

**MINUTES
OF
THE OZARK FOOTHILLS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 11, 2017
OZARK FOOTHILLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EAST CARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ELLSINORE, MISSOURI**

I. Call to Order

Chairman Brian Polk called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

II. Open for Public Discussion

Chairman Polk welcomed Senator Doug Libla to the meeting.

III. Adoption of October 12, 2017 Minutes

The minutes of the October 12, 2017 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, thanked everyone in attendance for adjusting their schedules to attend the meeting. MoDOT is working with all the regional planning commissions in the state to develop a statewide list of projects for a potential ten-year funding scenario. These projects will be presented to the state legislature by Patrick McKenna, Director of MoDOT, in January 2018. The projects will represent what the agency could complete with an additional \$300 million of funding each year over the next ten years. The Southeast District needs to create two lists, one for highway and bridge projects, and one for multi-modal projects. The purpose of this meeting is to re-engage the TAC to make sure the list is as up to date as possible.

V. Transportation Planning Coordinator Report

Regarding the Poplar Bluff Railroad Overpass Project, Ozark Foothills Transportation Planning Coordinator Andrew Murphy stated additional funding sources are being secured.

Community Development Block Grant Program award announcements were not made in November, and are now expected to be released by Christmas. OFRPC submitted three applications, one for the City of Bunker, one for the City of Ellington, and one for Butler County; all were paving projects.

Mr. Murphy announced the annual statewide planning partnership meeting will be held on Thursday February 8, 2018, in Jefferson City. At the meeting, all RPCs and MPOs in the

state will meet with all MoDOT districts and central leadership to review goals for the upcoming year. This year will feature panel discussions for best practices with combined RPC and MoDOT staff.

The MACOG transportation planners met via video conference on December 7, 2017. The planners discussed the ten-year planning scenario and the various methods each planning partner and individual MoDOT districts were using to prioritize projects. Some districts opted to set aside a certain percentage for maintenance or grant opportunities. Other differences were discussed in regards to how RPCs organize their TACs. While membership numbers varied, so did how often committees meet, the time of day, whether food is provided, etc. The Ozark Foothills TAC is the only TAC in the state that moves their meetings around their region; all other TACs conduct each of their meetings in the same location.

VI. Old Business

Mr. Murphy announced the Low Water Crossing Inventory and Assessments have been completed. The draft assessments for each county are currently being reviewed before they are finalized.

VII. New Business

Due to the next regularly scheduled TAC meeting occurring in January, the TAC discussed canceling the meeting and resuming the 2018 schedule in April. On a motion made by Joe Loyd, Reynolds County, and second by Angela Smith, Wayne County, the next TAC meeting will be held April 12, 2018.

Mr. Murphy presented the draft 2018 Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan to the TAC for their review. In April the plan will be considered by the TAC for approval. Mr. Murphy furnished a draft plan; it has also been uploaded on the OFRPC website. Over 180 surveys were completed as feedback from providers, ridership, and the general public. Two public meetings were held, one strictly with transit providers, and the other open for the public. Feedback from these forums was incorporated into the plan as was data from a variety of additional sources.

To identify and prioritize projects for the ten year planning scenario, each county had an opportunity to present their projects and explain why that project was a good region-wide project. Each county identified 3 projects, and then voting commenced.

Chairman Polk inquired as to from where the potential funding is coming. Mark Shelton stated the honest answer is he doesn't know. The amount seems to indicate a ten-cent increase to the state's gas tax. If this is the case, it would have to be a ballot issue voted on by the citizens of Missouri.

Steve Halter, Butler County, serves on the 21st Century Infrastructure Task Force that has been touring the state calling for infrastructure funding solutions. He stated there have been a lot of needs, but very few solutions put forward. One solution that has been repeated is a ten-cent gas tax increase. The final Task Force meeting will be December 13, 2017 in Columbia, MO; with the final report issued to the Governor early next year.

Senator Libla stated that for 93 years a fuel tax has funded Missouri roadways and is the fairest funding method available. Missouri needs to increase its transportation infrastructure revenue as it is operating a 21st century system of roadways with 20th century funding. The Senator thanked the TAC for their role in the process.

Angela Smith inquired if everyone was just going to use their July list, and wondered if there was a need to re-prioritize. Most counties presented a very similar list as developed in July, but there were some changes to the composition of the lists and the order of projects.

The TAC separated by county to form their list of projects, and then presented to the group their selections. Each individual member or alternate present casted 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 then disseminated their remaining four votes to any project or projects he or she desired. Discussion ensued and needs were then prioritized. Ballot sheets with the total number of votes cast and known costs for each project are attached.

VIII. General Discussion

No general discussion ensued.

IX. Adjournment

Bill Robison, Butler County, moved to adjourn. Chairman Polk adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

OZARK FOOTHILLS TAC PROJECT PRIORITIES Dec. 2017

# of Votes	Project/Description	AADT	Commercial Volume	Average Crashes per year	Injuries 3 year avgs	Fatalities 3 year avgs	Cost
27	Butler: I-57 Corridor upgrades with emphasis from Highway 160 to Arkansas state line						\$44M Hwy 67 portion, \$200M to Sikeston
	Butler: Route T – 2 foot asphalt shoulders from Butler County line to Highway 60	4,724	394	17.3	6.3	0.33	\$4 million
	Butler: Route M – 2 miles west of Route 67 – Straighten curves and level hill	1,668	184	5	0.66	0	\$2 million
21	Carter: Cross upgrades along US Highway 60. Emphasis along A and V Highway in Ellsinore						
2	Carter: Overlay and add shoulders to D Highway Van Buren to Ellington	812	88	2	.67	0.33	\$2.75 million
5	Carter: RT N Widen and eliminate one-lane bridge over Middle Brushy Creek	366	40	0	0	0	\$600,000
5	Reynolds: HWY K - Add shoulders from Ellington to Annapolis and turn lane at end of K Highway	318	34	6	2	0.33	\$7 million for shoulders
2	Reynolds: Guardrails Highway 21 South of Ellington to US Highway 60						
	Reynolds: Resurface KK Highway and add shoulders from Highway 72 to TT Highway (approx. 5-6 miles)						
41	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	\$2 million
	Ripley: Highway 142 West at Gatewood, replace narrow bridge	1,216	216	0.33	0	0	\$850,000
	Ripley: RT K - Straighten "S" curve	467	41	2	1.33	0.33	\$600,000
1	Wayne: Low water Dip on C Highway approximately 1 mile northwest of C & E Junction	220	24	0	0	0	\$850,000
13	Wayne: Safety Shoulders on Highway 49 from Highway 67 to Williamsville	448	45	6.67	2.67	0	
2	Wayne: A Highway, ½ mile west of Highway 67, narrow bridge						
1	15% off top for maintenance						

OZARK FOOTHILLS TAC MULTI-MODAL PRIORITIES Dec. 2017

# of Votes	Project/Description	Cost
	Butler: Extend the Poplar Bluff airport runway	\$2.6 million
20	Carter: Construct new helipads on East and West sides of county	\$125,000
	Carter: Improve road to the Van Buren Airport	\$250,000
	Carter: Ramps for various sidewalks in Van Buren	\$500,000
84	Reynolds: Add bike lane for TransAmerica Bike Trail	\$15 million for Reynolds County portion
	Reynolds: Sidewalk repair/construction in Bunker on Main and 4 th Streets	\$250,000
	Reynolds: Reopen railhead at Buick Mine	\$6,000,000
	Ripley: Ellington to Van Buren to Grandin to Doniphan bike trail extension that ties in with TransAmerica Trail in Ellington	\$15.4 million (with no other agencies involved)
16	Wayne: Wayne County cross-county walk/bike trail that ties into Old Greenville trail	\$650,000

TAC ATTENDANCE ROSTER

December 11, 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. Darrell Dement	Reynolds County
Ms. Denise Smith	Reynolds County (Alternate)
Mr. Mark Smith	Reynolds County (Alternate)
Mr. William Kennon	Ripley County
Mr. David Johnson	Ripley County
Mr. Jerry Halley	Ripley County
Mr. Lonnie Hudson	Ripley County
Ms. Tami Hale	Ripley County
Mr. Brian Polk	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. Caleb Bradshaw	MoDOT Southeast District
Sen. Doug Libla	25th Senate District
Ms. Elaine Libla	Guest
Mr. Steve Halter	Poplar Bluff Chamber
Ms. Becky Gibbs	Guest
Ms. Rebecca Landewe	Guest
Ms. Donna Farley	Daily American Republic

THOSE NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Doug Warren	Reynolds County
Ms. Renee Horn	Reynolds County
Mr. Chad Henson	Wayne County