

Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Advisory Committee
Wednesday, September 26, 2012
Meeting Minutes

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Attendees:

Kenneth Kunze
Howard McMillan
Bill Lay
Darrel King
Michael Lowe
Ed Siegmund
Steve Engelbrecht
Jenni Jones
Dion Knipp
Tim Grenke
Mike Schupp
Pam Murray
Eddie Brickner
Chad Eggen
Debra Griffin
Katrina Thomas
Jack Heusted
Gabe Craighead
Dan Haid

Representing:

Moniteau County
Howard County
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New Bloomfield
Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission (Mid-MO RPC)
Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
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Cooper County
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OATS, Inc.
Callaway County
Boone County

Agenda Item I. Call to Order

Chairman Kenneth Kunze, 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 or corrections. Bill Lay motioned to approve the agenda. Howard McMillan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a review of the July 25, 2012, TAC meeting minutes for any additions or corrections. Eddie Brickner motioned to approve the minutes. Bill Lay seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item II. Presentations

OATS, Inc. Overview – Jack Heusted

Katrina Thomas provided an overview of the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan that is a 5 year update process required by MoDOT. This plan will seek to improve transportation needs of older adults, persons with disabilities and low-income individuals. Public meetings will be held in each county and a brief survey will be sent to providers/agencies to determine needs that are not already addressed. The updated plan will be completed in Spring 2013 and will include a summary of the existing transportation resources and document the unmet needs.

Jack Heusted, Regional Director of OATS, Inc, in the Mid-Missouri Region provided background information and discussed services provided by this agency. He has been the Regional Director for the Mid-MO Region for sixteen years. OATS has been in business since 1971 and may still have an image that is only for older adults as it was formerly named Older Adults Transportation System. Beginning in 1981, OATS started receiving funds from the Federal Transit Administration to provide services for the general public as well. Services for any one, any age, any income, could now ride the bus in a rural population with no restrictions.

Mr. Heusted reported that OATS provided services to 1,802 individuals last year and traveled 600,000 miles. State-wide OATS has eight hundred vehicles and seven hundred fifty drivers. In the Mid-MO Region there are fifteen counties, eighty vehicles, seventy drivers and uses 10,000 gallons of fuel a month. For every ten cents increase in gas prices, it will cost the company an additional \$160,000 a year. There is no fee structure for ridership, but they have a suggested donation. They do not deny service on the inability to donate. Approximately \$60,000-\$70,000 was received last year in donations.

Mr. Heusted also reported there will be changes in the near future to some services that are currently being provided, due to the consolidation of funding programs with the recent passage of MAP-21.

Enhancement/Safe Routes to School Projects– Mid-MO RPC/MoDOT Staff

Chad Eggen and Dion Knipp gave an overview of both funding programs. An informational sheet has been included in the agenda packet. \$3.1 million is available in the Central District for Transportation Enhancement (TE) projects. Application deadline is noon on November 5, 2012. TE funds are federal funds available to local public agencies for transportation related projects. Local public agencies have a twenty percent cash match and then are reimbursed for eligible project costs up to eighty percent. No In-Kind match or donated credit allowed. Minimum amount requested is \$50,000 and maximum is \$500,000. Mid-MO RPC staff will hold a special meeting to assist those communities wanting to submit an application.

It is recommended that communities use professional, licensed engineers to do the cost estimate of the project. The engineer must be paid a fair market value their service as Pro Bono work is not permitted. This will allow the engineer to respond to your RFQ for services on the project. All applications will go to MoDOT Central District and the applications for the Mid-MO RPC region will be returned for Mid-MO RPC staff to review and prioritize by mid to late November 2012. Mr. Siegmund would like at least one representative from each county in the Mid-MO RPC region to assist with the prioritizing process. Each applicant will be required to make a presentation to the committee. After ranking, the applications will go back to MoDOT to be ranked on December 18. Awards will be announced in January 2013.

Funding for Safe Routes to School has \$4.2 million available statewide. This is one hundred percent Federal funding with no local match. Maximum per project amount requested is \$250,000. Infrastructure projects such as sidewalks, trails, stop signs, signals will be allowed and non-infrastructure such as educational programs, safe walking to school and safety education. Mid-MO RPC staff will need to sign off on the applications submitted for their region. The application deadline is noon on November 5, 2012. MoDOT has recently awarded applications from the City of Russellville, Holt Summit, Hallsville and Clarksburg. Any recipient receiving funds is required to have someone who has completed MoDOT/FHWA LPA certification training. See the agenda packet for a list of additional LPA training sessions. MoDOT's Central District had applications totaling from \$7-\$10 million for the district. Each community is limited to three applications and if submitting multiple applications their projects must be prioritized. Once a project is awarded the scope of work

cannot be reduced and every aspect of the project must be ADA compliant. All awarded projects are to be ready for construction at least by Spring 2014.

Under the Safe Routes to School program eligible projects must be within a two mile radius of an elementary school that is providing a transportation connection for children to walk safely is also eligible for TE funding. If a project is really important to a community, Mr. Knipp advised them to submit an application in both funding categories to increase the odds of the project to be awarded.

Agenda Item III. MoDOT Central District Report – Steve Engelbrecht

- APAC will begin resurfacing on both east bound and west-bound lanes on US Highway 50 in Cole County between Truman Blvd and St. Martins. Work will begin in early October and project completion date is November 15, 2012.
- Resurfacing on the Dix Road bridge over US Highway 50 in Jefferson City. Project completion date is November 15, 2012.
- A new four lane highway will be constructed on US Route 50 in Osage County between Route 50/63 interchange and County Road 604 west of Linn. Project was awarded to Iron Mountain Construction and is expected to begin in late October and project completion date is September 2014.
- Bid was awarded to Chester Bross Construction for resurfacing Interstate-70 in Cooper County, east of Lamine River and west of Boonville. Work to begin in 2013.

Agenda Item IV. Local Reports

MoDOT Area Projects- Mike Schupp

- The new south bound lanes on U.S. Highway 63 north of Route 163 to south of Route H opened today. The old highway lanes do not tie into the interchange at this time but will be completed the first or second week of November. Mr. Schupp noted the outer road is now a two lane road and will remain so. The round-about and tie-in on the west side of the overpass bridge are to be completed by November 15.
- Widening of Route K from Columbia to McBaine is ongoing. Progress on this project has been slow due to rough terrain and dry conditions.

County/City Reports

Dan Haid reported on upcoming project on Gibbs Road in Boone County. This road will receive a three inch asphalt overlay and estimated total costs at \$30 a square yard.

Chad Eggen reported that the Boone County cost share information for the I-70 and Route Z interchange was included in the agenda packet. Mr. Schupp indicated MoDOT is meeting with Boone County Commissioners on September 27, to finalize the project. He reported the county has purchased the property at St. Charles and Route Z. Project completion date is August 2013.

Agenda Item V. Mid-MO RPC Activity Update

TE and Safe Routes to School funding – Mid-MO RPC Staff

Mid-MO RPC staff will be assisting communities with the TE and Safe Routes to School application process.

Mr. Siegmund announced the Mid-MO RPC annual dinner will be held on November 28, 2012. This year the meeting will be very informal and would like everyone to attend.

The Regional Planning Commission meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Rick Eastman from Ameren Missouri will be discussing the Ameren/Westinghouse Small Modular Reactor (SMR) proposal, in Callaway County.

Region F Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee annual meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on October 16. Location will be the Cole County Fire Station #4 Training Facility at 5206 Monticello Road, in Jefferson City.

Agenda Item VI. Next Meeting

The next TAC meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2013.

Agenda Item VII. Adjournment

Chairman Kunze called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Howard McMillan motioned to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Bill Lay.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.