there was interest in additional projects. The TAC liked the idea and stated yes.

Motion to rank Taney County's number one need, pedestrian accommodations on Bus. 65 in Hollister, as regional priority number six made by Tim Rice, motion seconded by Buddy Roberts. All yeas.

Chair Wood reiterated that this project would not be on the top five and taken to the district, but would be on the list.

Beth Schaller stated that the area in Hollister is slated for some work in the upcoming years, so it is likely the pedestrian accommodations may be addressed through that project.

5. MoDOT Update- Beth Schaller, MoDOT SW District

Beth Schaller provided an update on the 65 pavement repairs. Work on southbound lanes has been completed and northbound is about half completed. Traffic has been more challenging with the northbound construction. Overall the project has gone really well and the contractor is still on schedule.

Highway 65 widening is also still on schedule. Work on the bridge is nearing completion and scheduled for November.

MoDOT has done a substantial number of overlays and chip and seals this summer. There is an overlay coming up on 86 in Taney County in the next couple of months.

Bridge repairs are being done in Lawrence and Taney counties. Currently a bridge on Rt. H in northern Greene County is closed for repairs, but almost completed. There will be substantial bridge work completed on I-44 bridges in the upcoming years.

6. MPO Update – Andy Thomason, OTO

Andy Thomason reported that the Ozarks Transportation Organization is working through its TIP. The board of directors is scheduled to adopt the TIP this week. The OTO TIP may be viewed at: http://www.ozarkstransportation.org/Documents/OTO_TIP_FY2018-2021_draft.pdf

The OTO is also working on a regional trails study to look at trail connections with surrounding communities.

7. Other Member Updates & Guest Reports

Megan Clark stated she had four updates:

- 1) The Transformation for the 21st Century Task Force will be meeting in Springfield on August 23 at 1 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce. This is a public meeting and members are encouraged to attend. There will be an opportunity for public comment. If members cannot attend, but would like for Megan to read a statement, please let her know.
- 2) An email was sent out with information on the DERA grant from DNR for early replacement of school busses. This grant is for a maximum of \$18,000 and has a deadline of August 31.
- 3) Nothing new to report on the VW settlement yet. The trust fund has been established, but nothing new from the State of Missouri regarding how much money, how it will be distributed, etc. If and when more is known, the information will be shared with the group. If there is interest in applying for a grant at that time, there is an organization in Springfield that will help prepare and pool grant applications.
- 4) OATS has expanded service offerings in Christian County through a new partnership with the SB 40 board. If any other communities or counties are interested in expanding service or working more with OATS, please contact Jeff Robinson, the regional director, or Megan can connect you via email.

Dan Waddlington with Senator Roy Blunts Office reported that the five week recess was cut to three and the Senate will return to an enormous work load. For September, the Senate must address the budget, appropriations, tax reform, debt ceiling, and infrastructure. The new federal fiscal year begins on October 1.

8. Adjourn by Chairman

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am by Chair Woods.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 9 a.m. at Library Station in Springfield.