



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 16, 2018
Library Station

Attending: Dennis Pyle (Barry), Cherry Warren (Barry), Todd Wiesehan (Christian), Brent Young (Christian), Roger Bradley (Dallas), Hollie Elliott (Dallas), Joel Keller (Greene), Howard Fisk (Greene), Max Springer (Lawrence), Sydney Allen (Polk), Rick Davis (Polk), Dennis Wood (Stone), Rick Ziegenfuss (Taney), Buddy Roberts (Taney), Randy Owens (Webster), Stan Whitehurst (Webster)

Jeff Scott (Greene Alternate)

Beth Schaller (MoDOT), Frank Miller (MoDOT), Andy Thomason (Ozarks Transportation Organization), Carl Carlson (Olsson Associates), Dan Wadlington (Senator Blunt), Hank Smyth (Southern Stone County Commissioner), Jerry Harman (Kimberling City), John Benson (Marshfield), Megan Clark (SMCOG), Jason Ray (SMCOG), Bailey DeJonge (SMCOG), Adam Olinger (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 March 21, 2018 meeting minutes made by Rick Ziegenfuss, motion seconded by Dennis Wood. All yeas. Motion carried

4. Draft STIP Update

Frank Miller stated that the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is typically released for public comment in May. However, this year the release has been pushed to June 6 due to some project cost estimates coming in higher than anticipated. This led to an internal audit of the program and required additional review. There will be likely be some projects in the SMCOG region, but MoDOT staff is not allowed to share specifics until the draft is released.

5. 2018-2019 TAC Meeting Schedule

Megan Clark reported that the 2018-2019 TAC meeting schedule is included in the meeting packet. TAC membership goes with the SMCOG fiscal year of July 1- June 30 and new TAC members will be appointed by the SMCOG board at the June meeting. Most TAC members will be returning, but there will be a few changes.

The July TAC meeting will include the election of a Chair and Vice Chair and the prioritization of road and bridge needs. The August meeting will be prioritization of bike, pedestrian, and other modes. Members are asked to hold their calendars for a September meeting in the event one is needed.

6. SMCOG Staff Update

a. BUILD Grant

The federal TIGER grant program has been replaced with the BUILD grant program. An FAQ sheet has been provided in the meeting packet. This is a highly competitive national grant, but the BUILD program puts a higher priority on rural projects.

b. Interim approval to use Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at crosswalks

Communities may now use rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) at uncontrolled marked sidewalks. Interested communities should work with MoDOT to ensure appropriate installation and notify of all locations.

c. The Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission will be holding a meeting in Springfield on July 11. Members are encouraged to hold that date on their calendars to attend.

d. The EPA Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program is now accepting grant proposals. Proposals are due June 12 and any interested parties can contact Megan to be put in contact with a regional group to assist. <https://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-national-grants>

7. MoDOT Update

Beth Schaller reported that it is construction season and many work zones and maintenance personnel are out on state highways. She asked that people stay alert and on the lookout for construction work. There have already been some issues with people hitting protection vehicles. It is also mowing season. Towns will be first to be mowed and then the major highways.

The 2018 construction guide is available online at:

<http://www.modot.org/southwest/documents/2018ConstructionGuide1.pdf>. The 65 rebuild, phase 2 will begin after July 4, 2018. This will include the 65/ I-44 interchange area and the southbound 65 lanes from I-44 to Kearney.

Beginning in mid-June there will be overlay work on I-44 from Sarcoxie to Halltown.

Randy Owens asked when construction on the KK bridge in Webster County may begin. Beth Schaller stated that some shoulder work has begun and additional construction will likely begin soon. Randy stated that if MoDOT lets the county know the planned detour route then the county can do some additional work on those roads.

Howard Fisk stated that a community member had mentioned to him that it seems non-motorized transportation options used by the Amish and Mennonite communities should be identified in MoDOT plans. MoDOT staff commented that county concerns with transportation options and those communities are incorporated into the county needs lists. Megan Clark added that this is something that could be incorporated into the SMCOG regional transportation plan.

Beth Schaller added that the MoDOT 10 year Asset Management Plan is being finalized. This plan pertains to taking care of the existing system. The Long Creek Bridge on 86 will

need replaced in the near future and is estimated to be a \$35-40 million cost. The year that replacement is programmed may mean less money elsewhere in the district.

Dennis Wood asked what the status of the Cape Fair Bridge was. Beth replied that it is in design and the engineers will be looking at more options to address the superstructure. It may require closing the bridge for 2-3 months.

8. MPO Update

Andy Thomason, OTO reported that they are waiting on the draft STIP to be released as well. OTO has begun working with communities to determine the needs and priorities for next year's process. The OTO is also wrapping up the Nixa trails study and waiting on a final report on the freeway study that was conducted in partnership with MoDOT.

9. Other Member Updates & Guest Reports

Dennis Wood invited everyone to Galena on June 1 at 10 a.m. for the groundbreaking of the new Stone County Justice Center.

Howard Fisk reported that the OTC Table Rock campus is expanding and gave a big thank you to Rick Ziegenfuss and other partners for supporting OTC. The campus is able to offer many new and useful programs with additional space. OTC hopes to expand into Republic in the next year.

10. Adjourn by Chairman

Meeting was adjourned at 9:43 am by Chair Woods.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 9 a.m. at Library Station in Springfield.