



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Midtown Carnegie Library, April 27, 2016

Attending: Mike Randall, Joel Keller, Sam Rost, Max Springer, Sydney Allen, Buddy Roberts, Frank Miller, Dennis Wood, Jeremy Pruett, Stan Whitehurst, Harlan Hill, Steve McIntosh, Jeff Robinson

Introductions and Approval of February 3, 2016: Self introductions were made. Previous meeting's minutes were approved.

Regional Transportation Needs Survey

SMCOG – Jason Ray

The list attached to the agenda separates projects by county and has them broken out by mode of transport. Look over these lists and contact Jason for any updates, including additions or removals, that need to be made to the list. These projects should be MoDOT-only; these are based off of the Amendment 7 prioritization process from 2014. The TAC annual prioritization process will happen in the fall.

Guest Reports

MoDOT – Frank Miller

The Small Urban STP was recently voted on to be lumped into the usual funding allocation process in the STIP. This is just a proposal that will be available in the draft STIP on May 11, after which there will be a 30-day public comment. All communities that will be effected will be contacted to set up a meeting to discuss these changes. The commission has seen underutilization of the Small Urban STP; the 2016 funding will still be distributed and have until 2019 to utilize the funds. The funding allocations will be updated to the 2010 census. Republic no longer qualifies as small urban, so those funds would be shifted to Willard, if the program continues.

The On-System BRM will also be lumped into the regular process. Only Monett and Springfield have bridges on these lists, and so will be the only municipalities affected. OTO will lose ~\$300k/year. Rural would get 10% of the total funds reallocated and urban would receive 5%.

The draft STIP has put the striping and chip-seal programs under federal aid programs. Projections on the rural side have increased to \$40 million. The asset management plan is designed to hold all districts accountable in achieving the same number of high-quality miles of road and critical bridge issues, per year. After achieving those minimums, the money would be available for region-based decisions on projects.

OTO is in a good position on funding to address all critical bridges in the area. A cycle has been established for re-surfacing that designates roads as major or minor routes. It may be possible to address congestion issue as a safety concern under STIP prioritization; contact MoDOT about this.

The FAST Act passed. The state gas tax has passed the Senate, but is unlikely to pass in the House. There is concern for 2022 STIP funding and matching abilities. The state is bringing back a cost-share with \$20 million, pending the governor's signature. Applications for TAP funds will come out this fall.

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No report.

OATS - Jeff Robinson

The "Way to Go" service in Stone County will be discontinued, due to a lack of funding. The line serviced approximately 400 people/month.

A new service from Branson to Springfield and Stone County once or twice a week will be added.

Senator McCaskill's Office

No report.

Senator Blunt's Office-Steve McIntosh

Missouri 170 may now be tolled, though it requires an amendment to the Missouri Constitution

Congressman Long's Office-Jeremy Pruett

No report.

Adjourn