



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 13, 2019
Library Center

Attending: Dennis Pyle (Barry), Cherry Warren (Barry), Todd Wiesehan (Christian), Brent Young (Christian), Roger Bradley (Dallas), Kim Kinder (Dade), Howard Fisk (Greene), Joel Keller (Greene), Jon Holmes (Lawrence), Dennis Wood (Stone), Jerry Harman (Stone), Buddy Roberts (Taney), Randy Haes (Taney), John Benson (Webster), Randy Owens (Webster)

Steve Seaton (Stone Alternate), Stan Whitehurst (Webster Alternate)

Andy Thomason (OTO), Dan Wadlington (Senator Roy Blunt), Beth Schaller (MoDOT), Frank Miller (MoDOT), Zeke Hall (MoDOT), Jason Ray (SMCOG), Megan Clark (SMCOG), Adam Olinger (SMCOG), Scott Hayes (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 John Benson, motion seconded by Howard Fisk. All yeas. Motion carried.

3. Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve the August 14, 2019 meeting minutes made by Buddy Roberts, motion seconded by Dennis Pyle. All yeas. Motion carried.

4. 2019 SW District Needs Prioritization Review:

Megan reviewed the prioritization results from the MoDOT Southwest District meeting. SMCOG fared very well overall.

Southwest District Roadway and Bridge Prioritization					
SMCOG 1	SWDistrict 3	Barry, Greene, Lawrence	Countywide	Safety and Capacity	US 60, Rte. 37
SMCOG 2	SWDistrict 2	Greene & Webster	Countywide	Safety, Capacity, & Intersection Improvements	US 60
SMCOG 3	SWDistrict 1	Christian & Taney	Countywide	Safety and Intersection Improvements	Rte. 65
SMCOG 4	SWDistrict 24	Taney	Hollister/Kirbyville	Capacity Improvements	NEW
SMCOG 5 (KBRPC 1)	SWDistrict 10	Polk, Cedar	Stockton to Bolivar	Capacity and Geometric Improvements	MO 32

SMCOG 6 (KBRPC 8)	SWDistrict 7	Dallas, Benton, Hickory	Countywide	Safety, Capacity, and Intersection Improvements	Rte. 65
SMCOG 7 (HSTCC 5)	SWDistrict 4	Dade, Barton	Greenfield/ Countywide	Alignment & Safety Improvements	Rte. 160& 39
SMCOG 8	SWDistrict 11	Christian	County/ Highlandville	Safety and Capacity Improvements	Rte. EE
SMCOG 9	SWDistrict 18	Stone	Indian Point	Intersection Improvement	MO 76
SMCOG 10	SWDistrict 28	Greene	Countywide	Safety and Capacity Improvements	Rte. 125

Southwest District Bike and Pedestrian Prioritization					
SMCOG 1	SWDistrict 3	Greene	Fair Grove	Bike/Ped	on Rte. 125
SMCOG 2	SWDistrict 13	Taney	Hollister	Bike/Ped	on BU 65 S
SMCOG 3	SWDistrict 12	Webster	Marshfield	Bike/Ped	Courthouse Square
SMCOG 4	SWDistrict 21	Stone	Crane	Bike/Ped	on Rte. 413
SMCOG 5	SWDistrict 2	Polk	Bolivar	Complete Streets	on Rte. 83

5. Regional Transportation Plan:

Megan Clark stated that as promised the TAC would be reviewing the regional transportation plan goals at each meeting. She reviewed goal 3: sustaining the environment.

6. SMCOG Staff Update:

a. [MoDOT City County Book:](#)

Megan Clark informed the TAC that MoDOT's annual City County Book was available online. This document displays the annual funding that each local jurisdiction receives through State funding.

b. TIMS Exercise:

Megan Clark explained that this week is Traffic Incident Response Awareness week and that a full-scale exercise and press conference would be held on Thursday, November 14th at the Springfield Airport. Public are welcome to attend. The First Lady of Missouri will be speaking at the [press conference](#).

c. [Governor's Cost-Share:](#)

MoDOT SW District had nine applications submitted for the Governor's cost-share, six were from the SMCOG region. Statewide there were 45 applications requesting \$95 million dollars for the available \$50 million.

d. Other Items of Interest:

Megan explained that the unfunded needs exercise the TAC had discussed earlier in the year was now combined with all needs across the state and published. [The document](#) was taken to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission at the November meeting.

This list will be updated annually.

7. MoDOT Update

Beth Schaller reported that construction seasoning is wrapping up around the region. Rte. 13 paving is suspended on part of the project because of cold weather. Aurora's railroad overpass is moving along and so are projects in Monett. MoDOT held an internal meeting about the Long Creek bridge project delivery method, that is still being worked out. The I-44 bridge project is finished for this year and will start again in March with nine more bridges along the corridor.

8. MPO Update

Andy Thomason reported that the OTO is beginning to update the Long-Range Transportation Plan for the next 25 years and use for future prioritization. The OTO is also seeking applications for \$1.6 million in trail funding in the OTO area.

9. Legislative Reports

Dan Wadlington with Senator Roy Blunt's office reported that the Senate is working on budget bills. Blunt's office did announce a \$21 million BUILD grant for Springfield. Senator Blunt was in Camdenton on Monday for Veteran's Day with 20 WWII Veterans.

Jason Ray expressed thanks to the Senator for working on the budget bills. SMOG is waiting on \$70,000 in funding for the EDA work program.

10. Other Member Updates & Guest Reports

John Benson reported that construction has begun on the new interchange on I-44 in Marshfield. There will be a groundbreaking on Monday morning at 8:30 on the east side of I-44.

Stan Whitehurst reported that Webster County is wrapping up the US 60 safety study and completed the 19th out of 20 public meetings last night. The County has gotten a lot of good feedback and participation.

Randy Owens added that the Webster County Justice Center is nearing completion and elevators had just been delivered.

Dennis Wood asked about the bridge in Galena on 413 at Raley Creek. Beth stated the bridge will be closed for the winter. Hank Smythe added that MoDOT told them about 120 days.

Roger Bradley asked if MoDOT planned to do anything at the intersection of 65 and Kelly Road in Dallas County. Beth stated that they had no plans at this time. Megan noted that she had requested a count at that intersection so MoDOT staff could look at options and alternatives for improvements. Bradley also asked about a traffic count that appeared to be occurring at Main and 65 in Buffalo. Beth Schaller stated that was probably the regular count conducted on intersections every three years.

Brent Young asked what was being done at 160 and Rosedale in Nixa. Beth Schaller explained that MoDOT was adding guardrail and lowering the profile of the intersection to help with sightlines.

11. Adjourn by Chairman

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. by Chair Wood.

The next meeting will be January 8, 2020 at 9 a.m. at Library Center in Springfield.