

Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Attendees:

Larry Benz
Doug Reese
Howard McMillan
Don Baragary
Mike Schupp
Mike Henderson
Gary Jungermann
Lyn Woolford
Rick Hess
Kenneth Kunze
Kim Tipton
Amity Jeffries
Jamie Preger
Chris Yarnell
Tim Grenke
Sarah Graff
Ed Siegmund
David Bock
Debra Griffin
Sarah Nussbaum

Representing:

Cole County
City of St. Martins
Howard County
Cooper County
Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
MoDOT
Callaway County
City of Ashland
City of Holts Summit
Moniteau County
MoDOT
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Engineering Survey and Services
City of Centralia
Senator Roy Blunt Representative
Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission (Mid-MO RPC)
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Agenda Item I. Call to Order

TAC Chair Kenneth Kunze called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. Introductions were made around the room by those in attendance.

Larry Benz motioned to approve the agenda. Howard McMillian seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a review of the November 29th, TAC meeting minutes for any additions or corrections. Larry Benz motioned to approve the minutes. Don Baragary seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item II. Mid-MO RPC Transportation Priorities and Statewide Planning Exercise

David Bock reviewed MoDOT's planning exercise for the top five road and bridges, and the top five multi-modal projects for the Mid-MO RPC region, as identified by the Mid-MO RPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) in November.

The top five road and bridge projects were identified as the following:

- I-70 improvements (including I-70/US 63 interchange and Rocheport bridge)
- US 50 expansion to four lanes from California to Tipton

- Improve safety of at grade crossings along highways
- Lengthen US 54/63 eastbound outer lane at the Missouri River Bridge from Route W exit ramp to US 63 exit ramp
- Add ramps to US 54 interchange at S. Summit Drive near Holts Summit

The top five multi-modal were identified as the following:

- Columbia Regional Airport improvements
- Cole/Callaway County Port construction
- Howard/Cooper County Port upgrades
- Jefferson City Memorial Airport improvements
- Fixed funding contribution to improve public transit

The top four road and bridge projects, and fixed funding to improve public transit from the multi-modal list made it to the final Central District list of possible projects.

Mike Henderson also updated the group with senate bills related to transportation funding possibilities. A Missouri transportation task force is recommending a ten-cent gasoline tax increase and a 12-cent diesel tax increase as statewide transportation funding. Missouri's gasoline and diesel tax are both currently 17-cents a gallon. If the Legislature approves the task force recommendation, the issue would go before Missourians on the statewide ballot.

The Missouri Senate committee passed a tax reform bill that would cut income tax rates but increase the fuel tax. The 6-cent increase in the gas tax is phased in over three years. If the plan becomes law, the gas tax would be increased by 2 cents of Aug. 28, and then another 2 cents a year later and a final 2 cents in 2020. By phasing in the increase, the state doesn't have to obtain voter approval.

Agenda Item III. MoDOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Pgm (STIP) 2019-2023

Kim Tipton reviewed the draft STIP projects for the Mid-MO RPC region. Scoping for road projects for 2019-2021 are focused on district wide ADA improvements and Highway 63 cross overs from Route H to Jefferson City. MoDOT is currently seeking to hire a consultant by the end of March to review the cross overs. Majority of bridge projects included rehab and preventative maintenance work to keep them in good condition.

Agenda Item IV. MoDOT Report

Project Activity – Mike Schupp reported on the following construction projects:

- Callaway County – bridge work along U.S. Route 54 has resumed.
- Boone County – Route B from the Business Loop and Highway 124 to Centralia pavement repair and widening of shoulders.

Mike Henderson reported a webinar will be held on March 13 will give an update on the LRTP. The final plan should be released for public comment at the April Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission meeting. The final LRTP should be released at the June commission meeting.

Agenda Item V. Update: Annual MoDOT Statewide Planning Partners Meeting

David Bock gave a brief summary on a few of the topics at MoDOT's annual planning partners meeting. The Missouri Department of Transportation Cost Share Program will be available to provide financial assistance to public and private applicants for state highway and bridge projects

satisfying a transportation need. MoDOT participates up to 50 percent of the total project costs on the state highway system.

The Missouri Transportation System Task Force recommend: increasing the state excise tax on gasoline by 10 cents and 12 cents per gallon on diesel; that the General Assembly consider options for diversified transportation revenue; and involve innovative partnerships.

Agenda Item VI. Local Reports

Lyn Woolford reported the City of Ashland contracted a traffic study for the Henry Clay/Broadway intersection. The majority of this project is funded by a 2018 TEAP grant. Ashland's Main Street sidewalk project is underway and the city is currently getting easements.

Rick Hess reported he will be retiring as of April 30th.

Doug Reese reported 1.7 miles of Business Highway 50 now located in the St. Martin's city limits was formerly a state highway. The city is working on obtaining funds for much needed safety enhancements and overlay. The city also received the 2017 Gold Leaf Award from the International Society of Arboriculture, for educational Arbor Day programs at Niekamp Park. More than 400 students from St. Martin School and Pioneer Trail School attended the Arbor Day programs.

Sarah Graff reported President Trump released his proposed infrastructure plan of \$200 billion federal money with a higher local and state match to get to \$1.5 trillion. Graff is unsure they will get any infrastructure passed at all this session.

Larry Benz reported Cole County will be replacing a low water crossing. That project is currently out for bid.

Kenny Kunze reported he has served twenty years as Commissioner and is retiring at the end of the year.

Agenda Item VII. Announcements

The TAC committee decided to cancel the March 28th meeting. The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 23, 2018.

Agenda Item VII. Adjournment

Larry Benz motioned to adjourn. Tim Grenke seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee adjourned at 2:20 p.m.