

ST. JOSEPH AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
COORDINATING COMMITTEE
1ST Floor Conference Room – 12:00 Noon
August 26, 2010

Voting members present:

Jerry Russell, Chairperson	Citizen Representative
Bill Kretzer, Vice-Chairperson	City of Savannah
Donna Jean Boyer	City of St. Joseph
Dan Hausman	Buchanan County

Staff members present:

J. 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:

Mike Fisher	City of Savannah
Julia Elder	Country Club Village
Shannon Kuselik	MoDOT District #1
Andy Macias	Snyder & Associates
Don Wichern	MoDOT
Tony McGaughy	MoDOT
Davonna Moore	KDOT - Planning

OPENING REPORTS

Chairperson Russell opened the meeting.

Roll Call. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes. **Mr. Hausman moved to approve the minutes of the June 24th meeting as submitted. Mr. Kretzer seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.**

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

OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Russell moved Item D. from New Business to Old Business concerning voting member nominations. Ms. Marr reported there was some confusion at the last meeting regarding voting members and their term limit. She researched past minutes and found that Jerry Russell was nominated for a 4-year term that expires October 10, 2010. He was re-elected at the last meeting for an additional 3-year term. Concerning voting members for the cities of Savannah, Wathena, Elwood and Country Club Village, there can only be one voting member for those cities. An e-mail to those communities resulted in the re-appointment of Billy Kretzer of the City of Savannah as their voting member.

NEW BUSINESS

TIP Amendments. Mr. Kusilek explained projects which MoDOT wants added to the TIP. Four projects for 1" resurfacing with rebuilt shoulders are planned for Rt. FF, Rt. O, and Rt. W. I-29 south of St. Joseph will receive an unbonded 3/4" asphalt wearing surface. U.S. 36 east of Rt. AC to Rt. 31, eastbound lane, will receive 3/4" asphalt resurfacing and rebuilt shoulders. Segments of I-29 and I-35 will have on-call pavement repair projects to repair pavement in areas less than 1 mile. The projects should occur as follows: Resurfacing 2011; I-29 FY12; U.S. 36 FY13; and on-call pavement contracts FY11. **Mr. Hausman moved to amend the TIP to add these projects. Mr. Kretzer seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.**

SmartPort. Ms. Marr said the Technical Committee had a presentation at their last meeting concerning the non-profit economic development corporation in Kansas City called *Smart Port*. It is the authority on transportation logistics in the 18 counties in and around Kansas City. They encourage carriers to make Kansas City their central hub. She attended one of their meetings and came away thinking this area needs to be more proactive regarding freight planning. Their mission is to make it cheaper, faster and more efficient for freight carriers. They want to work on exchanging data in a more efficient and transparent manner. It is mostly a software program developed by this group called the Trade Data Exchange (TDE) It is a user-based, membership fee program. Its purpose is to help the global supply chain by decreasing hidden inventory costs for capital and duplication of efforts. In addition, it will provide more information on freight tracking from point A to point B. This will help companies determine where their inventory is in the shipping process without wondering when it will arrive. Concerning the membership fee, Chairperson Russell suggested the MPO could subscribe with the Chamber or others who need the software. Mr. Hausman asked about the type of information being given. Ms. Marr said tonnage, dates, different modes of travel, ways to save companies and consumers money. Ms. Marr noted that Chamber staff has attended the SmartPort meetings.

KDOT – Davonna Moore, Urban Manager. Ms. Moore reported that the Kansas legislature passed T-Works in May 2010. It is a rolling program and more reactive. A workshop to explain T-works will be held in Olathe, Kansas on September 1st. The new funds are coming from a 4 cent sales tax and will be available in 2013. At least \$8 million will be invested in each county in Kansas. Existing revenues are \$5.5 billion. \$8.2 billion will come from T-works funding. There is no new transportation bill. Highway preservation is the focus. Transit funding will increase from \$6 million to \$11 million in 2013, and Aviation up from \$3 million to \$5 million. One emphasis is improving the air ambulance service. Rail spending is set at \$3-5 million to work more on short lines. Local Programs can make a

federal fund swap to state funds, except for the metro area. She is not sure who that will affect Wathena and Elwood. Preservation will be the priority for Kansas funds.

If a road is to be added, it will have to have a positive impact from economic development. The state has \$1.7 billion for \$6.9 billion top needs. Ms. Marr asked the location of a local workshop for Wathena and Elwood. Ms. Moore mentioned a Webinar on September 7th. Chairperson Russell asked if a swap can cross state lines. Mr. Wichern said the request could go through the Chief Engineer, Kevin Keith. Ms. Moore said a swap of federal to state funds tends to free up strings and decreases paperwork. Mr. Wichern asked how the Kansas legislature passed the tax increase without a vote of the people. Mr. Clements noted that Missouri has the Hancock Amendment.

Ms. Moore told of an MPO manual which KDOT has produced which outlines the expectations for the MPO and KDOT. The guidelines help MPOs understand how to satisfy the rules. One change in 2012 is that only 10% of a year's funds can be carried over to the next year. This MPO gets \$16,000/year from KDOT. Ms. Marr remarked that the manual will be especially helpful for new staff members.

OTHER/ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 28th, 2010 at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be served.

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