



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Alumni Center – Hospitality Room, May 19, 2007

Attending: Danny Garbee, Joel Keller, Bill Marshall, Doris Rapp, Bob Walster, Billy Dryer, Kenneth Bacon, Bill Monday, Nancy Edson, Steve Coller, Stan Whitehurst, Chris Robertson, Buddy Roberts, Frank Miller, Eric Kellstadt, Scott Kosky, Stacy Burks, Steve McIntosh, Jim Smart

SMCOG Staff: Dan Watts; Shaun Blanchard

INTRODUCTIONS

Call to Order: George Cutbirth

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from March 14, 2007: *Walster, Bacon*

OZARK TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION (OTO) –

No report given.

MODOT UPDATE – ERIC KELLSTADT/FRANK MILLER

Kellstadt: There is a public meeting in Aurora on May 17 for the 60/37 study. Construction should begin this fall on widening 60 to five lanes through Monett.

Miller: Review should be made available today or tomorrow for Intersection 160/Coy Blvd in Forsyth. MoDOT continues debris cleanup in Polk, Dallas, Laclede and Greene counties. Working on a turn lane on Route 65/CC in Buffalo. Also moving forward on the Lake Tanycomo Bridge. This is 3 million dollar resurfacing project. Transportation Enhancements are due in May.

Question asked regarding potholes on Hwy 60. No action has taken place yet. Question asked regarding south of Pleasant Hope lower speed limit. Will follow up on that. Question regarding ethanol plant on 60. No action on that.

OATS-Scott Kosky

OATS is working with jurisdictions on coordinated transit plan. Also, project in Lawrence County—Marionville, Aurora, Verona—provides daily transportation funded 50% by grant and 50% senior tax.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Senator Bond's Office—Stacy Burks

Working on legislation to improve locks and dams on the Missouri River. Nothing much else to report.

Congressman Blunt's Office—Steve McIntosh

Reauthorization of Homeland Security is currently taking place. Nothing much else to report. Steve McIntosh also reported on what OTO activities he has been aware of. North/South Study: there has been some discussion on what is to be on the list. Also there has been discussion regarding Amtrack service between Springfield and St. Louis.

Enhancements—Eric Kellstadt

There is approximately 2 million dollars available for this round in District 7. Grants are due in June and will be scored sometime in July.

Statewide Priorities—Dan Watts

The statewide priorities program includes RPC's and MPO's. Purpose is to develop list of statewide priority needs that can compete on a statewide level. List will be used if and when funding becomes available. There are two funding scenarios: 200 million and 600 million dollars. Organizations are working with MoDOT to develop cost estimates for each need.

Other Business

None.