

ST. JOSEPH AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
COORDINATING COMMITTEE
4th Floor Conference Room – 12:00 Noon
December 10, 2009

Voting members present:

Bill Falkner	City of St. Joseph
Mike Bozarth	City of St. Joseph
Vincent Capell	City of St. Joseph

Staff members present:

Kelsy Marr	City of St. Joseph
Elaine Buckner	City of St. Joseph

Others present:

Shannon Kusilek	MoDOT District #1
Jim Meyer	URS

OPENING REPORTS

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-chair when the meeting opened, Mr. Falkner directed the meeting.

Roll Call. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes. **Mr. Capell moved to approve the minutes of the October 10th meeting as submitted. Mr. Bozarth seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.**

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

NEW BUSINESS

TIP Amendment – MoDOT – Resurface Loop 29 (Pear St.) from 22nd St. to US 169. Mr. Kusilek explained that MoDOT received ARRA funds for this project which should be added to the 2010 TIP. Favorable bids were received for the asphalt overlay which will be 1 ¾” thick with partial milling and rumble strips added on the sides. Mr. Capell asked if a traffic light at Fire Station #6 could be incorporated into the plan. Mr. Kusilek answered no, not as a part of that project. However, separately, MoDOT is working with the City Manager’s office to start the project with MoDOT doing the design and the City paying for the installation and materials. **Mr. Bozarth moved to approve adding the resurfacing of Pear Street from 22nd St. to US 169 to the 2010 TIP. Ms. Levinn seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.**

Ride Share Connection. Mr. Falkner said he liked the commercial. Ms. Marr said media coverage has included: News-Press (articles and website banner); Telegraph; “Kin” magazine; two digital billboards on the Belt Highway; and a commercial produced for Channels 2 and 3. One employer, USA 800, has signed up. Twenty individuals have registered as website users in the first month. As gas prices

increase, more interest should be shown. Mr. Capell noted that Californians have used a version of Ride Share for decades.

Long-Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Jim Meyer, URS Corporation, presented an update on the Plan (see attached). The Plan covers roadways, transit and non-motorized modes of transportation. Roadway projects were divided into fiscally constrained, unconstrained vision up to 2035, and unconstrained vision after 2035.

Projects that scored high on the Plan were:

- Cook Road widening with interchange improvements at I-29.
- Cook Road extended to Waterworks Road.
- Rt. AC (Riverside) improvements and connections to US 36, I-29, and Rt. 169.
- Rt. A additional ramp.
- Rt. 59/Alabama safety improvements.
- US 36 improvements to support economic development at Rosecrans Memorial Airport.
- Rt. 71 widen through Savannah.
- US 36 upgrade to interstate standards.
- New outer loop with a connection from I-29 to I-229 to Riverside.
- Highway DD to Savannah - vertical alignment improvements and shoulders widened for bicyclists.

Mr. Meyer explained that the next LRTP will be quite different in emphasizing non-motorized. By the year 2035, our older population will double and approach 50% of the population who may need transit services. A regional transit authority should be established to provide services to Savannah, Wathena and Elwood. Peak hour headways @ 30 minutes could be accomplished by a 1/16 cent sales tax. Ride Share is a good first step in providing alternative transportation choices for the region.

The LRTP Steering Committee had their final meeting. The Technical Committee meets January 14th to make their final comments and recommendation, and the Coordinating Committee formally adopts the Plan on February 11th. The draft will continue to be edited until the January 14th Technical Committee meeting.

OTHER/ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 11th, 2010 at 12:00 noon. Due to the importance of voting member attendance to vote on the LRTP, Mr. Capell requested that lunch be served as a special accommodation to the members.

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