

**MINUTES
OF
THE OZARK FOOTHILLS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

JULY 12, 2018
OZARK FOOTHILLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

THE MARKET BASKET & CAFÉ, ELLSINORE, MISSOURI**

I. Call to Order

Chairman Brian Polk called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

II. Open for Public Discussion

No discussion ensued.

III. Adoption of April 12, 2018 Minutes

The minutes of the April 12, 2018 TAC meeting were reviewed. The minutes were adopted on a motion by Darrell Dement, Reynolds County, and second by Vince Lampe, Butler County.

IV. Missouri Department of Transportation Reports

Mark Shelton, MoDOT Southeast District, reminded those in attendance to refrain from texting while driving and to wear their seat belt. Mr. Shelton recognized the work of the 21st Century Task Force and stated the November election will include a ballot to raise the gas tax 10 cents per gallon over 4 years. This is the estimate that the 21st Century Task Force determined to be needed. There will not be a list of projects included with the ballot measure as was done in 2014. MoDOT works with its planning partners and has a “tried and true” method of planning. Mr. Shelton thanked the TAC for their role in the planning process.

David Wyman, MoDOT Southeast District announced the new Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) was approved by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission on July 11, 2018. Mr. Wyman announced that he will visit local elected officials to go over the new program. He also introduced Mr. James Barnes, who is the area supervisor for the MoDOT maintenance sheds that service the majority of the Ozark Foothills Region.

Elquin Auala, MoDOT Southeast District, announced the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant cycle will open in September with a November deadline. This application will be similar to years past, but the scoring has changed slightly. Ms. Auala will be happy to meet with any community interested to go over the program and application. Angela Smith, Wayne County, asked if there was a match requirement. There is a 20% match requirement that is cash only as in-kind work is not allowed.

Ms. Auala stated that BRO funds can no longer be expended to improve low water crossings.

Reynolds County was the last county in the state to secure a BRO-funded project involving two low water crossings. Eligible sites for BRO funds are found in the Bridge Inventory.

Tami Hale, Ripley County, asked what the scoring changes on the TAP applications were. Ms. Auala explained during the 2016 cycle, 10 bonus points were possible for economically disadvantaged communities, which has been removed. Additionally, 46 points were available in the narrative. That has been changed to 40 points with 10 points in each of four categories.

Joe Killian, MoDOT Southeast District, covered project updates for the region. On May 18th Robertson Contractors was awarded a project to replace a Highway 67 bridge in Wayne County one mile south of Route EE.

Mr. Killian announced the Cost Share Program deadline was moved to August 3rd from June 29th. The program is a 50/50 cost share between MoDOT and a local government for development projects on the MoDOT system. It is possible for MoDOT to cover more than 50% if the Missouri Department of Economic Development is involved and the project includes economic development components. Projects must cost more than \$200,000. Future submission deadlines for the Cost Share program are October 19, 2018 and April 26, 2019.

Additional Work Zone projects include Route 51, Route 53, and Route FF in Butler County, Route 172, HH, and Z in Wayne County, a bridge re-deck near Mill Spring and erosion repairs in Butler, Madison, and Wayne County on Highway 67.

Chairman Polk asked if MoDOT has improved their erosion control methods as this is the third time slopes in Wayne County have been filled. David Wyman stated the native grasses grow very slow, and the slopes in some locations are very steep. Mr. Wyman stated MoDOT does its best to prevent erosion and stream pollution, but agreed it is a learning process.

Mike Brandon, MoDOT Southeast District, provided a presentation over the rating system for Roads and Bridges. The National Bridge Inventory is a database compiled by the Federal Highway Administration with information on all bridges and tunnels in the United States. Ratings are included for deck, superstructure, substructure, and scour. The rating scale is 0-9 with 0 being washed out and 9 being a brand new bridge. Historically bridges rated 3 or 4 were considered “critical,” now 4 is “poor” and 3 is “serious.” Bridges are closed with a rating of 2. All bridges are inspected every other year unless they either have a timber cape/pile or have a rating of 4 or less; in such cases, the inspections are yearly. Preventative maintenance occurs when bridges are rated 7 or 6, with repair maintenance beginning at 5, and redecking or replacing beginning at 4.

For pavement, IRI (International Roughness Index) is used to gauge smoothness while PASER (Pavement Surface Evaluation & Rating) manuals judge condition. PASER ratings 9-10 are excellent, 6-7: good, 4-5: fair, 3: poor, 2: very poor, 1: failed roadway and need for total reconstruction.

V. Transportation Planning Coordinator Report

Regarding the Poplar Bluff Railroad Overpass Project, Ozark Foothills Transportation Planning Coordinator Andrew Murphy announced Robertson Contractors has signed the

construction contract and the Notice to Proceed has been issued. The construction start date is July 23, 2018.

Mr. Murphy announced he submitted two applications to the Community Development Block Grant Emergency Application round. One application for the City of Ellington requested \$52,066 as match for FEMA Public Assistance to repair road damage caused by the April 2017 flooding. The second application was for Reynolds County and requested \$85,914 as matching dollars for BRO funds to replace two low water crossings with bridges.

The Community Development Block Grant program will be opening a second round of requests for project proposals this year with a due date of October 1st. The cycle usually opens in January with a deadline of April 1st. The application is a long and competitive process. Past projects have included paving, drainage, low water crossings, bridge repair/replacement and pedestrian bridges. A door to door survey of people that will benefit from the project is required if the community does not meet Low-to-Moderate Income status based on HUD Census Data.

Mr. Murphy held meetings with each county commission in late June and early July to allow an opportunity for members of the public to meet with their local TAC members and provide feedback regarding the prioritization process. Turnout for the meetings was low.

VI. Old Business

Mr. Murphy announced the updated Public Transit Human Services Transportation (PTHST) Plan, adopted by the TAC in April 2018, was adopted by the OFRPC Board of Directors in June, submitted to MoDOT, and placed on the OFRPC website.

VII. New Business

Mr. Murphy discussed results from a survey conducted at the Wayne County Ag Expo in May. Only nine comments were collected regarding the most important transportation issues as identified by system users.

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

Mark Shelton announced for those interested in the PASER Manuals, PDF versions are available online and can be e-mailed and printed.

IX. Adjournment

Wayne Gibbs, Carter County, moved to adjourn. Chairman Polk adjourned the meeting at 7:53 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 avgs2016-2018
16	Butler: I-57 Corridor Upgrades with emphasis from Highway 160 to the state line	5,738	1,584	15.67	4.67	0.33	
	Butler: Route T – 2 foot asphalt shoulders from Butler County line to Highway 60	4,147	394	19.67	9.67	0.67	
	Butler: Route M: Add shoulders to route and level hill or reroute County Road 459/M Highway junction	3,380	124	12	3	0.67	
21	Carter: Overlay and add shoulders to D Highway	819	88	0.67	0.33	0	
	Carter: RT N Widen and eliminate one-lane bridge over Middle Brushy Creek	343	10	0	0	0	
1	Carter: RT A Eliminate narrow bridge in Ellsinore	1,343	78	0.33	0.33	0	
	Reynolds: HWY K Add shoulders from Ellington to Annapolis	320	34	3.67	1.67	0.33	
29	Reynolds: Add bike lane for TransAmerica Bike Trail on Highway 76 Bike Route	694	109	12	4	1.33	
1	Reynolds: HWY F Replace Highway F Bridge	168	16	0	0	0	
25	Ripley: MO-142 Eliminate three one-lane bridges between Naylor and Doniphan: Rt. 142 Ditch No. 2 Bridge over Harris Creek and another	1,198 1,096	241 222	13.33	4.67	0.33	
	Ripley: Highway 142 West at Gatewood, replace narrow bridge	410	106	0.67	0	0	
1	Ripley: RT K Straighten "S" curve	686	43	1.33	0.33	0	
5	Wayne: Low water Dip on C Highway approximately 1 mile northwest of C & E Junction	222	24	1.33	0.67	0	
	Wayne: Safety Shoulders on Highway 49 from Highway 67 to Williamsville	340	34	4	1.33	0	
16	Wayne: Repair small bridge on A Highway (1/2 mile west of Hwy 67) with large box culvert	808	73	2	0.67	0	

OZARK FOOTHILLS TAC MAINTENANCE PRIORITIES

# of Votes	Project/ Description	AADT	Commer cial Volume	Number of Crashes 3 year avgs	Injuries 3 year avgs	Fatalities 3 year avgs	< 3-year avgs2016-2018
	Butler: Resurface Route F from Route 160 to end of state maintenance	431	24	1	0	0	
1	Butler: Resurface Route Z form Route B north to end of state maintenance	242	26	1	0.33	0	
16	Butler: VV Highway – Resurface entire route	368	17	1	0	0	
5	Carter: Overlay Y Highway near Fremont	176	13	0	0	0	
23	Carter: Redesign median crossover of Highway V & Highway A at Highway 60 in Ellsinore	1,734 1,734	184 178	0.67 1.33	0.67 0.33	0 0.33	
1	Carter: Overlay Highway V & H in East Carter County	300 256	30 16	3.33 1.67	1 0	0.33 0	
20	Reynolds: Overlay O Highway	270	30	0	0	0	
	Reynolds: Overlay KK Highway from Bunker to TT Junction	360	36	0	0	0	
2	Reynolds: Highway 72 Chip and Seal from 72/21 Junction to 72/32 Junction	730	134	5.67	1	0	
20	Ripley: Add Shoulders on Highway 160 W from Doniphan to C Highway	1,129	158	15	6.33	0	
	Ripley: E Highway South form 142 E to Ark. State Line	620	64	5	1	0	
1	Ripley: Overlay EE Highway	199	26	0	0	0	
21	Wayne: HWY 49 Resurface from Williamsville to Iron County Line	1,628	126	22	7	1	
	Wayne: Overlay Route 49 from Highway 67 to west of Junction of Route A	340	34	4.33	1.33	0.33	
5	Wayne: Overlay Route A from west of junction of Highway 49 to US Highway 60 East	614	50	4.67	0.33	0.33	

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
16	Butler: Extend the Poplar Bluff airport runway					
	Butler: Improve Amtrak Depot service facility					
	Butler: Pedestrian Overpass over UP Railroad along Highway 53					
16	Carter: Construct new helipads					
	Carter: Improve road to the Van Buren Airport					
1	Carter: Ramps for various sidewalks in Van Buren					
25	Reynolds: Add bike lane for TransAmerica Bike Trail on Highway 76 Bike Route					
	Reynolds: Reopen railhead at Buick Mine					
1	Reynolds: Sidewalk repair/construction in Bunker on Main and 4 th Streets					
14	Ripley: Ellington to Van Buren to Grandin to Doniphan bike trail extension that ties in with TransAmerica Trail in Ellington					
	Ripley: Add/repair sidewalks on Walnut Street, from Summit to Highway Street in Doniphan					
21	Ripley: Add sidewalks on Highway Street, from Lafayette to Walnut Street in Doniphan					
20	Wayne: Extend pedestrian trail to tie Handy Park to existing trail system in Piedmont					
	Wayne: Sidewalk construction on Cemetery Road in Williamsville					
1	Wayne: Wayne County cross-county walk/bike trail					

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TAC ATTENDANCE ROSTER

July 12, 2018

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. Steve Halter	Butler County (alternate)
Mr. Donald Black	Carter County
Mr. Mike Gossett	Carter County
Mr. Wayne Gibbs	Carter County
Ms. Becky Gibbs	Carter County (alternate)
Mr. Joe Loyd	Reynolds County
Mr. Doug Warren	Reynolds County
Ms. Renee Horn	Reynolds County
Ms. Denise Smith	Reynolds County (alternate)
Mr. Darrell Dement	Reynolds County
Mr. William Kennon	Ripley County
Mr. David Johnson	Ripley County
Mr. Lonnie Hudson	Ripley County
Mr. Dennis Cox	Ripley County (alternate)
Ms. Tami Hale	Ripley County
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. Joe Killian	MoDOT Southeast District
Mr. Mike Brandon	MoDOT Southeast District
Mr. David Wyman	MoDOT Southeast District
Mr. James Barnes	MoDOT Southeast District
Ms. Elquin Auala	MoDOT Southeast District
Ms. Lynn Schultz	City of Williamsville
Ms. Rickie Maples	Guest

THOSE NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Bill Robison	Butler County
Mr. Jeff Darnell	Butler County
Mr. David Reynolds	Carter County
Mr. Jordan Collins	Carter County
Mr. Eddie Williams	Reynolds County
Mr. Jerry Halley	Ripley County