



## Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Alumni Center—Hospitality Room, November 11, 2008

**Attending:** Buddy Roberts, Howard Fisk, Bill Monday, Robert Walster, Bill Marshall, David Miller, Nancy Edson, Eric Kellstadt, Dawne Gardner, Joel Keller, Stan Whitehurst, Phil Hutchens, John Sanders, Ken Bacon, Steve McIntosh, Scott Koskey

**SMCOG Staff:** Dan Watts

Introductions

**Approval of September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Minutes:** Bill Monday motioned to accept the minutes and Howard Fisk Seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**Approval of officers:**

Kenneth Bacon—Chair: Howard Fisk Motioned and Bill Monday seconded the motion. Motion Carried.  
Stan Whitehurst—Vice-Chair: Nancy Edson motioned and Robert Walster seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

**Guest Reports:**

**Eric Kellstadt**, MoDOT District 7: Mt. Vernon letting for business route through city. Also from Rt 39 to Rt 96. Both projects will let later this month. Y highway in Cassville applied for Safe Routes money but those have not been advertised yet. Engineering is done.

**Dawne Gardner**, MoDOT District 8: Safe Routes to School selections are behind on the infrastructure grants. We should see them on line in the next month. STIP projects: I44 and Glenstone project has been awarded. Upcoming letting is the I44 and Kansas expressway diverging diamond interchange. Not sure about the letting date on the Hwy 73 project in Dallas. July 09 is the expected completion date of the diverging diamond project on I44.

**Scott Kosky**, OATS: Nothing to report

**Steve McIntosh**, Matt Blunt's Office: Highway Authorization bill is up next year. Best case scenario is two years.

**Safe and Sound Program Update, John Sanders**

Due to financial issues, the original plan had to abandon for a new directions. There are two methods to complete. One will be a design/build method that will have 554 bridges in this program. Legislation gave MoDOT authorization to do 3 large design/build jobs, one of which will be the bridges. 248 bridges will be done under the traditional MoDOT design/bid method. District 8 33 bridges will be a part of design/build and 7 will be the traditional design/bid process. Most of the 248 will be rehab jobs. MoDOT made a commitment to have 100 bridges underway by the spring of this year. First bridges in District 8 will be December. Dallas and Polk counties both have one bridge and both have a July completion date. Bridges will be shut down during this process. The goal of the program is to do these bridges economically and efficiently. Public meetings will be held for each bridge to discuss the closure timeline and detour routes. Team selection for the 554 design/build bridges will occur next summer.

It is suggested that while the bridge is shut down it would be a good time to take care of other needs like approaches etc. The program; however, only calls for upgrades to the bridge itself.

#### **County Needs Meetings/RTP Update, Dan Watts**

We finished up the needs meetings last month and are now in the process of organizing the needs. We will be getting you those at the next meeting. We will be submitting the needs that have already been prioritized. The RTP is nearly finished; we are waiting for some data from MoDOT to complete the plan. It is suggested that more information be provided on the needs list in order to make ranking them more meaningful. A MoDOT representative suggested that SMOCG's process is following the planning framework. It was suggested that traffic count data be provided for the needs.

#### **Less Travelled Roads, Dan Watts**

The less travelled roads were discussed among the TAC. The members were encouraged to review the roads listed on MoDOT's "Conversation for Moving Missouri Forward," and make suggestions for roads they feel need to be on the list.

#### **Other Business**

Bill Marshall commented that the Federal Government is going to require single source audits possibly on an annual basis for BRO monies. The issue is how to pay for audits. Right now audits are only required over a certain amount of money received. This was discussed for informational purposes.

**Adjourn:** Stan Whitehurst motioned and Howard Fisk Seconded to adjourn. Motion Passed.