



## Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 15, 2018  
Library Station

**Attending:** Dennis Pyle (Barry), Todd Wiesehan (Christian), J. Howard Fisk (Greene), Joel Keller (Greene), Max Springer (Lawrence), Jon Holmes (Lawrence), Sydney Allen (Polk), Dennis Wood (Stone), Steve Seaton (Stone), Rick Ziegenfuss (Taney), Randy Haes (Taney), John Benson (Webster), Stan Whitehurst (Webster)

Larry Sutton (Rogersville), Hank Smythe (Stone County), Beth Schaller (MoDOT), Zeke Hall (MoDOT), Frank Miller (MoDOT), Andy Thomason (Ozarks Transportation Organization), Isabella Karallas (Trek Design Group), Carl Carlson (Olsson Associates), Megan Clark (SMCOG), Bailey DeJonge (SMCOG), Erica Scott (SMCOG), Justin Butkovich (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 Rick Ziegenfuss, motion seconded by Howard Fisk. All yeas. Motion carried.

### 3. Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve the July 18, 2018 meeting minutes made by Steve Seaton, motion seconded by John Benson. All yeas. Motion carried

### 4. Regional Transportation Needs Prioritization Process- Bike & Pedestrian

Megan Clark reviewed the prioritization process and explained that the top 5 bike and pedestrian needs will be taken, along with the top 10 road and bridge projects, to the MoDOT district meeting in October. Clark also noted that bike and pedestrian needs are primarily prioritized in order for SMCOG to provide support to transportation alternative program applications. MoDOT is not funding sidewalks in any other capacity as all funding is directed towards implementing the ADA transition plan.

Clark presented on the number one need for each county and the number two need as requested by Barry County. TAC members and MoDOT staff provided input throughout the presentations. TAC members then ranked the top 10 regional needs, noting that only the top 5 would be taken to the district meeting.

Howard Fisk moved that each county get its #1 need in the top 10, with Barry County's #2 need taking the place for its #1, motion seconded by Dennis Pyle. All yeas. Motion carried.

Motion to rank bicycle accommodations along US 160 in Ash Grove as regional priority number one made by Howard Fisk, seconded by Todd Wiesehan. All yeas. Motion carried.

Motion to rank bike and pedestrian accommodations on Business 39 in Mt. Vernon as regional priority number two made by Dennis Pyle, seconded by Howard Fisk. All yeas. Motion carried.

Motion to rank bike and pedestrian accommodations on Rte. 37 through Monett as regional priority number three made by Sydney Allen, seconded by Max Springer. All yeas. Motion carried.

Motion to rank pedestrian accommodations on Business 65 in Hollister as regional priority number four made by John Benson, seconded by Dennis Pyle. All yeas. Motion carried.

Motion to rank bicycle accommodations on Rte. 38 in Webster County, outside of Marshfield as regional priority number five made by Todd Wiesehan, seconded by John Benson. All yeas. Motion carried.

Motion to rank pedestrian accommodations on Rte. 13 through Kimberling City as regional priority number six made by Dennis Pyle, seconded by Howard Fisk. All yeas. Motion carried.

Motion to rank pedestrian accommodations on Rte. H in Pleasant Hope as regional priority number seven made by Sydney Allen, seconded by Dennis Pyle. All yeas. Motion carried.

Motion to rank pedestrian accommodations on Rte. 32 in Buffalo as regional priority number eight made by Max Springer, seconded by Rick Ziegenfuss. All yeas. Motion carried.

Motion to rank pedestrian accommodations on MO 14 in Clever as regional priority number nine made by Todd Wiesehan, seconded by Steve Seaton. All yeas. Motion carried.

Motion to rank pedestrian accommodations on US 160 in Greenfield as regional priority number 10 made by Howard, seconded by John Benson. All yeas. Motion carried.

Clark added that a regional multi-modal list was developed based on input from meetings with county commissioners. Max Springer noted that Mt. Vernon would be applying for funding for an airport layout plan and would like that included on the list. Clark noted that she would add that to the list, and asked the committee to approve the regional list so it may be used for support letters in the future. Motion to approve the regional multi-modal needs list with the addition of the Mt. Vernon airport layout plan made by Dennis Pyle, seconded by Todd Wiesehan. All yeas. Motion carried.

## **5. SMCOG Staff Update**

### **a. [SaferMo.com](http://SaferMo.com)**

Megan Clark stated that SaferMo.com would be the primary website with information regarding the November election item, Proposition D- a state gas tax increase. SMCOG staff created a hand out with factual information for members to use in information sharing.

### **b. [Federal Infrastructure Discussion Draft](#)**

Megan Clark stated that U.S. Representative Bill Shuster (R-Pennsylvania) has released an infrastructure proposal aimed at financing the Highway Trust Fund and increasing the federal gas tax. It would also eliminate the federal gas tax after ten years and transition to a vehicle miles traveled financing system.

### **c. [VW Settlement and Bus replacement grants](#)**

DNR has released information regarding early school bus replacement and the Volkswagen Trust fund grants. The Ozark Clean Air Alliance (OCAA) based in Springfield has offered to assist communities interested in applying for funding.

## **6. MoDOT Update**

Beth Schaller reported that work on I-44 and 65 should be wrapping up and completed within a week. The MoDOT Southwest District had several bridges in repair over the

summer, and many are now reopening. A reminder that the Long Creek bridge in Stone County over 86 will be up for replacement in the next few years. This is a major bridge, over 1,000 feet, and will be very costly. The year this bridge gets replaced will put a financial strain on the district and could impact other projects. The Cape Fair bridge report from hired engineers should be back shortly and will help to determine what steps will be required for repair and/or replacement of that bridge in the coming years. Schaller also reminded everyone to Buckle Up, Phones Down.

**7. MPO Update**

Andy Thomason, Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) commented that the OTO is working on its Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application and process for urban funds. This round of funding is the highest ever at over \$2.5 million due to an additional allocation from the federal government. OTO is expecting to see some funding for regional trails.

**8. Other Member Updates & Guest Reports**

None

**9. Adjourn by Chairman**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am by Chair Woods.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 9 a.m. at Library Station in Springfield.