

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING – AMENDED MINUTES
SCOTAC
 June 20, 2017

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	<u> </u> Craig Cunningham
<u> X </u> Mark Collins, Secretary	<u> </u> Beverly Hicks	<u> X </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> Vacant
<u> X </u> Jeff Cowen, Vice Chairman	<u> </u> Tom Akers	<u> </u> Shane VanSteenis
<u> X </u> Fred Stenger	<u> X </u> Ron Scheets	<u> X </u> Keith Cantrell
<u> </u> Zachary Williams	<u> </u> Randy Pamperien	<u> X </u> John Citron

SCOCOG staff present:

Cody Dalton	-	Assistant Director
Angie Ball	-	Administrative Assistant
Johnny Murrell	-	Executive Director

MoDOT:

Joe Killian
 Elquin Auala
 Michael Brandon
 Chris Rutledge

Visitors:

Dick Salgado	-	Ava Chamber of Commerce
David Norman	-	Ava Mayor
Tim Schook	-	Mountain Grove City Administrator
John Casey	-	Texas County
Herman Kelly	-	Kelly’s Auto Body

Tom Stehn called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. An introduction of guests and members were made at this time.

Motion to approve the December 20, 2016 minutes was made by Ron Scheets and seconded by John Turner. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

Southeast District Projects and Happenings – MoDOT Representatives

Chris Rutledge stated that in the last six weeks their primary focus has been on addressing flooding. In Ozark County, the Hammond Bridge and James Bridge have been washed out. They are soliciting bids Friday for contractors. They hope to finish the

project this fall, and have those bridges open. A hillside along Highway 106, west of Ellington, has also given way. MoDOT is going to have to acquire right of ways, and next month will be collecting bids for the project. They hope it will be open by Labor Day. The spillways on HH Highway also gave way; work is completed on that project. In regard to maintenance, major work is going on in the southern SCOCOG region. There are currently 15-20 bridges washed out in the region, and cleanup of those will occur in the fall. There are some long-term issues associated with flooding. Highway 63 north of West Plains and AB Highway were closed due to flooding. MoDOT is currently looking at what can be done and survey crews are out.

Cody asked about the Highway 63 south shouldering project status. Chris said that the project has been awarded and is under contract. Cody also asked about the Mountain Grove Business 60 work; Chris said that overlay work is done, and the Highway 95S work is underway.

Joe Killian added that some RPC's have asked if emergency bridge work pushes current projects back; Chris said that he is optimistic that it will not. He said that FEMA funds are possible, but not the main focus.

2018-2022 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Draft (STIP) – Cody Dalton; MoDOT Representatives

Cody said that this STIP is the most robust he has seen. He added that there are 268 projects listed, whereas, two years ago there were only 104 listed.

Chris discussed the background behind the 325 Plan and how it affected the MoDOT budget. He added that right-of-way construction projects are underway since we now have federal funds. There is now a systematic asset management program to approach road projects, and the STIP now has specified projects, due to the asset management program. He stressed that MoDOT is still geared toward taking care of the system; pavement, bridges, etc.

Cody read through the STIP projects. In Douglas County, there is bridge work on Route T, two bridge improvements on Route ZZ, southwest of Mountain Grove. There are also pavement improvements on Route JJ. In Howell County, there are pavement improvements on 160 south of West Plains, and pavement improvements on JJ Highway to 101, totaling \$2 million. There are bridge projects on Gunter's Creek, and pavement improvements on Highway 160 from Willow Springs to the Shannon/Carter County line. Pavement improvements are also being done on Highway 63 from Highway 14 to Highway N, McFarland Street to Route 63, and on Routes AB, BB, and W out of Mountain View. In Oregon County, there is bridge work on Two Mile Creek, and pavement improvements on Highways E, M, and 142. In Ozark County, installation of guardrails is being conducted on US 160 at Tecumseh Hill. There are pavement improvements for 24.7 miles on Highway 160, Highway 181 from H to Highway 160, and Highway 21 from Dora to West Plains. There are bridge improvements over Lick Creek, and pavement improvements from Highway J to 160, and the James Bridge is in need of replacement. In Shannon County, there are pavement improvements on Route 19 to Route A, and US 160 through the county is getting pavement work. In Texas County, there is a bridge project on Route 17 between Yukon and Eunice. There are pavement improvements on MO32, and on 63N up to Licking from Houston, as well as Route B on Highway 63, and

Route F. In Wright County, the bridge east of Hartville will no longer be a one lane bridge. There are pavement improvements and two shoulders on Route 5 from Mansfield to Grove Spring. Pavement improvements are also ongoing to Route 95, AM, C, HH, and Z. Bridge improvements are ongoing at Beaver Creek Bridge.

Joe Killian added that on Route 17, in Texas and Howell Counties, guardrails are complete. Route 95 and 60 in Mountain Grove has added a signal. On Route 5 in Douglas County, bridge work over Bryant Creek is in stage two. The Sinking Creek Bridge on Highway 19 is through stage two, with shafts being drilled. Overlay work is being done on Highway 60 near Cedar Gap, with striping scheduled for this week. The semifinal specs on the Highway 63 project in Houston is done. Pavement improvements on Highway 60 in Texas County are complete. The bridge at Bull Shoals on Highway 60 in Ozark County is receiving a scrub seal, and Highway 60 in Howell, Shannon, and Carter will receive rumble strips and striping.

Regional priorities moving into Scoping Process – Cody Dalton; *MoDOT Representatives*

Cody added that the regional priorities are moving into the scoping process, not the STIP. Cody said that for the last five years, not a lot of projects have gone from planning to scoping. This year, three to four have moved to scoping. He then listed the scoping projects, and added that there are 22 scoping projects for 2018-2022. In Oregon County on route 142, scoping for drainage improvements from the bridge over Eleven Point to Route UU will occur. In Ozark County, scoping for safety improvements from 0.9 miles east of County Road 530 to 0.3 miles west of North Fork River will also occur. In Shannon County, scoping for bridge improvements over the Current River and Round Spring will also occur. In Wright County, scoping for capacity improvements from Red Springs County Road to Clouse Street will occur. Cody added that the school district has submitted a cost share application for a turn lane.

Flooding impacts on State Routes – TAC

Cody presented a slide show listing a few major areas impacted by the recent flooding. Some of those include: Route CC at Hammond Camp, Route PP at James Bridge, Route 106 washout near Alley Spring, Route JJ washout near Thornfield, and the US Highway 63 N being underwater.

New Project selection criteria – *Cody Dalton*

Cody said that recently, the southeast district planners met and goals were discussed. The new project selection criteria included the following:

To standardize the timeline for local and district planning. To clarify our region's priority list to determine what projects are contract works versus MoDOT maintenance or traffic work. Cody added that the goal is to find the problem and help MoDOT find a solution. Finally, local input on Taking Care of the System (TCOS) projects. Cody added that three other RPC's in the southeast district submit a list every year listing the top two to three state routes for inclusion in the STIP, and would this be something the group would want to pursue on a county level or city level.

Cody then discussed the low volume routes and minor and major routes with poor condition pavement maps.

After group discussion, it was decided that the main focus of the TAC would be on the STIP, then at the August meeting, use the counties' recommendations when listing projects, then the list can be submitted to MoDOT. All agreed.

Preparation for next TAC meeting – Cody Dalton

Cody outlined items for the group to perform in preparation for the next meeting. Some of those include:

Review the previous priority list, identify any new potential projects, and consider Taking Care of the System (TCOS) projects in each member's respective county.

Cody added that in August, he will ask for projects, discuss, then scoring can be performed by the group.

Tom recommended to all that all three of their sector representatives attend.

Cody added that Shannon and Ozark Counties might need some new representatives.

Open Discussion

Chris said that the Cost-Share program has been reinstated. It has a job creation focus with currently \$10 million available this year. June 30, 2017 is the deadline, and Joe Killian is the main contact. Joe added that questions, estimates, etc. should be submitted to him. District Representatives need to write a letter of support, and projects must be on the state system. Joe said that one application has been rejected, one reviewed, and approximately three others have been declined.

John Turned added that on a local level, the Highway Department has worked hard to reopen the roads after the flooding.

The next TAC meeting will be held August 15, 2107 at 10:00 AM. **ANNUAL PRIORITIZATION**

Tom Stehn adjourned the meeting at 11:59 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reviewed for Content,

Angie Ball
Administrative Assistant, SCOCOG

Mark Collins
TAC Secretary