



# Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 2020  
Library Center

**Attending:** Dennis Pyle (Barry), Cherry Warren (Barry), Todd Wiesehan (Christian), Howard Fisk (Greene), Joel Keller (Greene), Tim Selvey (Lawrence), Sydney Allen (Polk), Rick Davis (Polk), Dennis Wood (Stone), Jerry Harman (Stone), Buddy Roberts (Taney), Rick Ziegenfuss (Taney), John Benson (Webster), Randy Owens (Webster)

Hank Smythe (Stone County), Wayne Blades (Stone County), Andy Thomason (OTO), Dan Wadlington (Senator Roy Blunt), Jeremy Pruet (Congressman Bill Long), Beth Schaller (MoDOT), Andrew Seiler (MoDOT), Zeke Hall (MoDOT), Jason Ray (SMCOG), Megan Clark (SMCOG), Scott Hayes (SMCOG)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wood at 9:00 a.m.

## 1. Introductions & Pledge

Self-introductions were made.

## 2. Approval of the agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda made by Jerry Harman, motion seconded by Todd Wiesehan. All yeas. Motion carried.

## 3. Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve the November 13, 2019 meeting minutes made by Randy Owens, motion seconded by Tim Selvey. All yeas. Motion carried.

## 4. MoDOT LPA Programs- Andrew Seiler

Andrew Seiler, Transportation Planning Specialist with [Local Public Agency Programs](#), provided an overview of the various programs. A few items to note included:

### STBG:

- Money that is allocated to TMAs such as the Ozarks Transportation Organization, located in areas of population over 200,000 people. The TMAs can then distribute to area communities

### BRO

- \$20.8 million statewide
- \$1.5 million for inspections performed on off-system bridges by MoDOT bridge inspectors
- \$19.3 million distributed to 114 counties
- Currently distributed based on ratio of square footage of deficient bridge deck per county compared to the total square footage of deficient bridge deck in all counties; will be changing to ratio of poor bridge in county based on number of poor bridges in state. Funding distribution will be updated due to federal requirements and MoDOT not sure when this will go into effect.
- Federal legislation proposed to allow low water crossing replacement with BRO funds.
- Bridges must be over 20 feet in length
- Can use soft-match and in-kind match; swap money with other counties

### TAP- Transportation Alternatives Program

- \$18.6 million statewide
- \$9.3 million to MoDOT for ADA transition plan
- Remaining dollars distributed to districts for applications
- Competitive application, usually due in November
- 2-year call for projects

### RTP- Recreational Trails Program

- In Missouri is facilitated through DNR
- Annual competitive project call
- Maximum \$250,000 projects
- Due 2/14/2020

### FLAP- Federal Lands Access Program

- \$1.4 million in Missouri
- Can be used on federal lands or for access to: National Forests, Army Corps of Engineers, National Battlefields, etc.

### TEAP- Traffic Engineering Assistance Program

- Can be used to help fund an ADA transition plan
- Can be used to conduct sign inventory and build a GIS database
- Preferable for non-MoDOT routes
- Competitive application
- Every 2-years call for projects
- Projects are limited to \$8,000 in federal/state funding but unlimited local funds
- Must use MoDOT on-call consultants

### BEAP- Bridge Engineering Assistance Program

- Engineering assistance for bridges not on state system
- First come, first served, no competitive application

### Other important items to note:

- Person in responsible charge: each LPA must have a person in responsible charge, must be full-time employee able to administer projects, must complete online training
- LPA Advisory Committee: made up of 18-20 members representing cities, counties, RPCs, MPOs, and consultants, rotating three-year terms, annual application for members

## 5. Regional Transportation Plan:

Megan Clark stated that as promised the TAC would be reviewing the regional transportation plan goals at each meeting. She reviewed goal 4: Partnerships.

## 6. SMCOG Staff Update:

### a. [2020 Construction Guide](#):

Megan Clark noted that the 2020 Construction Guide has been published. Beth Schaller added that it was not online yet because chip seal projects had accidentally been left off. Megan told the group she would link to the guide in the minutes and share with the TAC.

### b. MoDOT 2020 Legislative Agenda:

Megan Clark briefly reviewed MoDOT's legislative agenda which has two identified items. 1) Prohibit hand-held cell phone and other electronic wireless communication device use while driving 2) Miles per gallon equitable motor vehicle registration model.

### c. MoDOT Seat Belt Survey Report:

Megan Clark noted that three of SMCOG's counties were included in the survey this year. Overall there has been an increase in seatbelt usage which is good, but there is still room for improvement. Beth Schaller noted that three years of increased usage is good, but more people should wear the seatbelt because it is the easiest way to improve safety on the roadways.

### d. Pre-filed Legislation:

Megan Clark reviewed transportation related pre-filed state legislation. The document provided in the packet has hyperlinks to each bill summary.

### e. Other Items of Interest:

Megan noted that she had sent an email to the TAC with information about public comment periods for the Federal ROUTES initiative and the VW Settlement money in Missouri.

## 7. MoDOT Update

Beth Schaller reported that the construction guide would be online soon and include an online map. Some construction projects from last year will be carrying over mostly due to weather delays. In the next few years we will see improvements along Highway 65, Routes 60 and 37, and the Highways 60 and 125 interchange will happen but what design will be constructed is still to be decided. Beth recommended having Frank Miller present at the next meeting about asset management and future projects.

## 8. MPO Update

Andy Thomason reported that the OTO has some public engagement options scheduled for the update of the Long-Range Transportation Plan. The board will be making final decisions on approving applications for trail projects in Ozark, Republic, Springfield, and Battlefield.

## 9. Legislative Reports

Dan Wadlington with Senator Roy Blunt's office reported that the Senate is working on appointments. The end of 2019 was productive with final budget bills being passed and avoiding a government shutdown.

Jeremy Pruett reported that the House is back in session but not much to report at this time.

## 10. Other Member Updates & Guest Reports

Howard Fisk noted that military personnel stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood gain valuable experience in operating large trucks and equipment, but upon competition of their service do not qualify for a

Missouri Commercial Drivers License. Fisk asked legislative staff to look at ways to correct that and allow the military personnel to meet those qualifications prior to leaving service.

**11. Adjourn by Chairman**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. by Chair Wood.

The next meeting will be March 11, 2020 at 9 a.m. at Library Center in Springfield.