

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**SCOTAC**

December 17, 2019

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

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

**SCOCOG staff present:**

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

**MoDOT:**

Elquin Auala  
Chris Rutledge  
Mark Shelton  
Michael Brandon

**Visitors:**

John Casey	-	Texas County Associate Commissioner
Dale Counts	-	Shannon County Associate Commissioner
Mike Sherman	-	Wright County Associate Commissioner
Rob Harrington	-	Houston Economic Developer
Scott Avery	-	City Administrator
Emily Gibson	-	City of West Plains
Brian Mitchell	-	City of West Plains
Dick Salgado	-	Ava Area Chamber of Commerce
Jason Sivils	-	MACTO
Burrely Loftin	-	Ava Mayor
Will Wheeler	-	Senator Blunt’s Office
Larry Dougan	-	MACTO

Tom Stehn called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM. An introduction of guests and members were made at this time.

Motion to approve the August 20, 2019 minutes with was made by Jeff Cowen and seconded by Ron Scheets. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Program: Larry Dougan “(MACTO): What We Can Offer”**

Larry said that part of what MACTO (Missouri Association of County Transportation Officials) does is to make connections with people that supply items for what cities and counties use on a daily basis. Jason went on to discuss the MACTO Conference that is held every year. He said that it is a tradeshow with education classes and seminars. He said that the next show is October 6 and 7, 2020. He said that their focus is on what affects 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>. Class counties. This conference brings everybody together to discuss problems within the counties, and to share that knowledge across the state. The charge for cities and counties to attend is \$60 per person. Cody asked what representatives from Pennsylvania State discussed. Larry said that they discussed maintenance, and how to grade roads. Jason added that discussion was also held regarding how to purchase from government surplus, and ways to mitigate segregation. Dust control was also discussed as well as fall prevention and proper steps after an accident, and in-kind labor. Motivational speakers also presented. The group thanked Larry and Jason for their presentation.

**Old Business**

**Review 2019 Prioritization Results – Cody Dalton**

Cody said that at the August 20, 2019 meeting, voting took place. Cody said that the Governor’s Bridge Program was ranked off of the funding list. The 2019 prioritization results are as follows:

<b>South Central Ozarks Transportation Advisory Committee 2019 Regional Prioritization Results – August 20, 2019</b>			
<b>Rank</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Route</b>	<b>Project</b>
1	Howell Oregon	US 63	Expansion to four lanes West Plains to Arkansas state line
2	Texas	US 63	Expansion to four lanes Cabool to Phelps County line
3	Shannon	US 60 MO 99 MO19	(Shannon County US 60 Corridor Safety Improvements) Install a J-Turns at Route 99 & US 60 in Birch Tree and Route 19 & US 60 in Winona. Install flashing speed check signage in Birch Tree and Winona at the same intersections
4	Howell	MO 17 RTE CC	Expand Route 17/CC (Gibson Avenue) in West Plains to five lanes from US63 to Bus. 63 (Wagoner Boulevard)
5	Douglas	MO BUS 5	Construct a proper roundabout at Bus. Route 5 and North Jefferson Ave. in Ava
6	Douglas	MO 5 RTE Y	Installation of a traffic light at the intersection of MO 5 and Route Y in Ava
7	Texas	MO 181	Center turn lane on Route 181 from US 60 to Main Street in Cabool
8	Wright	MO 95	Traffic capacity improvements on Route 95 in Mountain Grove from BUS 60 north to Red Springs Road
9	Howell	US 160	Construct a railroad overpass on US 160 (Independence Drive) in West Plains
10	Shannon	MO 19	Construct a new bridge at the Current River in Shannon County
11	Douglas Ozark	MO 5	Pave existing aggregate shoulders on MO 5 from Gainesville north to Route A in Douglas County

12	Texas	US 63	Construct a left turn lane on US 63 traveling north of the intersection of Route B and the Texas County Fairgrounds
13	Douglas	MO 14	Replace bridge on MO 14 east of Ava at Wildcat Creek
14	Shannon	RTE W	Replace bridge on Route W at Low Wassie, north of US 60
15	Douglas	MO 14	Replace bridge on MO 14 east of Ava at Bryant Creek
16T	Oregon	US 63 RTE 19	Make safety improvements at the intersection of US 63 & Route 19 in the City of Thayer
16T	Howell	US 160 RTE BB	Make improvements the intersection to alleviate traffic congestion
18T	Oregon	MO 142	Raise approximately 1.1 mile of roadway in southeast Oregon County, east of the 11 Point River to alleviate severe flood inundation
18T	Texas	MO 17	Install Safety Shoulders on the remaining portions of MO 17 on the areas where they currently do not exist throughout Texas County
20	Texas	RTE MM	Install Safety Shoulders on RTE MM from US 60 to MO 38
21	Oregon	US 63 RTE M	Construct right turning lane from US 63 onto Route M just north of the City of Koshkonong

### **Focus on Bridges Program Update – Cody Dalton**

Cody said that the program provides \$50 million in state general revenue for the repair or replacement of 45 bridges that had already been prioritized for work. These were to be completed in FY2020. In July, MoDOT received an \$81.2 million INFRA Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation that will facilitate the construction of a new bridge at Rocheport. The grant will also trigger a \$301 million bonding program, authorized by the legislature in the 2019 session and will be repaid over seven years from State General Revenue that will repair or replace an additional 215 bridges across the state which will free up \$301 million from the current Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for new transportation improvement projects.

Elquin added that the Evening Shade Bridge has been awarded to Leiman Construction, but she was unsure of the start date.

Cody then detailed how the Focus on Bridges program money will trickle into the District. He encouraged the TAC to meet again to discuss projects and possibly make changes to the list.

Tom stressed the importance of the TAC agreeing that the Highway 63 project is at the top of their priority list.

Rob thought that perhaps forming a TAC subcommittee would be a good idea to discuss this.

### **New Business**

#### **Southeast District Projects and Happenings – MoDOT Representatives**

Elquin said that the BRO funds rescission was repealed. If not repealed, Missouri would have lost \$350 million. She added that a new LPA risk assessment is going to start and be performed annually. She listed the January lettings, as well as the September and

October 2019 lettings. She gave work zone updates in Oregon/Ripley, and Texas Counties, and added that the MoDOT Cost Share Program applications are due on April 24, 2020.

Mark Shelton added that the most important things to remember are to wear a seat belt and to put your phone down. He also congratulated Tom on the \$1.2 million of cost share money to be used for an intersection at the OMC Hospital.

### Open Discussion

#### **New Project Identification – TAC Committee**

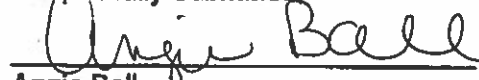
Cody said that there is a bridge concern on Route M in Rover. There were thought to be no guardrails, but a recent photo shows them. Elquin said that she has talked to traffic engineers regarding accidents, and there was not one clear reason for the accidents. MoDOT will be overlaying there in this upcoming year, and traffic representatives are looking at signage.

Cody asked the TAC to consider a shouldering question on Route 17. Currently, the southern portion from West Plains to Arkansas has shoulders. From Summersville to Mountain View is in the STIP to include 2' shoulders. The District has asked for safety funds to construct shoulders from Mtn. View to Junction Hill. The area from Junction Hill to West Plains currently does not included shoulders. Cody asked the TAC if they supported the addition of shoulders to an upcoming overlay project on the Junction Hill to West Plains section, adding that this could result in the entire corridor from Summersville to Arkansas having safety shoulders. The TAC unanimously concurred that they were very much in support of the proposed project addition, stating that it would benefit highway safety in the region.

The next TAC meeting will be held April 21, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

Tom Stehn adjourned the meeting at 11:57 AM

Respectfully Submitted,



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Reviewed for Content,



Mark Collins  
TAC Secretary