



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Library Station Panera

Attending: Todd Wiesehan (Christian), Brent Young (Christian), Randy Daniel (Dade), Kim Kinder (Dade), Roger Bradley (Dallas), Hollie Elliott (Dallas), Joel Keller (Greene), Howard Fisk (Greene), Max Springer (Lawrence), Sydney Allen (Polk), Rick Davis (Polk), Dennis Wood (Stone), Buddy Roberts (Taney), David Miller (Taney), Randy Owens (Webster), Robert Williams (Webster)

Stan Whitehurst (Webster Alternate)

Beth Schaller (MoDOT), Frank Miller (MoDOT), Andy Thomason (Ozarks Transportation Organization), Carl Carlson (Olsson Associates), John Benson (City of Marshfield), Jeremy Pruett (Congressman Long), Joelle Cannon (Senator Blunt), Mark Maples (Northern Stone County Commissioner), Hank Smyth (Southern Stone County Commissioner), Jerry Harman (Kimberling City), Megan Clark (SMCOG), Jason Ray (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 Howard Fisk, motion seconded by Max Springer. All yeas. Motion carried.

3. Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve the November 15, 2017 meeting minutes made by Todd Wiesehan, motion seconded by Howard Fisk. All yeas. Motion carried

4. Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan Update

Megan Clark presented survey and public meeting results which identified public transportation needs of senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and those with low incomes. Staff developed broad strategies that may assist in addressing the identified needs. A second round of public meetings are currently being held to get input on prioritizing identified needs and strategies.

5. MoDOT SW District Exercise

Frank Miller provided an overview of the MoDOT SW District planning exercise. Miller explained that each district had been asked to develop a list of projects that may be completed if additional money were to become available. Representatives from each RPC in the SW District, along with MoDOT staff, met in December to develop a list based on the prioritized list from the October planning meeting. Project estimates were developed by MoDOT staff. The list would be reviewed and likely change if there were a funding package from the State and/or if a tax were to pass.

6. 21st Century Task Force Recommendations Update

Megan Clark referenced an article provided in the meeting agenda packet which provided an overview of the Task Force recommendations. TAC members are encouraged to review the full report online if interested.

Clark reported that there are currently several bills filed in the state legislature regarding taxes and transportation funding.

- SB611: Cap sales tax at 7.275%, all inclusive of county, state, local, special, etc. sales taxes.
- HB1291: Changes county classification from 2nd to 1st of those exempt from not less than 25% road/bridge tax collected in the municipality must be expended in that municipality.
- HB 1479: “streamlined” sales and use tax and dedicate revenue to State Road Fund.
- SB 734: Increase motor fuel tax from 17 cents to 27 cents per gallon on January 1, 2019.

7. MoDOT Update

Beth Schaller, MoDOT SW District

Beth Schaller distributed information sheets regarding seat belt usage and texting usage. State legislation has been proposed that would address these issues, so MoDOT is working on increased education. The MoDOT Financial Snapshot document has been published and is available online. This document reviews where revenues come from, where money is spent, and provides scenarios of additional funding options. The 2018 Construction Guide is now available and lists projects that will be done in calendar year 2018. MoDOT has experienced a number of communities that have lettered routes through the community, but the adjacent sidewalks are the responsibility of the community. When agreements were made years ago, many were just for the road surface and did not include the sidewalks. Federal law requires sidewalks to be brought into ADA compliance when the road is resurfaced, something the local communities may be responsible for paying.

8. MPO Update – Andy Thomason, OTO

Andy Thomason reported that the Ozarks Transportation Organization is working on safety and performance targets, and preparing the upcoming budget and work program.

9. Other Member Updates & Guest Reports

Jeremy Pruett with Congressman Billy Long reported that they are still hoping for an infrastructure package at some point, right now the focus is on the budget.

Megan Clark stated she had some updates:

- 1) TAC members are encouraged to subscribe to the email list for the VW settlement and watch the website at <https://dnr.mo.gov/env/apcp/vw/vw-background.htm> for information. The committee is planned to have a recommendation for how to spend the settlement dollars in the upcoming months and will put the recommendation through the state legislature. If communities are interested in applying for funding, let Megan know.

10. Adjourn by Chairman

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am by Chair Woods.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 9 a.m. at Library Station in Springfield.