

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

SCOTAC

August 18, 2020

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

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

SCOCOG staff present:

Cody Dalton	-	Executive Director
Angie Ball	-	Administrative Assistant
Trent Courtney	-	Disaster Recovery Planner
Kelly Wise	-	Fiscal Officer (via conference call)

MoDOT via conference call:

Elquin Auala
Michael Brandon
Joe Killian

Visitors:

Will Wheeler	-	Senator Blunt’s Office
Donnie Pruet	-	Mountain View Mayor
Judi Colter	-	City of Mountain View
Courtney McDaniel	-	City of Mountain View
Linda Higgins	-	City of Mountain View
Bryan Hogan	-	Willow Springs Police Chief
Megan Nickey	-	Representative Jason Smith’s Office (via conference call)

Tom Stehn called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM. An introduction of guests and members were made at this time.

Motion to approve the February 27, 2020 and April 21, 2020 minutes was made by Zach Williams and seconded by Scott Long. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

Southeast District Projects and Happenings – MoDOT Reps.

Elquin discussed the project list that Trent distributed to those present. She said that the Route 28 Wright County Bridge will be shut down the first week of September. Scott asked how long; Elquin said if the weather is good, it should be open by November 1. John asked about the status of the Tecumseh curve project. Elquin said that there have been right-of-way issues, but the letting will occur in January and the award is scheduled for February. There will be one-lane traffic at times, but no long-term closures are planned.

Discuss the prioritization list moving forward – Trent Courtney

Trent said that at the February 27, 2020 meeting the Governor's Bridge program was discussed, and asked how many projects there are now. Michael said that that is now in limbo, and they are currently operating on the current STIP, due to COVID. He added that the motor vehicle tax has helped with revenue. All new jobs that were going to be added to the STIP are also in limbo now. Trent said that in regard to the priority list, projects are not moving off the list. He felt that now it would be best to adopt the last year's priority list and keep as is. He said that other RPC's are in the same situation. He said that he doesn't want to reorganize the list. Tom asked if there is a plan to further meet with counties. Trent said yes, it would be nice to meet with cities and counties and also obtain public involvement. He said that he would like to identify three projects (or more) in each county, totaling 21 projects. The goal would be to have three projects in each county. He said that he wants more public involvement. He would identify the three projects, MoDOT would most likely scope and come up with an estimate. He would have dollar amounts before voting, and would handle the data side of things. He said he would create a list with specifics and work with counties, and then present objective and subjective data. The goal is to show numbers and data for each project. When the money is available, he would know what projects will go through. He said that he would like to start this as soon as possible. Jeff asked about the cost share; it is still available and the applications deadlines are from October 9, 2020 to April 16, 2021. Tom added that the Governor's cost share had been cut too. Motion to leave last year's priority list as is was made by Jeff Cowen and seconded by Suzanne Welsh. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Open Discussion

Trent said that it has been brought to his attention that in Oregon County there are several routes that are in poor condition, as well a low-water crossing on Highway Y in Douglas County that floods every time it rains. Suzanne added that yes, it is a low-water slab that washes out when it floods. Trent said that he has also received complaints about congestion around Hibby's in West Plains.

Jeff asked Elquin about the area on Highway 19 between A and KK. He said that the resurfacing stopped at A Highway, and there is 4.5 miles that gets no attention. Elquin said she would check to see if it is near their area of the Central District Office.

Will added that there is still hope to have a long-term highway transportation plan by the end of the year, as well as a continued resolution.

Michael said that fatalities state-wide are out of hand, and encouraged all to buckle up and put their phones down. He added that aggressive and reckless driving is also on the rise.

Tom said that there has recently been a Highway 63 Alliance Committee formed. The first meeting was held about a month ago. The group is trying to come up with a game plan to four lane Highway 63 from Jefferson City to the Arkansas line. There is also a committee in Arkansas that is going to push our priorities in Arkansas as well. They are one year away from having a plan together. Cody added that he has been working on sales tax estimates and population numbers within the distance of the highway. He would have information for the group at the next meeting. Tom said that the next meeting would be September 25 at 10:00 in the Houston Storm Shelter and Rob Harrington would be working on an agenda.

Elquin said that she has nothing from A to KK that addresses Jeff's question, and MoDOT is responsible for that area. Michael will look further into the matter.

Cody asked if MoDOT had built a turn lane on Bulldog Drive yet. John said no, and no overlay either. Elquin added that this is scheduled for a March 2021 letting and an April letting.

Cody asked if the culvert on AB Highway was done yet. Elquin said they are waiting on the contractor, no preconstruction meeting has been held yet, but will let him know. Cody also asked about the status of the Highway 63 drainage. Elquin said that she agreed with the county that the issue would be addressed when it came up again.

The next TAC meeting will be held **December 15, 2020 at 10:00 AM**.

Tom Stehn adjourned the meeting at 11:51 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Reviewed for Content,

Angie Ball
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Mark Collins
TAC Secretary