

ST. JOSEPH AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
COORDINATING COMMITTEE
April 10, 2008

A meeting of the Coordinating Committee for the St. Joseph Area Transportation Study was held at 12:00 noon in the 4th Floor Conference Room, City Hall, St. Joseph, Missouri, on April 10th, 2008.

Voting members present:

Billy Kretzer	City of Savannah
Julia Levinn	Village of Country Club
Dan Hausman	Buchanan County
Vince Capell	City of St. Joseph
Bill Falkner	City of St. Joseph
Mike Bozarth	City of St. Joseph

Staff members present:

Bruce Woody	City of St. Joseph
Andy Clements	City of St. Joseph
Kelsy Marr	City of St. Joseph
Elaine Buckner	City of St. Joseph

Others present:

Shannon Kusilek	MoDOT
Daniel Nguyen	Federal Transit Administration
Dan Rosenbohm	MoDOT

OPENING REPORTS

In the absence of a chair or vice-chair, Mr. Kretzer (proxy for the chair) directed the meeting.

Roll Call. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes. **Mr. Hausman moved to approve the minutes of the last two meetings (October 2007 and February 2008). Mr. Capell seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.**

Opportunity for public comment. No member of the public appeared to comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Title VI/EJ/ADA and Public Participation Policy annual review.

The policies have been out for review and comment since September 2007. Comments have been incorporated in the documents. Staff recommendation: Approval.

Ms. Marr said these were postponed from the last meeting because the chair, vice-chair and their proxies were absent.

Title VI/EJ/ADA comments related to clerical errors and additions. She expanded on English proficiency as necessary to provide meaningful access to plans and programs to populations limited in English proficiency. This metro area has 3% of its population which may need this service. She discussed making available interpreter services and Spanish versions on-line. **Mr. Capell moved to approve the document. Mr. Falkner seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.**

Public Participation Policy Annual Review. Ms. Marr said a note was added to the bottom of Page 2 which refers to the website location for the Bylaws. She also included two executive orders for the limited English populations and Title VI Environmental Justice. **Mr. Bozarth moved to approve the Public Participation Policy. Ms. Levinn seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.**

LRTP Update.

The consultant and staff has completed the draft Public Involvement Plan for the LRTP.

Ms. Marr said the Public Involvement Plan is in draft form to be approved by the Steering Committee in May. It is the foundation of the LRTP and will drive exactly how the document is approached and updated. It is very important for the MPO area.

The document identifies an extensive list of stakeholders in the area and public involvement techniques and timeframes. The consultant is drafting a telephone survey and starting stakeholder interviews. They will be updating the travel model. Mr. Clements said the focus is on tools to engage the public in such a way that the public drives the process. This is the only MPO in the state which does this. Around 4,000 people over a 3-year period provided input for the last update.

NEW BUSINESS

TIP Amendment.

MoDOT has requested a TIP amendment for project HRR-27, US-169 Paving. The let date for construction was originally in July (FY09). The project scope has now changed to include a microsurface instead of chip-seal. The project sponsor is requesting to move the let date to June (FY08). Staff recommendation: Approval.

Ms. Marr said moving the project forward one month moves it into another budget year. **Mr. Hausman moved to approve the amendment. Mr. Capell seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.**

FY 2009 UPWP.

Staff has reviewed comments on the proposed FY09 UPWP from ONEDOT. The document underwent an informal review and a formal review. The final review ended in February and staff incorporated the changes. Staff Recommendation: Approval.

Ms. Marr said work programs and line items are different from last year. ONEDOT asked that work products under ADA be indicated. Also, accomplishments for each work item have been added under FY'08. The bridge resolution is included on the back.

Mr. Bozarth asked if sidewalks along the N. 169 Highway bridge should be pursued at this time. Ms. Marr said yes, it should be brought up. She hasn't received much information from MoDOT about the bridge regarding whether it will be a re-build or a re-deck. Mr. Bozarth said it is his understanding that MoDOT would like to resurface it, but if the MPO insists on sidewalks, it may not happen. Mr. Clements said a traffic study determined the bridge should be removed and widened. Mr. Kusilek said it will be a re-deck, at a minimum. MoDOT, under the Safe and Sound Bridge Program, is obligated only to provide the bridge in the condition it was in. Any amenities should be provided by the entity wanting them. Mr. Clements said it would depend on the scope of work.

MoDOT Financial Forecast (powerpoint presentation).

Mr. Kusilek said there is an upcoming "cliff" in MoDOT's funding. \$900 million in federal revenues are projected for 2008-09. The cliff begins in 2010 when revenues are anticipated to drop to \$568 million. He distributed handouts explaining the financial forecast.

Ms. Marr noted Senator Harkins' "Complete Streets" bill was recently defeated by the State. She believes that a similar policy for the design and construction of new roadways would be very timely, given rising fuel costs. Ms. Marr asked MoDOT if complete street design standards have been considered in District 1. Mr. Kusilek was not aware of such a policy.

OTHER/ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 12th, 2008, at 12:00 noon.