

**Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission
Transportation Advisory Committee
Meeting minutes from Wednesday, May 25, 2011
Copper Kettle Restaurant, Ashland, Missouri**

Attendees:

Curtis Owens	Mid-MO RPC
Kenny Kunze	Moniteau County
Pamela Murray	Holts Summit
Eddie Brickner	Cooper County
Kenny Kunze	Moniteau County
Denis Beganovic	MoDOT HQ
Vince Imhoff	Moniteau County
Roy Hogsett	MoDOT-District 5
Bill Lay	Howard County
Howard McMillan	Howard County
Alan Trampe	MoDOT-District 5
Mike Dusenberg	MoDOT-District 2
Gabe Craighead	Callaway County
Dan Haid	Boone County
Doc Kritzer	Callaway County
Katrina Thomas	Mid-MO RPC
Ed Robb	Boone County
Rick Eastman	Ameren Missouri
Brain Crane	Holts Summit
Chad Eggen	Mid-MO RPC

Agenda Item I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Eddie Brickner, TAC Chairman, at 4:35 pm. Attendees introduced themselves. Mr. Brickner announced that Curtis Owens, Transportation Planner for Mid-Mo RPC will be leaving the RPC for a job with the Springfield Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Curtis has worked for the RPC for almost three years.

Agenda Item II. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Howard McMillan motioned to approve and Pam Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bill Lay asked that the minutes from the previous TAC meetings be sent prior to the next meeting so that people can review them more closely before the next meeting. Ed Siegmund stated that this would be done with the next TAC meeting in July and with future meetings.

Agenda Item III. Presentations

Mike Dusenberg – MoDOT’s Bolder Five Year Direction

Faced with a severe decline in funding for transportation and the inability to match federal funds in the near future, the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission is in the process of adopting a plan that includes reducing the size of the Missouri Department of Transportation’s staff by 1,200, closing 131 facilities and selling more than 740 pieces of equipment. By 2015, the proposed direction will save \$512 million that will be used for vital road and bridge projects.

Financial cuts will include reduction in staff, equipment sales, property sales, decrease in major construction projects, changes in maintenance costs. Also, there will be a shift in the number of district offices. The number of districts will change from 10 districts now to 7 districts. Every county will have at least one maintenance office. 340 jobs statewide have been cut through attrition, 31 of those in District 5. Statewide, 24 facilities have been closed and 104 vehicles have been sold. In District 5, 17 facilities have been proposed to be closed and sold. If a municipality or county would like to purchase a facility and or property they should contact their district offices.

Mr. Dusenberg also stated that all construction commitments listed in the current STIP are still viable and will be completed as planned. Public meetings are being held around the state to inform the public of the changes to MoDOT.

Agenda Item IV. MoDOT District Reports (District 2 and 5)

Alan Trampe, MoDOT District 5, reported that the Draft STIP is available for public comment. Also, the Cedar Creek bridge on US 63 is still underway and on schedule.

Roy Hogsett, MoDOT District 2, reported that the two bridges on 240 outside of Fayette will start construction in the next couple weeks. Comments have been made on all Safe Routes to School Project applications. Projects will be selected by the end of June.

Agenda Item V. Local Reports

No Updates

Agenda Item VI. Mid-MO RPC Activity Update

Ed Siegmund announced that the 2012 Work Program has been submitted is under review at MoDOT. Included in the 2012 Work Program is an initiative to complete sidewalk assessments for all counties in the region. The first preliminary counties will be Cole and Howard.

Agenda Item VII. Next TAC Meeting

The next TAC meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2011 at 4:30 pm at the Copper Kettle in Ashland, MO.

Agenda Item VIII. Adjournment of Meeting

Pam Murray motioned for adjournment. Kenny Kunze seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm