



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, July 10, 2019 Library Station

Attending: Dennis Pyle (Barry), Todd Wiesehan (Christian), Miranda Beadles (Christian), Kim Kinder (Dade), Roger Bradley (Dallas), Hollie Elliott (Dallas), J. Howard Fisk (Greene), Joel Keller (Greene), Jon Holmes (Lawrence), Max Springer (Lawrence), Sydney Allen (Polk), Rick Davis (Polk), Dennis Wood (Stone), Jerry Harman (Stone), Buddy Roberts (Taney), Rick Ziegenfuss (Taney), John Benson (Webster), Randy Owens (Webster)

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

Dan Wadlington (Senator Roy Blunt), Jeremy Pruett (Congressman Billy Long), Zeke Hall (MoDOT), Beth Schaller (MoDOT), Frank Miller (MoDOT), Jason Ray (SMCOG), Megan Clark (SMCOG), Adam Olinger (SMCOG), Ben Mohler (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 Max Springer All yeas. Motion carried.

3. Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve the May 15, 2019 meeting minutes made by Rick Ziegenfuss, motion seconded by Buddy Roberts. All yeas. Motion carried.

4. 2019 Road and Bridge Prioritization:

Megan Clark reviewed the prioritization process and explained that the top 10 road and bridge needs would be taken to the MoDOT Southwest District meeting in October. Bike and pedestrian needs will be discussed at the August 14 meeting.

Chair Wood asked if any county had changes in their priorities before discussion began. Max Springer stated that he would like to switch Lawrence County priority number two with number three.

Clark presented on the top two needs for each county. TAC members did not feel the need to have the number three need presented. TAC members and MoDOT staff provided input throughout the presentations. TAC members then ranked the top 10 regional needs.

Motion to rank safety and capacity improvements on US 60 from OTO boundaries in Republic to Monett, and Rte. 37 from Monett to Arkansas as regional priority number one made by Rick Davis, motion seconded by Dennis Pyle. All yeas. Motion carried.

Motion to rank safety, capacity, and intersection improvements on US 60 through Greene and Webster counties as regional priority number two made by Joel Keller, motion seconded by Roger Bradley. All yeas. Motion carried.

Motion to rank safety and intersection improvements on Rte. 65 in Christian and Taney counties as regional priority number three made by Todd Wiesehan, motion seconded by Rick Davis. All yeas. Motion carried.

Motion to rank capacity improvements, the construction of a new Taney County Expressway as regional priority number four made by Rick Ziegenfuss, motion seconded by Buddy Roberts. 17 yeas, 1 nay. Motion carried.

Motion to rank capacity and geometric improvements on MO 32 in Polk County as regional priority number five made by Sydney Allen, motion seconded by Dennis Pyle. All yeas. Motion carried.

Motion to rank safety, capacity, and intersection improvements on Rte. 65 in Dallas County as regional priority number six made by Roger Bradley, motion seconded by Sydney Allen. All yeas. Motion carried.

Motion to rank alignment and safety improvements on Rtes. 160 & 39 in Dade County as regional priority number seven made by Kim Kinder, motion seconded by Max Springer. All yeas. Motion carried.

Motion to rank safety and capacity improvements on Rte. EE in Christian County as regional priority number eight made by Jerry Harman, motion seconded by Buddy Roberts. All yeas. Motion carried.

Motion to rank intersection improvements, adding a turn lane on Rte. 76 onto Indian Point road in Stone County as regional priority number nine made by Todd Wiesehan, motion seconded by Jerry Harman. All yeas. Motion carried.

Motion to rank safety and capacity improvements on Rte. 125 in Greene County as regional priority number ten made by Howard Fisk, motion seconded by Buddy Roberts. All yeas. Motion carried.

5. Regional Transportation Plan:

Megan Clark informed TAC members that as promised she would be bringing a goal from the regional transportation plan to each meeting for discussion. She stated Goal 1 is System Preservation and Safety- transportation infrastructure that is properly maintained and safe, preserving past investments for the future. She asked the committee if anyone felt that it was not relevant or if changes should be made. Committee members did not have comments at this time, but Clark asked for feedback on the goal and identified objectives.

6. SMOG Staff Update:

a. Unfunded needs exercise:

Megan Clark explained that she had been participating in meetings with MoDOT and other district planning partners to identify unfunded needs for two different scenarios. Last year's prioritized list was used to populate the exercise document. It is important to note that the list was developed with as a hypothetical scenario with no planned funding but rather to be prepared in the event funding becomes available.

Frank Miller noted that this list will be updated annually and likely adopted in some form by the State Highway and Transportation Commission.

b. Other Items of Interest:

The Ozarks Chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers and Ozark Mountain Section of the American Planning Association are hosting a technical workshop on July 18th in Springfield. Topics to be discussed include the Route 65 safety audit and area comprehensive plans. Cost to attend is \$50 and registration information is provided in packet.

The packet includes several articles and a report on pedestrian fatalities in Missouri for members to review.

SMCOG received the NADO Excellence in Regional Transportation Award for the Dade, Dallas, and Polk counties low water crossing inventory. Megan attended the conference in June to accept the award and presented during a session.

Included in the packet is information pertaining to a rules of the road survey from a professor at UMKC. She is researching how much people know and understand the rules of the road with bicycles

This is the last meeting at this library, future meetings will be held at library Center in the Auditorium.

Yesterday, the Governor signed Lyndon's law which allows the Department of Revenue to revoke a drivers' license for striking a worker in work zone or an emergency worker during an accident.

7. MoDOT Update

Beth Schaller reported that the 65 rebuild project was scheduled to begin the first week of August. The I-44 rebuild project, which includes 19 bridges mostly in Lawrence County, will begin to effect traffic more heavily towards the end of July. This will include some lane closures and head to head traffic.

Frank Miller added that the 160 widening from Willard to Springfield will begin soon and likely impact those in Dade County.

Dennis Wood asked with the 160 project south of Nixa was scheduled to begin. Beth Schaller responded that it would likely begin this week.

Schaller also recommended everyone sign-up for email alerts for any projects they are interested in keeping updated.

8. MPO Update

No comments were made from OTO representatives

9. Other Member Updates & Guest Reports

Dan Wadlington with Senator Roy Blunt's office reported that the Senate returned from the Fourth of July recess and would be taking up appropriations bills.

Jeremy Pruett with Congressman Billy Long's office reported that the House would be discussing appropriations bills.

10. Adjourn by Chairman

Meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m. by Chair Wood.

The next meeting will be August 14, 2019 at 9 a.m. at Library Center in Springfield.