



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 14, 2018
Library Station

Attending: Dennis Pyle (Barry), Cherry Warren (Barry), Todd Wiesehan (Christian), Brent Young (Christian), Kim Kinder (Dade), Roger Bradley (Dallas), Hollie Elliot (Dallas), J. Howard Fisk (Greene), Joel Keller (Greene), Max Springer (Lawrence), Sydney Allen (Polk), Rick Davis (Polk), Dennis Wood (Stone), Jerry Harman (Stone), Steve Seaton (Stone), Rick Ziegenfuss (Taney), Buddy Roberts (Taney), Randy Owens (Webster), John Benson (Webster), Stan Whitehurst (Webster)

Andy Thompson (Ozarks Transportation Organization), Frank Miller (MoDOT), Zeke Hall (MoDOT), Megan Clark (SMCOG), Beth Schaller (MoDOT), Larry Sutton (Rogersville), Carl Carlson (Olsson Associates), Erica Scott (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 Buddy Roberts, motion seconded by Howard Fisk. All yeas. Motion carried.

3. Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve the August 15, 2018 meeting minutes made by Howard Fisk, motion seconded by Buddy Roberts. All yeas. Motion carried.

4. Asset Management: Bridges & Paving

Frank Miller of MoDOT discussed MoDOT's Asset Management Plan that has been implemented for approximately 3 years as a part of the federal requirement. This includes roads, bridges, and MoDOT-owned sidewalk, and will eventually extend to signs and signals. The Plan is divided into Component Plans including: Bridge Plan, Major Route (principal, arterials, expressways, and freeways), and Minor Routes (resurfaced every 10-20 years, depending on timeframe). Routes will not be resurfaced if traffic is below 400 cars/day.

MoDOT is implementing its Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan which aims to bring all MoDOT-owned sidewalk into ADA compliance by 2027. This is estimated to cost around \$4 million/year. As part of the process, MoDOT is reviewing existing agreements regarding sidewalks and has found that many small communities are actually responsible for sidewalks along MoDOT routes.

A separate safety plan is created to identify and implement new safety measures using safety funds.

The Southwest District has the best pavement condition as compared to the rest of the state, with 97% of major routes in good condition and 87% of minor routes in good condition. These exceed the statewide goals by 7% each. Bridges are not fairing as well. To accommodate this, major route rotations will most likely be pushed to 10 years, and minor routes to 20 years. Bridge life is usually around 50 years, and many bridges are now reaching this point or past it. Many lake bridges were built in the 1950's and 60's (for example, Table Rock and Stockton Lake respectively) and now need to be replaced. However, there are now fewer funds available because of 1) the overall

funding projection decreased slightly, and 2) some expected funds were delegated elsewhere. MoDOT is requesting input on bridge condition from each county.

5. SMCOG Staff Update

a. Bridges

Megan Clark suggested the incorporation of bridges in the annual prioritization process. Instead of prioritizing bridges individually 1-10, TAC can prioritize bridges as a group to determine which would have the most regional positive impact. Clark suggested bridges be included in the prioritization process each year and may propose to push bike and pedestrian prioritization to every other year.

Stan Whitehurst suggested adding a column for bridges in the prioritization process of roads to denote if there is a bridge on that route and in what condition.

b. Prioritization Process Update

District-wide prioritizing meeting moved to November 30, 2018, 9 .A.M at MoDOT's Southwest headquarters on Kearney St. Only 6 total members can attend (Megan Clark, Jason Ray, Sydney Allen, Todd Wiesehan, Dennis Wood, and Rick Davis), but it is a public meeting and others are welcome to attend.

c. [MoDOT City County Book](#)

Megan Clark displayed the MoDOT County Book, which shows funding and revenue for each individual county and city.

d. [VW Trust- Government Trucks](#) next round

Megan Clark reminded TAC members of the Volkswagen Trust money and to be aware of upcoming grant cycles for government trucks.

Megan also added that she has recently began discussing activity in the existing traffic incident management committee in Lawrence County and a newly formed one in Webster County. These committees focus on incident response along I-44.

6. MoDOT Update

Frank Miller stated that around the January meeting, the I-44 design-build project will be in award season. There is a lot of focus on asset management along I-44.

Beth Schaller reported that most projects have wrapped up. A couple projects are behind, specifically the roundabout in Forsyth. She added that Route 76 in Branson has officially been transferred to the City of Branson from MoDOT.

7. MPO Update

Andy Thomason, Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) commented that the OTO is in the process of awarding TAP funding. The OTO finished transportation prioritization process.

8. Other Member Updates & Guest Reports

Dan Wadlington reported that Senator Blunt's office is working on a support letter for an application MoDOT is submitting for bridge funding in Christian and Webster Counties. Additionally, he stated the legislature is expected to discuss infrastructure but not how to pay for it so it might wait until after the 2020 election.

9. Adjourn by Chairman

Meeting was adjourned at 9:59 am by Chair Woods.

The next meeting will be January 16, 2019 at 9 a.m. at Library Station in Springfield.