



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Alumni Center – Hospitality Room, March 14, 2007

Attending: Jim Blackburn; Robert Walster; George Cutbirth; Danny Garbee; Kenneth Bacon; Eric Kellstadt; Dawne Gardner; Steve Coller; Stan Whitehurst; Joel Keller; Stacy Burks; Al Moon; David Miller; Frank Miller; Scott Bachman; Sara Edwards; John Rice; Mark Mehmert; Mendy Knipp; Bob Becker; Mike Hayslip; Wally Schrock; George Quest; Buddy Roberts; Chris Robertson; Steve Childers

SMCOG Staff: Dan Watts; Diane May

INTRODUCTIONS

Call to Order: George Cutbirth

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from November 8 and January 10, 2006: *Walster/Bacon*

OZARK TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION (OTO) – SARA EDWARDS

Work continues on the North/South corridor study. Next step will be environmental analysis. Work is moving forward on the transit development plan. This is looking at regional transit agency to serve outside city limits. It's a coordinated human services plan to provide on demand transportation for elderly, disabled and low income individuals.

MODOT UPDATE – DAWNE GARDNER/FRANK MILLER ERIC KELLSTADT/SCOTT BACHMAN

Dawne Gardner: District 8 update on what's coming up in May letting: James River and Glenstone improvements. June, Marshfield spur 44 and CC widening and signal improvements. The I44 and 65 flyover is halfway done. Safe Routes to School applications are all in. There were ten infrastructure and four non-infrastructure applications. Enhancements applications are due on May 18.

Eric Kellstadt: District 7 received several Safe Routes to School grants, three infrastructure and three non-infrastructure. Enhancements are due May 15. We have received two from the SMCOG region: Cassville and Wheaton.

Frank Miller: Passed out the D8 rough draft STIP. SMCOG counties are the second set in alphabetical order. In the District 8 portion most of new projects are part of Better Roads Brighter Future program. Safe and Sound program is going to look like a repavement plan. The scoping section is broken down by spending.

Scott Bachman: Passed out the D7 rough draft STIP. Significant item is the acceleration of Mount Vernon interchange. Significant scoping is the continuation of 60/37 corridor study. This runs from the Republic area to Monett down to Arkansas line. We will see some public meetings in the next few months.

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No Report Given

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Senator Bond's Office—Stacy Burks

Continuing resolution for 07 was passed in February by congress and signed. It keeps in highway funding from the highway reauthorization bill. We are keeping that 34 million dollars. All of those programs will go forward. All line item projects will possibly not be accelerated due to money being stripped from earmarks. 2008 bills are going to committee and it remains to be seen what will come out of that.

Congressman Blunt's Office—Steve McIntosh

No Report.

Needs Prioritization TAC Approval---Dan Watts

Bacon/Moon, approved

Innovative Finance Opportunities—Mark Mehmert

Mr. Mehmert gave PowerPoint presentation regarding innovative financing opportunities for communities. A copy of this presentation is available at SMCOG office.

Adjourn

Bacon/Moon