

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

**OCTOBER 13, 2016  
OZARK FOOTHILLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**D'S COUNTRY KITCHEN, ELLSINORE, MISSOURI**

**I. Call to Order**

Vice-Chairman Donald Black called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

**II. Open for Public Discussion**

No discussion ensued.

**III. Adoption of July 14, 2016 Minutes**

Minutes of the July 14, 2016 Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting were reviewed. The minutes were adopted on a motion by David Reynolds, Carter County, and second by Vince Lampe, Butler County.

**IV. Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Reports**

Elquin Auala, MoDOT Southeast District, informed the group Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) applications are due by November 1, 2016. Only sidewalks and trails are eligible projects this year and the grant will require a 20% cash match. The rating system will be different this year as well, with scoring sheets used to help rate and categorize the proposals.

David Wyman, MoDOT Southeast District, stated that today, October 13th, was the second annual "Stand Up for Safety Day." Employees with MoDOT spent the day discussing what the agency does well; and what they can do to improve work zone safety for everyone.

The Missouri General Assembly funded the Missouri Moves program for \$20 million. The 50/50 match program has been designed to facilitate economic development projects. More than 100 project applications were submitted requesting in excess of \$70 million with \$312 million pledged as match. Unfortunately, Governor Jay Nixon withheld the funding. With the deadline for expenditure quickly approaching, projects must be designed and bid during the current fiscal year or the funds will expire.

Mr. Wyman informed the group that there is a small amount of funding set aside for safety projects. The focus is on high accident areas. If members of the TAC have identified areas they would like MoDOT to review, they should be identified separately. The safety funding will be spent on chevrons or high friction surface treatment

Angela Smith, Wayne County, asked if the high friction surface treatment is expensive. Mr. Wyman stated it is very expensive and very labor intensive.

Butch Anderson, Butler County, stated the 50/50 match requirement on programs such as Missouri Moves in unfair to rural areas that have a harder time coming up with funds. Mr. Wyman acknowledged and stated conversations have been held with elected officials regarding the matter.

Mr. Anderson also asked what needs to be done to reduce highway traffic fatalities. Distracted driving is the leading cause of roadway crashes. The Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission supports the illegalization of electronic device usage while driving, as well as a statewide primary seat belt law. Jerry Halley, Ripley County, mentioned that vehicle manufacturers keep adding additional features that are not needed and cause distractions.

Steve Halter, Butler County, commended MoDOT on the expansion of Highway 160 in Ripley & Butler Counties.

Joe Killian, MoDOT Southeast District, mentioned that MoDOT has a cell phone application that automatically responds to text messages informing the sender that the phone owner is driving and will return their message when they are able. In addition, MoDOT has a new policy that employees are no longer permitted to use their cell phones while driving.

Mr. Killian discussed repurposed earmarks stating the Southeast District had \$5.2 million in project savings. Funds are allowed to be moved to projects within a 50-mile radius of the original project location. The only project in the Ozark Foothills area involved Highway 60 through Howell, Shannon, and Carter Counties. Around \$200,000 remained upon project completion and was transferred to the paving of Highway 34 in Iron County. When the new Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is produced next year, the repurposed funds will allow MoDOT's Southeast District to use the \$5.2 million on additional projects.

David Reynolds asked how many years a project has to stay at the top of the TAC list before getting into the STIP. David Wyman answered that placement within the STIP is not guaranteed and added that in recent years limited funds have prevented expansion projects and non-critical bridges from being included.

## **V. Transportation Planning Coordinator Report**

Andrew Murphy, Ozark Foothills Transportation Planning Coordinator, announced that Butler County was awarded \$286,345 for paving and drainage repair on County Road 558 and the City of Piedmont received \$385,945 for paving various city streets. The funds were awarded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) General Infrastructure program. The project submitted by the Village of Mill Spring was not funded.

Butler County is currently waiting on review appraisals to be completed of the properties needed for Right of Way (ROW) for the Poplar Bluff Industrial Park Railroad Overpass.

Mr. Murphy announced the joint county TAC/County Commission meetings were held this past

July for the purpose of acquiring public input. No members of the public attended the meetings.

Updates to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) have begun, with a draft due to be presented before the TAC at the January meeting.

## **VI. Old Business**

The Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) is open with a deadline of December 1. The goal of the FLAP is to improve transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal lands. The grant requires a 20% match with state, county, and local government entities as eligible applicants. Mr. Murphy stated he has spoken with two entities in the region that are interested in applying.

Mr. Murphy reiterated that TAP applications are due November 1, 2016. Presently, the Cities of Bunker, Piedmont, and Poplar Bluff are expected to submit applications.

Discussion was held regarding the TAC's role in reviewing TAP applications. Two options were proposed. First, the TAC could hold another meeting in November to consider the proposals. Second, a subcommittee could be formed with one member from each county. The subcommittee members will review the applications and rank them as a group via e-mail communication. It was decided the TAP subcommittee would consist of Vince Lampe – Butler County, Mike Gossett – Carter County, Renee Horn – Reynolds County, Bill Kennon – Ripley County, and Brian Polk – Wayne County.

## **VII. New Business**

Mr. Murphy presented the proposed Calendar Year 2017 TAC meeting schedule. Meetings will occur on the second Thursday of January, April, July, and October.

Next, Mr. Murphy led the group in the identification of county-specific project priorities. This year's process was the same as the prior two years with each county developing a list for multi-modal projects, highway/bridge projects, and maintenance needs. Each county ranked three projects as #1-#3 for each of the three category-specific lists. Discussion ensued and the identified needs were prioritized. The completed lists are attached.

## **VIII. General Discussion**

No general discussion ensued.

## **IX. Adjournment**

Wayne Gibbs, Carter County, moved to adjourn. Vice-Chairman Donald Black adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Ozark Foothills Region

Project Priority List  
October 2016

Butler County

1. **Route T: 2 foot asphalt shoulders from Butler County line to Highway 60**
2. **Route M 2 miles west of Route 67 – Straighten Curves and level Hill**
3. **Route PP from Township Line to Lakeview County Road – Add Shoulders**

Carter County

1. **Route N: Widen and eliminate one-lane bridge over Middle Brushy Creek**
2. **Overlay and add shoulders to D Highway**
3. **Route A: Eliminate narrow bridge in Ellsinore**

Reynolds County

1. **Replace Highway F Bridge**
2. **Highway 21: Centerville to Glover, add shoulders**
3. **Highway K: Ellington to Annapolis, add shoulders**

Ripley County

1. **State Route K: Straighten “S” curve**
2. **Between Naylor and Doniphan: Eliminate three one-lane bridges**
3. **Highway 142 West at Gatewood – Narrow bridge**

Wayne County

1. **Highway 49: Replace bridge over McKenzie Creek north of Piedmont**
2. **Highway 49/Highway A: Straighten and widen from Highway 67 to 60 and from Williamsville to Iron County Line.**
3. **Repair/Replace Highway 34 bridge across Black River; north of Leeper & west of Highways 34/49 junction**

Ozark Foothills Region  
Project Maintenance List  
October 2016

Butler County

1. **Resurface HH Highway from Highway 142 to Highway 53**
2. **Resurface Route F from Route 160 to end of State maintenance**
3. **Resurface Route Z from Route B north to Route 51**

Carter County

1. **Overlay Y Highway near Fremont**
2. **Redesign median crossover of Highway V & Highway A at Highway 60 in Ellsinore**
3. **Overlay Highway V & H in East Carter County**

Reynolds County

1. **Overlay B Highway**
2. **Overlay O Highway**
3. **Overlay KK Highway from Bunker to JJ Junction**

Ripley County

1. **Overlay BB Highway**
2. **Overlay EE Highway**
3. **Overlay C Highway**

Wayne County

1. **Highway 49: Resurface from Williamsville to Iron County Line**
2. **Overlay Route 49 from Highway 67 to west junction of Route A**
3. **Overlay Route A from west junction of Highway 49 to US Highway 60 East**

Ozark Foothills Region  
Multi-Modal Project List  
October 2016

Butler County

1. **Extend trail/sidewalk from Shelby Road/PP Highway over Pike Creek to Highway 67 in Poplar Bluff**
2. **Extend the Poplar Bluff Airport runway**
3. **Improve Amtrak Depot service facility**

Carter County

1. **Construct new helipads**
2. **Improve road to the Van Buren Airport**
3. **Ramps for various sidewalks in Van Buren**

Reynolds County

1. **Add bike lane for TransAmerica Bike Trail on Highway 76 Bike Route**
2. **Reopen railhead at Buick Mine**
3. **Sidewalk repair/construction in Bunker on Main and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets**

Ripley County

1. **Remove trees from west end of Doniphan Airport runway**
2. **Repair sidewalks around county courthouse in Doniphan**
3. **Install fence at airport to keep out deer**

Wayne County

1. **Extend pedestrian trail to tie Handy Park to existing trail system in Piedmont**
2. **Sidewalk construction on Cemetery Road in Williamsville**
3. **Wayne County cross-county walk/bike trail**

**TAC ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

**October 13, 2016**

<b>Mr. Andrew Murphy</b>	<b>Ozark Foothills RPC</b>
<b>Mr. Vince Lampe</b>	<b>Butler County</b>
<b>Mr. Don Anderson</b>	<b>Butler County</b>
<b>Mr. Gary McDonald</b>	<b>Butler County</b>
<b>Mr. Bill Robison</b>	<b>Butler County</b>
<b>Mr. Steve Halter</b>	<b>Butler County (Alternate)</b>
<b>Mr. Donald Black</b>	<b>Carter County</b>
<b>Mr. Mike Gossett</b>	<b>Carter County</b>
<b>Mr. David Reynolds</b>	<b>Carter County</b>
<b>Mr. Wayne Gibbs</b>	<b>Carter County</b>
<b>Mr. Jordan Collins</b>	<b>Carter County</b>
<b>Mr. Joe Loyd</b>	<b>Reynolds County</b>
<b>Mr. Eddie Williams</b>	<b>Reynolds County</b>
<b>Mr. Doug Warren</b>	<b>Reynolds County</b>
<b>Ms. Renee Horn</b>	<b>Reynolds County</b>
<b>Mr. William Kennon</b>	<b>Ripley County</b>
<b>Mr. Jerry Halley</b>	<b>Ripley County</b>
<b>Mr. David Johnson</b>	<b>Ripley County</b>
<b>Mr. Lonnie Hudson</b>	<b>Ripley County</b>
<b>Mr. Chad Henson</b>	<b>Wayne County</b>
<b>Ms. Angela Smith</b>	<b>Wayne County</b>
<b>Mr. Clifford Smith</b>	<b>Wayne County (Alternate)</b>
<b>Ms. Georgia Woods</b>	<b>Wayne County (Alternate)</b>
<b>Mr. Joe Killian</b>	<b>MoDOT Southeast District</b>
<b>Ms. Elquin Auala</b>	<b>MoDOT Southeast District</b>
<b>Mr. David Wyman</b>	<b>MoDOT Southeast District</b>
<b>Ms. Becky Gibbs</b>	<b>Guest</b>
<b>Ms. Helen Edwards</b>	<b>City of Williamsville</b>
<b>Mr. David Blalock</b>	<b>Bootheel RPC</b>

**THOSE NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

<b>Mr. Jeff Darnell</b>	<b>Butler County</b>
<b>Mr. Darrell Dement</b>	<b>Reynolds County</b>
<b>Ms. Tami Hale</b>	<b>Ripley County</b>
<b>Mr. Brian Polk</b>	<b>Wayne County</b>
<b>Mr. Bill Kirkpatrick</b>	<b>Wayne County</b>
<b>Mr. John Berger</b>	<b>Wayne County</b>