



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Alumni Center – Hospitality Room, October 10th, 2007

Attending: Stan Whitehurst, Steve Collier, Danny Garbee, Bill Monday, Buddy Roberts, Phil Hutchens, Natasha Longpine, Jenny Jones, Nancy Edson, Rick Davis, David Miller, Joel Keller, Howard Fisk, James Smart, Robert Walster, Eric Kellstadt, Dawne Gardner, Frank Miller, Scott Kosky, Jeff Robinson, Stacy Burks

SMCOG Staff: Dan Watts

INTRODUCTIONS

Call to Order: Steve Miller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from July 11, 2007: *Monday, Walster*

OZARK TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION (OTO) – NATASHA LONGPINE

Natasha Longpine

Dan Rudge is leaving on October 19th. He is moving to VA and has accepted a position as strategic planner for Virginia Rail and Transit. The ride share week is October 22-26, promoting car pooling and van pooling. More information is on the web site. We are working on priorities and the investment process. *Steve Collier:* Where are you on the transit authority concept? *Longpine:* We are just getting started on that.

MODOT UPDATE – ERIC KELLSTADT/DAWNE GARDNER

Eric Kellstadt

District 7: US 71 is opened south of Joplin near Pineville. Missouri now has a 4 lane corridor from Iowa to Arkansas. MoDOT is conducting purpose and needs study for I44. CH Hill out of Saint Louis is the consultant.

Dawne Gardner

District 8: Announced upcoming letting schedules.

OATS-Scott Kosky

Scott Kosky

Scott introduced area manager Jeff Robinson to the group. He will be hitting a lot of the meetings. OATS is currently working on transit plan for Southwest Missouri.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Senator Bond's Office—Stacy Burks

Stacy Burks

The senate is in fall recess. They have worked on 4 of 12 appropriations bills; the house has passed all 12.

Congressman Blunt's Office—Steve McIntosh

No Report Given

Statewide Investment Priorities—Frank Miller

Frank Miller

MoDOT is currently undergoing the major investment process. This process will help determine how to spend any additional transportation funds. It is designed to answer questions from legislatures, and MoDOT wants to get with RPCs and MPOs to make it more of a grassroots effort. At the September 5th meeting Dan Watts and Dan Rudge presented the SMCOG and OTO needs. Each RPC scored needs for preliminary rankings. There are three project categories: major projects, transit, and major highway and bridge. Southwest Missouri did fairly well. The 3rd ranked project was 65 to I44. Top rank for SMCOG was Stone County Hwy13, which came in 17th out of 170.

An additional 140 million dollars in amendment 3 money has been raised. There are a few rules for project eligibility. 1. Project must be part of major investment process 2. Projects have to have matching funds identified. Not necessarily a 50/50 match but large enough to be significant. 3. Far enough along to be ready for 2010. 4. For major highway projects it has to be capacity type project. 6. Project cost must be at least 3 million. We looked at the projects that fit those criteria. In this area: 6 laning from James River to Battlefield Road in OTO region. In District 8 shared 4 lane in Laclede County on Hwy 5. Projects for SMCOG: Stone County Hwy 13 project from 10 million to 25 million dollars. 60/37 shared 4 lane estimate is around 12 million. We are sharing the cost of this with District 7. District 7 is pursuing Monett to Marionville. The Hwy 13 project will be a center turn lane on 13 and maybe relocation around Stonebridge area. We are trying to get the project down to Rt OO where the congestion begins.

Needs 2008—Dan Watts

The 2008 needs process is under way. We are meeting with county commissions and sending out a survey to collect needs. Each county's TAC representative will present needs at the next TAC meeting.

Coordinated Transit Plan—Dan Watts

Work has progressed on the plan. It should go before the SMCOG board in January.

Long Range Transportation Plan—Jenny Jones

Jenny Jones from MoDOT central office discussed the process behind the Long Range Transportation Plan and presented the plan to the group.

Other Business

None.

Adjourn

Walster/Hutchins