



## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Alumni Center – Hospitality Room, September 10, 2008

**Attending:** James Smart, Bob Walster, Jack Swearingen, Stacey Burks, Natasha Longpine, Eric Kellstadt, Eric Bernskoetter, Frank Miller, Billy Dryer, Kenneth Bacon, Bill Monday, Bill Marshall, Frank Washburn, Phil Hutchens, Howard Fisk, Kirk Juranas, Doug Niedigh

**SMCOG Staff:** Dan Watts

### INTRODUCTIONS

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from March 12<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Meetings: Bill Monday motioned to accept the minutes and Howard Fisk Seconded. Motion Carried.

#### OZARK TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION (OTO) – NATASHA LONGPINE

*Natasha Longpine*

Work continues on the Rideshare software. This is a web-based program. A selection has been made and the website should be live within a couple of months. Cost for website is around \$29,000. OTO has moved into the new office space. The TIP is completed. OTO is also working with the Ozarks Clean Air Alliance on the ozone attainment issue. The next meeting is the 26<sup>th</sup> of September.

#### MODOT UPDATE – ERIC KELLSTADT/FRANK MILLER

*Eric Kellstadt*

One letting this month for the Mount Vernon/I44 Interchange. Start date for this project is not yet set. The estimated cost on the interchange is 9.3 million. Range Line Bypass in Joplin (Route 249) is set to open a month early.

*Frank Miller*

MoDOT awarded the contract on the last piece of 65. Work continues on Hwy 13 between Springfield and Bolivar on the north bound lane. Also awarded a project on Kearney street and Hwy 65 in the City of Springfield. *Kirk Juranas*-Taking bids on the diverging diamond (the first in the United States.) Along with 13 and 44 interchange we are looking at the interchange at Glenstone and 44. This will be a part of the bridge replacement. Also looking at the interchange at Kearney and 65. We hope to take bids in February at 60 and 65. We are working with the developer to do modifications at chestnut on the east side. This is a cost-share. The passage of the 1/8 cent sales tax has allowed us to accelerate the six-laning project on 65 from 60/65 to the Chestnut interchange.

## **OATS-Scott Kosky**

No report given.

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORTS**

### **Senator Bond's Office—Stacy Burks**

The Highway trust is in trouble. August projections are way behind. It is behind 300 million this year. Congress is working on a fix. HR6532 proposes an 8 billion dollar fix for trust fund. It takes general revenue funds and transfers them to the trust fund. The senator is in favor of transfer. One senator doesn't like the general revenue transfer. He is in favor of a more long term fix. senate in session on Monday. The defense bill looks like it will be a vehicle to pass appropriations. Energy reform acts and drilling stop most bills as they get added.

### **Congressman Blunt's Office—Steve McIntosh**

No report given.

### **Senator McCaskill's Office—David Rauch**

No report given.

### **Presentation: Moving Missouri Forward—Kirk Juranas**

Mr. Juranas presented MoDOT's "A Conversation for Moving Missouri Forward." In his presentation he highlighted MoDOT's top five priorities:

1. Take care of our roads and bridges
2. Do a better job of providing other ways to get around
3. Rebuild Interstates 70 and 44
4. Tackle needed major projects
5. Meet regional needs

Copies of the publication "A Conversation for Moving Missouri Forward" are available at SMOG offices. A transcript of this presentation is available upon request.

### **County Needs Meetings—Dan Watts**

Mr. Watts presented to the TAC the schedule for the upcoming county needs meetings.

### **Other Business**

Doug Niedigh updated the TAC on the activities of the Ozarks Clean Air Alliance and announced that the draft plan will be completed this month. He also invited TAC members to attend the upcoming DNR meeting to discuss counties that are out of attainment with the new EPA regulations.

**Adjourn**—Bob Walster motioned, Jack Swearingin seconded. The motion carried.