

**MINUTES
OF
THE OZARK FOOTHILLS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**JULY 27, 2017
OZARK FOOTHILLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

LIL' BLACK RIVER CAFÉ, GRANDIN, MISSOURI

I. Call to Order

Chairman Brian Polk called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

II. Open for Public Discussion

Mr. Lester Pinner and Mrs. Donna Pinner from Butler County addressed the TAC regarding their desire to see an improvement at the intersection of Highway 53, County Road 306, and County Road 608. According to data from the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) as presented by Mrs. Pinner, there have been 3 accidents at the intersection since January 2016 with one fatality this past March. Their concern is the high rate of speed at which people turn off of Highway 53 on to County Road 306. A turning lane, caution light or roundabout was proposed to address the issue. Vince Lampe, Butler County, informed the Pinner he has consulted with David Wyman, MoDOT Southeast District. A reduction in the speed limit before the intersection is going to be moved closer to UU Highway in an attempt to address the concern.

Bill Kennon, Ripley County, was asked to inform MoDOT of several severe heat buckles on Highway 160 between Doniphan and Poplar Bluff that have developed since July 4th. Some buckles are severe enough to render motorcycle travel hazardous.

III. Adoption of April 13, 2017 Minutes

The Minutes of the April 13, 2017 TAC meeting were reviewed. The minutes were adopted on a motion by Darrell Dement, Reynolds County, and second by Bill Kirkpatrick, Wayne County.

IV. Missouri Department of Transportation Reports

Mark Shelton, MoDOT Southeast District, stated 38% of fatalities come from the 19% of drivers who don't wear their seatbelts. Mr. Shelton encouraged everyone to buckle up while driving, and to refrain from texting while driving.

Elquin Auala, MoDOT Southeast District, announced that Bridge Engineering Assistance Program (BEAP) is taking applications. The program pays for the fees to have an engineer perform a study on a bridge to gauge its condition. The program does not pay for repairs, but with the recent flooding events across the region, this may be a program that could be beneficial for those in attendance.

David Wyman informed the TAC that the Missouri House of Representatives has formed a Task Force for a 21st Century Missouri under House Resolution 27. The task force is a mixture of elected officials and private citizens. Steve Halter, President of the Greater Poplar Bluff Area Chamber of Commerce and alternate member of the Butler County TAC, is a private citizen representative. So far, two meetings have been held. The future meeting closest to the Ozark Foothills Region will be held in Cape Girardeau on November 15th. The goal of the task force is to find funding solutions for transportation infrastructure in the state.

Mr. Wyman also announced that the 2018-2022 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) has been approved. There are 605 new projects covering 2,247 interstate miles, 3,302 major route miles, 7,462 minor route miles, and 499 bridges.

V. Transportation Planning Coordinator Report

Andrew Murphy, Ozark Foothills Transportation Planning Coordinator, stated that bids were accepted for construction of the Poplar Bluff Industrial Park Road Overpass Project. The lowest bid was \$800,000 higher than the engineer's estimate. Additional funding sources are being investigated.

Mr. Murphy said applications for the Community Development Block Grant Program, Department of Natural Resources' Recreational Trails Program, MoDOT's Traffic and Highway Safety Grant, and the Delta Regional Authority are awaiting award determination.

Mr. Murphy submitted a Notice of Interest to the State Emergency Management Agency on behalf of the City of Ellington for \$362,048 to construct an earthen levee along Logan Creek from near F Highway to the west and extending approximately 8,900 linear feet along the southern bank of Logan Creek to Highway 21 to the east. The earthen levee would be constructed 4-feet high with a width of 4 feet on the crown of the levee. A full application will need to be prepared should the city be invited to apply.

Mr. Murphy held meetings with each county commission in early July to allow an opportunity for members of the public to meet with their local TAC members and provide feedback for the prioritization process. Turnout was nonexistent in all counties but Butler.

The five-year update to the Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan started this month. A meeting was held with transportation providers on July 18. Those providers are currently conducting surveys of their ridership as a plan update tool. Mr. Murphy announced the survey is available online and will be e-mailed to TAC membership. A draft of the updated plan will be completed and made available for TAC review at the January meeting.

Lastly, Mr. Murphy stated he has been selected as the chairman of the Missouri Association Councils of Government's Transportation Planners' Group – a statewide contingent.

VI. Old Business

Mr. Murphy announced the Regional Transportation Plan, approved by the TAC at the previous meeting, has been approved by the OFRPC Board of Directors and submitted to MoDOT. The finalized plan can be found on the OFRPC website.

A by-law amendment allowing electronic voting in emergency situations was presented to the TAC for their approval. Comments from the previous meeting were incorporated and the proposed language was read aloud as follows:

Electronic Voting/Action Without Meeting: For purposes of taking action without meeting, when emergency action is required before the next scheduled meeting, solicitation and voting via electronic means shall be permitted. Such procedure shall be initiated by the electronic distribution of all related materials for consideration by the TAC at the time of such distribution. Thereafter, members shall be permitted to cast their votes electronically in response to the distributed material. The deadline for receipt of such electronic votes cast by the members shall be no less than one (1) week from the date of electronic mailing of the voting materials, as set forth therein. Once the deadline has passed, any member that has not returned their votes electronically will forfeit their ability to take action on the item. The voting procedure will be the same as if the vote was held in person.

The passage would be placed under Article V Subsection II, with the current Subsection II changing to Subsection III. A motion to adopt the proposed change in by-laws was made by Bill Kennon and second by Bill Kirkpatrick. With no further discussion, the motion carried with 25 “yeah” votes and zero “nah” votes.

VII. New Business

Mr. Murphy has started the update to the region’s low water crossing inventory and assessment. The inventory was conducted in 2012 and will be updated with each county prioritizing BRO eligible crossings at either the October or January meetings. Elquin Auala raised some concerns as MoDOT keeps a list of BRO eligible crossings and bridges and certain guidelines must be met. Further discussion will occur following the meeting.

Mr. Murphy attended the annual Merchant’s Showcase on April 29, 2017, at Three Rivers College in Poplar Bluff. He distributed a transportation survey and provided *Arrive Alive* and other promotional items. Unfortunately, results from the event were lost when Mr. Murphy’s hard drive failed at the end of May.

Next, the committee divided into five groupings separated by county. Ballots for projects, maintenance, and multi-modal needs were presented for use in the prioritization process and the voting procedure was explained. Each individual could cast five votes; a minimum of one had to be used for a project in a county outside of the voter’s county of representation. Each TAC member could then disseminate the remaining four votes to any project or projects he or she desired. Discussion ensued and needs were then prioritized. The ballot sheets with the total number of votes for each project are attached.

VIII. General Discussion

No general discussion ensued.

IX. Adjournment

Chad Henson, Wayne County, moved to adjourn. Chairman Brian Polk adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

OZARK FOOTHILLS TAC PROJECT PRIORITIES

# of Votes	Project/ Description	AADT	Commercial Volume	Average Crashes per year	Injuries 3 year avgs	Fatalities 3 year avgs	< 3-year avgs 2014-2016
21	Butler: Route T – 2 foot asphalt shoulders from Butler County line to Highway 60	4,724	394	17.3	6.3	0.33	
	Butler: Route M – 2 miles west of Route 67 – Straighten curves and level hill	1,668	184	5	0.66	0	
1	Butler: Route PP – Add shoulders from Township Line to Lakeview County Road	7,666	831	2.67	1	0	
1	Carter: RT N Widen and eliminate one-lane bridge over Middle Brushy Creek	366	40	0	0	0	
33	Carter: Overlay and add shoulders to D Highway	812	88	2	.67	0.33	
1	Carter: RT A Eliminate narrow bridge in Ellsinore	1,448	164	0.33	0	0	
	Reynolds: HWY F Replace Highway F Bridge	164	8	0	0	0	
4	Reynolds: Add bike lane for TransAmerica Bike Trail on Highway 76 Bike Route	694	109	23.67	8.2	1.67	
	Reynolds: HWY K Add shoulders from Ellington to Annapolis	318	34	6	2	0.33	
37	Ripley: MO-142 Eliminate three one-lane bridges between Naylor and Doniphan: Rt. 142 Ditch No. 2 Bridge over Harris Creek and another	1,151 1,165	74 75	19.33	9.67	0	
	Ripley: Highway 142 West at Gatewood, replace narrow bridge	1,216	216	0.33	0	0	
	Ripley: RT K Straighten "S" curve	467	41	2	1.33	0.33	
	Wayne: Low water Dip on C Highway approximately 1 mile northwest of C & E Junction	220	24	0	0	0	
27	Wayne: Safety Shoulders on Highway 49 from Highway 67 to Williamsville	448	45	6.67	2.67	0	
	Wayne: Repair/Replace Highway 34 bridge across Black River; north of Leeper & west of Highway 34/49 junction	290	28	0.33	0	0	

OZARK FOOTHILLS TAC MAINTENANCE PRIORITIES

# of Votes	Project/ Description	AAD T	Truck Volume	Number of Crashes 3 year avgs	Injuries 3 year avgs	Fatalities 3 year avgs	< 3-year avgs 2014-2016
1	Butler: Resurface HH Highway from Highway 142 to Highway 53	164	16	1.33	0.33	0	
20	Butler: Resurface Route F from Route 160 to end of state maintenance	516	58	1.33	1	0	
	Butler: Resurface Route Z from Route B north to end of state maintenance	306	32	1.33	0	0	
2	Carter: Overlay Y Highway near Fremont	50	6	0	0	0	
32	Carter: Redesign median crossover of Highway V & Highway A at Highway 60 in Ellsinore	2,202 1,592	236 178	0.67 0	0.33 0	0 0	
	Carter: Overlay Highway V & H in East Carter County	300 222	30 24	4.33	1.67	0.33	
	Reynolds: Overlay B Highway	320	34	3	2	0.33	
14	Reynolds: Overlay O Highway	268	30	1.33	1	0	
	Reynolds: Overlay KK Highway from Bunker to TT Junction	358	36	0	0	0	
33	Ripley: Add Shoulders on Highway 160 W from Doniphan to C Highway	5,517 962	511 172	17.67	10.33	0.33	
0	Ripley: E Highway South from 142 E to Ark. State Line	550	58	5.33	2	0	
0	Ripley: Overlay EE Highway	206	20	0	0	0	
20	Wayne: HWY 49 Resurface from Williamsville to Iron County Line	1,308	86	23.67	9.33	0.67	
3	Wayne: Overlay Route 49 from Highway 67 to west of Junction of Route A	448	36	8	2.67	0	
	Wayne: Overlay Route A from west of junction of Highway 49 to US Highway 60	594	50	8	0.67	0	

OZARK FOOTHILLS TAC MULTI-MODAL PRIORITIES

# of Votes	Project/ Description	AADT		Number of Crashes 3 year avgs	Injuries 3 year avgs	Fatalities 3 year avgs
1	Butler: Extend trail/sidewalk form Shelby Road/PP Highway over Pike Creek to Highway 67 in PB					
22	Butler: Extend the Poplar Bluff airport runway					
1	Butler: Improve Amtrak Depot service facility					
1	Carter: Construct new helipads					
22	Carter: Improve road to the Van Buren Airport					
	Carter: Ramps for various sidewalks in Van Buren					
24	Reynolds: Add bike lane for TransAmerica Bike Trail on Highway 76 Bike Route					
	Reynolds: Reopen railhead at Buick Mine					
5	Reynolds: Sidewalk repair/construction in Bunker on Main and 4 th Streets					
15	Ripley: Remove trees from west end of runway and improve runway light at Doniphan Airport					
9	Ripley: Add/repair sidewalks on Walnut Street, from Summit to Highway Street in Doniphan					
1	Ripley: Add sidewalks on Highway Street, from Lafayette to Walnut Street in Doniphan					
24	Wayne: Extend pedestrian trail to tie Handy Park to existing trail system in Piedmont					
	Wayne: Sidewalk construction on Cemetery Road in Williamsville					
	Wayne: Wayne County cross-county walk/bike trail					

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TAC ATTENDANCE ROSTER

July 27, 2017

Ms. Felicity Ray	Ozark Foothills RPC
Mr. Andrew Murphy	Ozark Foothills RPC
Mr. Vince Lampe	Butler County
Mr. Dennis LeGrand	Butler County
Mr. Don Anderson	Butler County
Mr. Jeff Darnell	Butler County
Mr. Bill Robison	Butler County
Mr. Donald Black	Carter County
Mr. Mike Gossett	Carter County
Mr. David Reynolds	Carter County
Mr. Wayne Gibbs	Carter County
Mr. Jordan Collins	Carter County
Mr. Joe Loyd	Reynolds County
Mr. Eddie Williams	Reynolds County
Mr. Doug Warren	Reynolds County
Ms. Renee Horn	Reynolds County
Mr. Darrell Dement	Reynolds County
Mr. William Kennon	Ripley County
Mr. David Johnson	Ripley County
Mr. Jerry Halley	Ripley County
Ms. Tami Hale	Ripley County
Mr. Gary Emmons	Ripley County (Alternate)
Mr. Brian Polk	Wayne County
Mr. Chad Henson	Wayne County
Ms. Angela Smith	Wayne County
Mr. Bill Kirkpatrick	Wayne County
Mr. Doug Wood	Wayne County
Mr. Mark Shelton	MoDOT Southeast District
Mr. David Wyman	MoDOT Southeast District
Mr. Joe Killian	MoDOT Southeast District
Ms. Elaun Auala	MoDOT Southeast District
Mr. Steve Halter	Poplar Bluff Chamber
Ms. Becky Gibbs	Guest
Ms. Elizabeth Reynolds	Guest
Ms. Lynn Schultz	City of Williamsville
Ms. Donna Farley	Daily American Republic
Mr. Lester Pinner	Butler County Citizen
Ms. Donna Pinner	Butler County Citizen

THOSE NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Lonnie Hudson	Ripley County
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