

Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Advisory Committee
Wednesday, March 23, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Howard McMillan
David Teter
Gary Jungermann
Bruce Green
Mike Henderson
Larry Benz
Doug Reese
Gene Rhorer
Kenneth Kunze
Don Baragary
Lyn Woolford
Jenni Jones
Mike Schupp
Dan Haid
Katrina Williams
David Bock
Debra Griffin

Representing:

Howard County
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Callaway County
MoDOT
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Cole County
St. Martins
City of Ashland
Moniteau County
Cooper County
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Boone County
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Agenda Item I. Call to Order

Kenny Kunze called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm. Introductions were made around the room by those in attendance.

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

There was a review of the January 27, TAC meeting minutes for any additions or corrections. Larry Benz motioned to approve the minutes. Howard McMillan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item II. Presentations

Statewide Transportation Planners Meeting Recap

Mike Henderson highlighted issues discussed at the annual statewide planners meeting that included; MoDOT road and bridge funding, asset management planning, highway safety planning, and freight among other topics. Henderson indicated there are 24,358 bridges statewide with approximately 60% older than their intended life of 50 years. In the Central District there are currently 79 critical condition bridges.

MoDOT's current funding only allows taking care of the system. In Central District the 784 miles of interstate pavement, 94% is rated good pavement. Major routes are 88% good condition, minor routes at 76% and low volume routes are at 69%.

MoDOT's financial position has improved with lower gas prices increasing revenue from fuel taxes and the passage of the federal transportation bill — the FAST Act. However, the long-term financial forecast still shows deficit spending from 2016 to 2022.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has announced \$500 million will be made available for transportation projects across the country under an eighth round of Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive grant program. MoDOT's possible submittal will be a *Road to Tomorrow* smart highway project. Central District will submit a grant application for Bonnets Mill railroad cross over project. Grant applications are due April 29.

USDOT has also announced it is now accepting applications for the Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) grant program. The FASTLANE program is a new program in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act to fund critical freight and highway projects across the country. The FAST Act authorizes \$800 million in funding for the FASTLANE program for fiscal year 2016, with 25 percent reserved for rural projects, and 10 percent for smaller projects. For Central District a possible project for this grant is the Rocheport bridge on I-70. Application due date is April 14.

Agenda Item III. MoDOT Central District Report

Mike Schupp reported the following:

- Painting and structural work for the west bound Missouri River bridge will begin in the next few weeks. On Friday, April 15 west bound traffic will begin to be diverted to the east bound bridge, with complete bridge closure by Monday April 17. Project completion date is August 12.
- Columbia I-70, Garth and West Blvd Business Loop bridge projects are at the half-way point. Traffic switches will take place in April. Traffic count on I-70 has dropped 10,000 vehicles per day as drivers find alternate routes.
- Rebuilding of the I-70, West Blvd., and Business Loop-70 Interchange will become a dual round-about. The West Blvd ramp will have a 45 day complete closure period beginning June 13, while the bridge over I-70 is being rebuilt. Project completion should be in late July before Show-Me State games.
- Highway 63 outer road Bonne Femme Creek bridge replacement began on March 20. Bridge will reopen June 3. Once completed Gaines Creek bridge construction will begin. These are joint projects with Boone County.
- Resurfacing Highway 63 from WW thru Highway 763 connector in Boone County will begin this summer.
- Mid-summer project of the St. Charles I-70 and Lake of the Woods interchange will be closed for 2 five day periods while pavement replacement takes place. A public meeting will be held in April to discuss the changes.

Jenni Jones reported MoDOT will have funding available this year for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). TAP can be used to fund projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility; community improvement activities; environmental mitigation; recreational trail projects and safe routes to school projects.

Guidelines for the 2016 TAP application have yet to be released but will be available soon. Statewide TAP funding is anticipated to be \$1.8 million, and individual projects can range from a minimum of \$80,000 to a maximum of \$400,000. Grant applications will be due this summer.

Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP) call for projects will begin on July 1, 2016. Statewide funds available will be \$90,000. A maximum project amount is \$8,000 each. Application due date is September 2. More information will become available in the next few weeks.

Agenda Item IV. Local Reports

Larry Benz reported a pavement overlay on Missouri Blvd in Jefferson City will begin as soon as weather permits. An ADA sidewalk improvement project will immediately follow with work beginning in July.

Don Baragary reported delays of a bridge and box culverts in Cooper County are due to possible disturbance of Topeka Shiners.

Kenny Kunze reported culvert work was halted by Corp of Engineers due to possible disturbance of Topeka Shiners in Moniteau as well. Commissioner Kunze also reported a BRO bridge work began earlier in the week.

Agenda Item V. Mid-MO RPC Activity Update

Katrina Williams reported on the following agenda items:

- **Mobility Management Update**

Ms. Williams reported the call volume of individuals seeking assistance with finding transportation has been consistently increasing, with CMCA creating a new data management system to track calls. The project is also generating outside support from other organizations. Boone County Community Services wants to provide transportation vouchers to the project. The City of Columbia has donated 132 year long bus passes to the project, to be distributed to those in need. Mobility Coordinator Anthony Nichols has held meetings with transportation agencies and regional stakeholders. The goal is to educate regional partners about transit issues, access and opportunities for transportation coordination. An activity report included in the packet also provided individual success stories.

- **Mercury Alliance**

Is a broad coalition of people and organizations supporting the improvement of the state's transportation system. The alliance's goal is to increase awareness of the importance of Missouri's transportation system through outreach. They will also educate the Missouri General Assembly and the governor about the importance of preserving and improving the

state's transportation system and create opportunities for alliance members to access state leadership including the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission related to transportation issues.

Those who are suggested to join the alliance include agricultural leaders, airports, bicycle and pedestrian enthusiasts, contractors, convenience store owners, engineers, labor leaders, local elected officials, port authorities, railroads, transit groups, trucking companies and others.

Agenda Item VI. Next Meeting and Announcements

Dan Haid announced the Pavement Management Group held its first meeting with approximately 35 attendees from local and state transportation agencies, consultants and vendors. Contact Dan if you have anyone involved in street management that would like to attend.

David Bock invited attendees to stop by the RPC office for a reception being held for departing RPC employee Katrina Williams.

The next TAC meeting will be held May 25, 2016.

Agenda Item VII. Adjournment

Gary Jungermann motioned to adjourn. Larry Benz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.