

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

SCOTAC

June 21, 2022

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	_____ Suzanne Welsh	_____ Vacant
<u>X</u> Mark Collins, Vice Chairman	_____ Beverly Hicks	<u>X</u> Brian Mitchell
<u>X</u> Terry Cline	_____ Jason Kemper	<u>X</u> Bill Hobbs
<u>X</u> John Turner, Secretary	_____ Vacant	_____ Vacant
<u>X</u> Jeff Cowen, Chairman	_____ Herman Kelly	_____ David Trotter
<u>X</u> Scott Long	<u>X</u> Ron Scheets	_____ Keith Cantrell
_____ Zachary Williams	_____ Randy Pamperien	_____ Tim Schook

SCOCOG staff present:

Angie Ball	-	Communications and Marketing Coordinator
Trent Courtney	-	Planning and Development Manager
Cody Dalton	-	Executive Director

MoDOT:

Elquin Auala
Michael Brandon (via Zoom)

Visitors:

John Casey	-	Texas County Associate Commissioner
David Stubblefield	-	Oregon County Presiding Commissioner
Will Wheeler	-	Senator Eslinger's Office (via Zoom)
Richard Eakin	-	Senator Eslinger's Office
Darrell Atchison	-	153 rd . District State Representative
Sam Anselm	-	City of West Plains

Jeff Cowen called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. An introduction of guests and members were made at this time.

Motion to approve the April 19, 2022 minutes was made by David Stubblefield 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.*

Discuss Regional Transportation Projects

Elquin discussed the local bridge program funding. She said that in 2021, only the poor bridges were eligible for BRO funding. They are now going to a regional approach. The \$20 million in funding has increased to \$28 million per year statewide. There will be \$523 million over five years. The match is now going to be 12%. She distributed a handout showing the funding breakdown. Our district gets \$2.661 million. In 2023 and 2024, there will be \$2.9 million available. The average bridge cost is about \$500,000. Scott voiced concerns about our district receiving less money. Elquin added that the accrued soft match credits can be used. The county surplus goes back into the BRO pot of money. Cody asked if the 12% match can be part cash and part soft match. Elquin said yes. She said that applications are being taken now and are due July 22. They will be published September 16. She said that then the RPC's come together with one commissioner and the commissioner votes on which projects are programmed. The hope is that every county will get one bridge. They can also apply with the low-water crossings. Those will be competing against bridges. Cody asked if there will be a sub-allocation or all in one pot. Elquin was not sure if that had been talked about. She also said that the townships and cities can apply too, as well as special road districts, they just have to come up with the match. Will asked if anything happens to the application before the commissioner sees it. Elquin outlined the points and scoring process. Trent added that if anyone wants to apply for these to contact him. Scott felt that this could possibly become a political issue. Elquin said she has not seen this in the past, she has hope that this method works, so funds can be spent. Mark asked how the federal gas tax holiday would impact Missouri transportation tax money. Elquin said she did not know.

Elquin said that there will be approximately \$14.6 million in TAP funds for 2022 and 2023. This will be a two year call for projects, and the applications are due to her by June 30. Then the applications are scored by committee and announcements will be made on September 30. There will be a 20% match. Schools and non-profits can apply now, and the minimum project amount is \$120,000. Jeff asked about funds for a covered walkway at the school. Elquin thought they could apply. Michael added that TAP funds are awarded on a two-year cycle. At this time, Trent distributed the TAP funding list. John Turner asked about repairs to the Tecumseh road. Elquin said that the road segregated and cracked last year, and the contractor is repairing. There will be no cost to the taxpayer. He also asked about a missing speed limit sign on the Tecumseh bridge on the first curve west of the bridge. Elquin said that she would check on the matter.

Update Tac Committee Members

Trent said that Douglas, Oregon, and Ozark counties all need updates on existing members before voting. Cody added that the roster needs to be full so projects in the representatives respective counties can receive all votes possible. Trent asked David who he would like to be in the presiding commissioner slot. David said he would do it. Cody said that according to the bylaws it must be the presiding commissioner. Trent said that the projects being shown on Google Earth would be voted on. He added that if anyone had any project ideas to please contact him before that meeting. Cody said that we have

a document with all projects discussed. Trent said that list was used to build the map being presented. Trent added that he and I will send out the list to the committee. Cody concluded by outlining past voting processes.

Open Discussion

The next TAC meeting will be held **August 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Reviewed for Content,

Angie Ball
Communications and Marketing
Coordinator

John Turner
TAC Secretary