



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Library Center, July 15, 2015

Attending: Andrew Seiler, Todd Wiesehan, Sydney Allen, Nancy Edson, Frank Miller, Mike Randall, Sue Entlicher, Buddy Roberts, Dennis Wood, Jeff Robinson, David Miller, Stan Whitehurst, Howard Fisk.
SMCOG Staff: Dave Faucett, Jason Ray

Introductions and Approval of February 25 and May 13, 2015 Minutes: Self introductions were made. Buddy Roberts moved to approve the meeting minutes from February 25 and May 13, 2015 TAC meeting minutes. Nancy Edson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Guest Reports

MoDOT-Andrew Seiler

Andrew Seiler reported that mowing district wide has been delayed due to flooding but that crews are catching up. Minimal damage occurred with historic flooding in June. MoDOT is updating the safety plan. Dangerous intersections and roadways have been identified and MoDOT staff will determine locations for safety upgrades. The STIP has been approved by the Highway Commission. Projects in the SMCOG area include the N/J interchange on I-44 in Greene County, Railroad improvements in Aurora, Highways 125 and B along US 60 in Rogersville.

OTO-Natasha Longpine

Not present

OATS-Jeff Robinson

Jeff Robinson reported that OATS has received a grant from AAA for veterans transport to and from Mt. Vernon and the OTO region. OATS is looking forward to lane expansions along major routes into the Springfield area. OATS transportation has been door to door but is looking forward to designating fixed pick up locations along US 65 and US 160/Hwy 13 in the southern Springfield metro area. OATS is using the new Freedom pot of money to extend Way-to-Go services through FY16.

Senator McCaskill's Office-David Stokely

Not present.

Senator Blunt's Office-Steve McIntosh

Not present.

Congressman Long's Office-Matt Hough

Not present.

Road to Tomorrow—Jason Ray/Frank Miller

Jason Ray provided information about MoDOT's *Road to Tomorrow* planning initiative. The initiative is an effort to elicit innovative ideas for construction, infrastructure, and funding for improvements along I-70 across the state. At present, there have been over 100 ideas submitted through the initiative and

the state highway commission is looking at about 35 of those proposals. Frank Miller stated that this initiative focuses on I-70 at present but innovations developed through the initiative most likely will carry over to other interstate corridors, including I-44, in the future.

FY16 TAC Member Appointments – Jason Ray

Jason Ray announced that TAC appointments for FY16 will be confirmed at the SMCOG Board Meeting in August. County commissioners will be asked prior to the meeting to appoint two representatives from each county to the TAC for the fiscal year. Dennis Wood asked if there would be an election of officers at the September TAC meeting. Ray responded that the SMCOG TAC bylaws stated that officers were elected at the beginning of the calendar year. A discussion ensued regarding the reconciliation of officer terms from the calendar year to the fiscal year to coincide with TAC appointments. Ray stated that the bylaws may be amended to have TAC officer elections coincident with TAC appointments at the beginning of the fiscal year if not precluded by state law.

Adjourn: