

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
SCOTAC
 April 21, 2020

The following are the TAC members present (“X”) via conference call:

<i>Commissioners</i>		<i>Appointed TAC Members 1</i>		<i>Appointed TAC Members 2</i>
<u> </u> Lance Stillings	<u> X </u>	<u> </u> Suzanne Welsh	<u> X </u>	<u> </u> Lawson Curtis
<u> </u> Mark Collins, Secretary		<u> </u> Beverly Hicks	<u> X </u>	<u> </u> Tom Stehn, Chairman
<u> </u> Jon Hollis		<u> </u> Jason Kemper		<u> </u> Bill Hobbs
<u> X </u> John Turner		<u> </u> Greg Donley		<u> </u> Shane Ledbetter
<u> X </u> Jeff Cowen, Vice Chairman		<u> </u> Herman Kelly		<u> </u> David Trotter
<u> X </u> Scott Long		<u> </u> Ron Scheets		<u> </u> Keith Cantrell
<u> X </u> Zachary Williams		<u> </u> Randy Pamperien		<u> </u> Tim Schook

SCOCOG staff present via conference call:

Cody Dalton	-	Executive Director
Angie Ball	-	Administrative Assistant
Trent Courtney	-	Disaster Recovery Planner

MoDOT via conference call:

Elquin Auala
 Michael Brandon
 Arlene Dorris

Visitors via conference call:

Will Wheeler	-	Senator Blunt’s Office
John Casey	-	Texas County Associate Commissioner
Doyle Heiney	-	Texas County Associate Commissioner
Burrely Loftin	-	Ava Mayor

I called roll over conference call, and there was not a quorum.

Tom Stehn called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM. An introduction of guests and members were made at this time.

Tom stated that since there was no quorum, approval of the February 27, 2020 minutes would occur at the next meeting.

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

Southeast District Projects and Happenings – MoDOT Reps.

Elquin stated that the bridge on Route J in Ozark County will close on April 27, 2020. In May, there will be a letting of Route 17 in Texas County. There were a lot of lettings from February, most are resurfacing. Ongoing projects include Route 142 in Oregon and Ripley County, Route 19 in Shannon County, Route 32 in Texas County, resurfacing from Route 17 to 63, overlay of Business 63 in Texas County, and Route F in Texas County is done.

Tom asked if MoDOT was looking at reducing their right-of-way budget. Michael said MoDOT knows that traffic numbers are down.

Update on Governor's Bridge Program

Michael said that 25 projects have been put in for; seven in our area. This was discussed at the last meeting. The STIP was handed in, then this happened. He said that MoDOT does know that projects may be delayed. There is \$1.1 billion worth of work out now, and MoDOT has to look at cash flow. The next four lettings may have delayed projects. MoDOT does not want to delay safety projects, and is still trying to figure out the impact. The first three years of the STIP are pretty much full. He said that there is no official word on the cost shares. He added that when going for the cost share projects, please ask for letters of support two weeks in advance of the deadline.

Tom asked when the cost share deadline was; Michael said those are due June 18, 2020.

Cody asked if cost share applications go to him; Michael said they can be sent to him, Elquin or Joe Killian.

CDBG Mitigation Projects

Trent said that he is currently working on housing needs, and those are supposed to be met before the mitigation projects. Cody has created a project list, and wants to confirm the needs with cities and counties. Trent added that we are probably a way off from the mitigation award money.

Cody said that we are probably looking at mid-summer for the award from CDBG. We are looking at projects that will reduce future losses in regard to flooding. These need to be tied back to the 2017 floods. There is still time to develop projects. We will reach out to communities and counties to update their list and then have a meeting to identify and prioritize transportation projects to reduce future flood losses.

Trent stated that I would email out the project list that is on file. If it is not ok, projects can be discussed.

Tom asked how soon changes need to be submitted; Trent said he is available anytime. He would like to get the project defined within three weeks.

Open Discussion

Tom asked if there were any updates on avenues for assistance.

Cody said that there is the Federal Cares Act for small businesses, programs through SBA, and the paycheck protection program. He added that the SCOCOG Facebook has links and resources also. In regard to local governments, there is no clarity at this time. The EDA has received funding through the Cares Act. Work is being conducted to provide funds to the COG's to potentially hire more staff. He added that hopefully these funds will be out by the end of the federal fiscal year.

Will added that in regard to the Paycheck Protection Program, by the end of the day, that another \$300 billion will hopefully get passed out of the Senate. There will be another \$50 billion for loans, \$75 billion in grants for hospitals, and \$25 billion for testing. Through HUD, Missouri has received over \$13.6 million through the Cares Act, and \$2.3 trillion in financing has been authorized. He added that he will try to send updates as he receives them, and if not on his mailing list, please let him know.

The next TAC meeting will be held **August 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM**.

Tom Stehn adjourned the meeting at 10:44 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Reviewed for Content,

Angie Ball
Administrative Assistant, SCOCOG

Jeff Cowen
TAC Vice Chairman