



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Library Center, September 4, 2013

Attending: John Hopkins, Robert Dickson, Cherry Warren, Kenneth Bacon, Howard Fisk, Kim Todey, Joel Keller, Eugene Dilbeck, Dennis Wood, Steve McIntosh, Stacy Burks, Nancy Edson, Todd Wiesenhanm, David Miller, Andy Mueller, Sue Entlicher, Andrew Sieler, Curtis Owens, Jason Farmer, Mathew Hall, Rick Davis, Darin Hamelink, Gail Melgren, Cullin Brannon, Stan Whitehurst, Tom Farmer

SMCOG Staff: Dan Watts

Introductions

Approval of May 1, 2013 Minutes: Ken Bacon motioned and Howard Fisk seconded to approve minutes. Motion Carried

Guest Reports:

Curtis Owens, OTO: OTO is working on the Travel demand model. OTO is hosting a transportation modeling webinar. Mr. Owens also reported that OTO applied for a TIGER grant for the Route 66 corridor in downtown Springfield. The TIGER grants will be announced in this Fall.

Gail Melgren, Senator McCaskill's Office: Ms. Melgren reported that it has been a quiet August as the Senate is in recess. There is discussion regarding the conflict in Syria. Healthcare exchanges are scheduled to be open soon.

Stacy Burks, Senator Blunt's Office: We are in a short window for MAP-21. There needs to be a full reauthorization for the Transportation Bill. It needs to be a six year authorization. The next allocation for Enhancement grants are a year out. The Senator has been travelling around the state. He introduced the Gas Act which cuts the number of "boutique" fuel blends that will hopefully drop the price of fuel.

"On the Move" Update—Andrew Seiler

Mr. Seiler handed out the 2014-2018 STIP for the rural SMCOG area. Many projects are focused on paving and maintenance. "On the Move" mobile tours ended in July. 8 vans travelled over 25,000 miles to multiple communities. Over 13,000 comments were gathered. In the SW District, of the 12 needs that received the highest number of comments, 8 were multi-modal needs. "On the Move" can be broken down into 4 categories: 1. Take Care of the System; 2. Safety; 3. Economic Development; 4. Other Modes. MoDOT Chief Engineer has met with RPCs and MPOs around the state and tasked them with developing a way to prioritize needs that is inclusive of all the various modes. Discussion centered around the current method SMCOG uses to prioritize needs and in what direction that will be going. Mr. Watts said that SMCOG is backing off its traditional county needs meetings and will be inviting more participation from various groups.

High Water Alert System—Rick Davis

Mr. Davis introduced Arrowhead Industries. They presented a piece of equipment that detects high water and provides an early warning for emergency management directors. They demonstrated the device and spoke about its uses.

Adjourn: