

Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Advisory Committee
Wednesday, May 25, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Anthony Nichols
John Frerking
Tim Grenke
Gary Jungermann
Larry Benz
Doug Reese
Kenneth Kunze
Lyn Woolford
Jenni Jones
Steve Engelbrecht
Dan Haid
Ed Siegmund
Debra Griffin

Representing:

MO Rides - Central Missouri
Engineering Survey and Services
City of Centralia
Callaway County
Cole County
St. Martins
Moniteau County
City of Ashland
MoDOT
MoDOT
Boone County
Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission (Mid-MO RPC)
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Agenda Item I, II and III. Call to Order

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

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

There was a review of the March 23, TAC meeting minutes for any additions or corrections. Larry Benz motioned to approve the minutes. Doug Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There was no public comment.

Agenda Item IV. Discussion

Ed Siegmund, Mid-MO RPC Director reviewed the FY17 transportation work program. He indicated that the work program includes funds to support staff providing technical assistance on local transportation projects, maintaining the Regional Transportation Plan, prioritizing transportation needs in the Region, and prioritizing local TAP projects.

Jenni Jones reported MoDOT will have funding available this year for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP). 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 late summer. 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.

Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP) call for projects will begin on July 1, 2016. This program allows local public agencies (LPA) to receive engineering assistance for studying traffic engineering problems. Typical studies may include corridor safety and/or operational analysis, intersection(s) safety and/or operational analysis, speed limit review, sign inventory, pedestrian/bike route analysis, parking issues, and other traffic studies.

The TEAP program provides 80% funding with the local city or county providing the remaining 20% of the cost. Statewide funds available is \$90,000. A maximum project amount is \$8,000 each. Application due date will be September 2.

Siegmund also reported the RPC has access to block grant funds thru the Department of Economic Development, related to disaster planning resiliency, such as GIS mapping of low water crossings. RPC staff can assist local communities with these types of projects at no cost to members.

Agenda Item V. MO Rides

Anthony Nichols, MO Rides-Central Missouri, Mobility Coordinator presented an update on the mobility management pilot project underway in the Mid-MO RPC region. Nichols stated that the project seeks to improve access to and efficiency of transit services in the Central Missouri region through advocacy, coordination and education. The project is funded through the MoDOT, the Missouri Disabilities Coordinating Council and Mid-MO RPC. To date in 2016, MO Rides has successfully helped to coordinate over 200 unique rides in the region. MO Rides has received calls of need to and from a wide variety of locations for a wide variety of purposes, with visits to health care professionals as the most requested.

Nichols also reported that in addition to assistance in providing rides for individuals, there has been great success in group partnerships. An example is the City of Columbia, Como Connect and Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA) has partnered to distribute free bus passes to income-eligible community members.

Agenda Item VI. MoDOT Report

Steve Engelbrecht, MoDOT Central District Planning Manager, reported that an improved funding situation has allowed the Missouri Department of Transportation to increase its ability to take care of its existing transportation system. The increased state revenues, predictable federal funding as a result of Congress' passage of the FAST Act in December 2015, has resulted in more funding available.

As a result, 855 projects were added to the 2017-2021 STIP that has \$3.97 billion available for construction awards, ranging from \$700 million in 2017 to \$860 million in 2020 and 2021. The majority of projects – 88 percent – are designed to take care of MoDOT's existing system. Consequently there are an additional 26 projects in the STIP in the Mid-MO RPC six county region. These new projects are highlighted by pavement improvements for US Route 63 in

Boone County and Rte 54 in Callaway County, bridge improvements over Rte 50 neat Taos in Cole County, bridge improvements over I-70 at Mo Route 87 in Cooper County, and Mo Route 5 pavement improvements in Howard and Moniteau Counties.

Agenda Item VII. Local Reports

Lyn Woolford reported the City of Ashland will hold a new festival called Lemonade Daze on June 11, at the Ashland City Park and to expect some traffic congestion.

Doug Reese reported the City of St. Martins has completed their TRIM grant with a final inspection. An Arbor Day celebration at Niekamp Park included tree climbing, tree planting, tree identification and activities for kids.

Tim Grenke reported Centralia's annual Anchor Fest will be held on June 3-5. There will be entertainment, food, crafts, car show, tractor show and softball tournament. Also with the closure of school, a safe routes to school sidewalk project will break ground on June 6. The City of Centralia currently has no lodging facility and are looking for local investors to build one.

Agenda Item VIII. Next Meeting and Announcements

The next TAC meeting will be held at Southern Boone County Public Library on July 27, 2016.

Agenda Item VII. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.