

Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Advisory Committee
Wednesday, March 28, 2012
Meeting Minutes

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Attendees:

Howard McMillan
Bill Lay
Ed Siegmund
Gary Jungermann
Alan Morrison
Pam Murray
Katrina Thomas
Debra Griffin
Tom White
Dan Haid
Cheryl Ball
Mike Schupp
Bruce Green
Chad Eggen
Darrel King
Jeremy Ketterer
Chris Hann

Representing:

Howard County
Howard County
Mid-MO Regional Planning Commission (Mid-MO RPC)
Callaway County
CAMPO/Jefferson City
City of Holts Summit
Mid-MO RPC
Mid-MO RPC
Cooper County 911
Boone County
MoDOT
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Mid-MO RPC
Moniteau County
Rep. Luetkemeyer
Senator McCaskill

Agenda Item I. Call to Order

Board Member Pam Murray chaired the meeting for Chairman Eddie Brickner who was unable to attend. Ms. Murray called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Introductions were made around the room.

There was a review of the agenda with no additions/corrections made. Motion was made by Bill Lay and seconded by Gary Jungermann to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Murray asked for a review of the January 25, 2012, TAC meeting minutes for any additions/corrections. A motion was made by Bill Lay and seconded by Howard McMillian to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item II. Presentations

Missouri River Freight Corridor Assessment – Cheryl Ball

Ms. Ball reported that it has become increasingly evident that the current system of freight transportation in the United States will be hard-pressed to meet the nation's future transportation needs. Freight tonnage of all types is expected to grow 73 percent by 2035 from 2008 levels.

A bill was passed in Congress in 2007 that created the "America's Marine Highway Program". This program is intended to expand the use of our waterways for the transportation of freight and to remove congestion from highways that can result in millions of dollars in transportation savings over truck or rail.

With funds received from the Federal Government, MoDOT conducted a study called the Missouri River Freight Assessment, completed in fall 2011. The study was to assess Missouri River and its capacity and to develop a plan on how to move freight competitively onto the Missouri River and take trucks off our highways. This study later became the blueprint for the U.S. Marine Highway Corridor Study. The four areas of focus were:

1. Market development - what products are moving on our roads and can be moved onto the river. What do you have and what do you need to sustain and grow your business?
2. Equipment/infrastructure, Ports, terminals and navigators. What's there and what are their needs?
3. River management and policy. What can we do to make the river a reliable and sustainable transportation resource?
4. Market advocacy. How do all stakeholders come together to prosper?

The study indicated that 1.3 million tons of commercial freight currently coming in to Missouri could be moved to water. That's equivalent to 11,608 rail cars or 52,000 semi trucks annually. Products that are coming in and out of Missouri markets that could be moved to the river are: coal, scrap metal, cement, clay, salt and fertilizer. The goal is to find ways to help trucks, water, rail and even air to work together well so we get the most efficient movement at the best cost.

The next steps that have been identified and initiated by MoDOT are: business development, navigation committee meetings, advocacy, and funding.

Ed Siegmund introduced Bill Lay, Howard County's TAC representative, who has also been engaged in Missouri River transportation issues and intergovernmental committees for many years. Mr. Lay gave a brief background history of his years of involvement with the river and navigational use before and after changes were made to protect the environmental habitat. He also reported if the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would help provide funds for channel improvements, he believed that it could become a viable and reliable river.

Highway 54 Ramp Beautification Project – Pam Murray

In the summer of 2010, Denise Oxley approached Holts Summit Community Betterment Association (HSCBA) with an idea to beautify the Holts Summit area highway ramps. The idea was to enhance the entrance and exit ramps using native species that would provide year round interest. The purpose was to add attractiveness to the community for quality of life and to entice business from travelers on US Highway 54 to boost the economy activity in the area.

Local businesses and individuals signed up as ramp sponsors and provided the financing for the cost of supplies. The City of Holts Summit donated in-kind labor to dig holes. Planting began In March 2011, with volunteers from Ameren, local community groups and individuals providing the labor. Six of the eight ramps were fully planted with nine trees on the exterior and 82 flowering and evergreen shrubs on the interior. Only trees were planted on the remaining two ramps that do not have sponsors. Ongoing fundraisers and donations are used for the maintenance costs and volunteers help with the mowing and watering.

This project required contractual agreements with MoDOT, HSCBA and the City of Holts Summit.

In March 2012, the Missouri Community Forestry Council presented a citation of Merit in the Municipal/Organization Collaboration category to Denise Oxley, HCBD and the City of Holts Summit.

Agenda Item III. MoDOT Central District Report – Mike Schupp

- Bridge deck on Route H overpass has been completed.
- Turkey Creek Bridge will be poured in the next week and paving will start around the April 15th. Project completion expected in October 2012.
- The bids for widening of Route K from Columbia to McBaine are due in April. The previous bids were rejected.
- Route 3 in Howard County is scheduled to have two foot shoulders added from Route 5 to Route 24. Project completion will be by 2013.
- State Highway 87 from Interstate 70 to California, MO is on the proposed list for widening and overlay in 2014
- WW from Keene Street all the way to Fulton and J & F near Fulton are also on the proposed list for widening in 2014.

Agenda Item IV. Local Reports

MoDOT Area Projects-Mike Schupp and Bruce Green

Boone County commissioned a traffic study on Route Z overpass on Interstate 70 to St. Charles Road and encompassing county roads. This study was implemented due to the opening of the new high school in 2013. A re-deck is currently scheduled for the overpass before the new school opens but may be put on hold depending on the outcome of the study. More details will be available by the next TAC meeting.

Due to the safety issues MoDOT is looking at how to fund constructing a J turn at Liberty Lane and Peterson Lane crossovers on Highway 63 in Ashland,

A meeting was held in Hallsville to discuss safety concerns and the number of accidents at the intersection of Highway 124 and Route U and determine how to make it safer.

Additional safety improvements are planned to five intersections in Cole County on Highway 54, south of Jefferson City, to be completed in 2012. Requests for bids will go out in June.

County/City Reports

Gary Jungermann reported the upgrade for 1 ¾ miles of Callaway County Road 256 started this week with replacing culverts. The bids for this project are expected in late April.

CAMPO - Grant funds were awarded for 5000 feet of sidewalks along the south side of Missouri Blvd. from Kansas Street to Heisinger Road.

Pam Murray reported on the enhancement grant for the sidewalk in Holts Summit. The bid has been awarded, roads have been marked, but earth has not been moved.

Agenda Item V. Mid-MO RPC Activity Update

Regional Needs List – Chad Eggen

Mid-MO RPC staff met with MoDOT engineers and the updated project list is included in the agenda packet. If your community has a transportation need please contact the Mid-MO RPC

staff. Once the list is finalized and approved by the Board of Directors it will be incorporated into the Regional Transportation Plan.

Sidewalk Assessment Surveys – Katrina Thomas

A sidewalk inventory was performed for the communities in Howard and Cole counties. All other communities in the region are scheduled to be completed next year. A copy of the completed assessments will be provided to the communities. An overview of Cole County was included in the agenda packet.

Federal Highway Bill

Jeremy Ketterer, representative from Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer's office, reported the Senate has passed a two year extension on the Federal Highway Bill. Funding for this bill is still being discussed in the House of Representatives.

Ed Siegmund made an announcement if anyone had a topic/program that they would like to discuss for upcoming TAC meetings to please let him know. At tonight's RPC meeting there will be a presentation by the USDA representative on warning sirens and also a presentation by the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management representative.

Agenda Item VI. Next Meetings

Mr. Siegmund noted that there is a possibility of a time change for the next TAC and Regional Planning Commission meetings. Next meeting scheduled for May23, 2012.

Agenda Item VII. Adjournment

Ms. Murray called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Darrel King and seconded by Gary Jungermann.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.