



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, May 15, 2019 Library Station

Attending: Dennis Pyle (Barry), Cherry Warren (Barry), Brent Young (Christian), Randy Daniel (Dade), Kim Kinder (Dade), Hollie Elliott (Dallas), J. Howard Fisk (Greene), Joel Keller (Greene), Jon Holmes (Lawrence), Max Springer (Lawrence), Sydney Allen (Polk), Dennis Wood (Stone), Jerry Harman (Stone), Buddy Roberts (Taney), Rick Ziegenfuss (Taney), John Benson (Webster), Stan Whitehurst (Webster)

Joelle Cannon (Senator Roy Blunt), Dana Louderbaugh (Fair Grove), Jeremy Pruett (Congressman Billy Long), Zeke Hall (MoDOT), Carl Carlson (Olsson), Andy Thomason (OTO), Russell Anderson, Jr. (Rockaway Beach), Harriet Leenerts (Rockaway Beach), Jason Ray (SMCOG), Megan Clark (SMCOG), Adam Olinger (SMCOG), Thomas Hughes (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 J. Howard Fisk. All yeas. Motion carried.

3. Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve the March 20, 2019 meeting minutes made by Rick Ziegenfuss, motion seconded by Buddy Roberts. All yeas. Motion carried.

4. Regional Transportation Plan:

Megan Clark gave an overview of SMCOG's Regional Transportation Plan and explained its purpose. The plan will undergo an update process in the coming fiscal year and committee input will be needed. The document can be found on SMCOG's website.

5. Report from Political Offices:

Joelle Cannon from Senator Blunt's office discussed Senate activity in the week before the end of the session. Disaster recovery from flooding has been prioritized. FAST Act rescission is a concern, though it may not be enacted.

Jeremy Pruett from Congressman Billy Long's office discussed infrastructure talks between House Democrats and the President. Contact representatives for letters of support for BUILD Grant applications.

6. SMCOG Staff Update:

Megan Clark discussed needs meetings held with each county to determine transportation priorities. The meeting in July will focus on prioritization of the top 10 regional needs. Meetings with MoDOT are being held to discuss regional priorities under multiple funding scenarios.

FAST Act rescission was discussed further. Legislators may be contacted to request a stop to the rescission. In preparation, current balances should be obligated to prevent future loss of funds.

The VW Trust Fund money, administered by DNR, may have more funding rounds for the provision of government trucks and school busses, as well as other transportation-related categories. Some member communities received free school busses through this fund. Contact Megan for more information on this opportunity.

Applications for the Blueprint for Safety Grant are due by May 22. This can be used to fund road safety projects and educational opportunities.

Member terms end June 30, the SMCOG board appoints TAC members in June. Members deciding to leave the TAC should contact Megan as soon as possible to allow time for County Commissioners to recommend new appointees. New appointments will begin July 1.

The location of future TAC meetings was discussed. The July meeting will still be held at the Library Station in north Springfield. Following meetings will be held at the Library Center on South Campbell Springfield.

Upcoming meetings and workshops of interest were discussed. SMCOG's 30th anniversary celebration will be held on May 30th. Tickets are available on SMCOG's website.

The U.S. Census is approaching. SMCOG is creating a complete count committee to encourage citizen participation throughout the region. An accurate count helps to increase funding for several areas of concern, including transportation.

OATS will be changing its scheduling system in the future, which will focus more on efficiency of scheduling and dispatching.

7. MoDOT Update

Zeke Hall discussed repairs on the Long Creek Bridge. Work should last for approximately 30 days and will allow the current bridge to stay open while construction of a parallel bridge takes place.

The I-44 Design Build Phase 1 project will start in early June near Mount Vernon.

Various projects are currently underway, including the Evans Rd bridge over 65. The 65 rebuild phase will most likely begin in mid-August with some minor closures.

MoDOT's draft STIP will be available for public comment in June.

Travis Koestner has accepted a job with MoDOT's central office and will no longer be the Southwest District Engineer. Search for replacement will begin soon.

8. MPO Update

No comments were made from OTO representatives

9. Other Member Updates & Guest Reports

Howard Fisk asked about SMCOG's upcoming housing forum. Megan Clark and Jason Ray provided further detail on this event.

10. Adjourn by Chairman

Meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m. by Chair Wood.

The next meeting will be July 10, 2019 at 9 a.m. at Library Station in Springfield.