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December 2, 2015 TAC minutes

The Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments TAC met at the COG office in Perry – 3:00 pm

Voting members present:

- Mike Minor
- Martin Meyer
- Bill Raines
- Glenn Eagan
- Jerry Crutchfield
- Tom Sanders
- Curt Mitchell
- Charles Krieg
- Alan Wyatt
- Kensey Russell

Voting members absent:

- Roger Young
- Dennis McMillen
- Terry Burris
- Randy Spratt
- Steve Whitaker

Non-voting members present:

- David Cheek, MTRCOG
- Tom Batenhorst, MoDOT Northeast District
- Brian Haeffner, MoDOT Northeast District

Minutes:

Chairman Glenn Eagan called the TAC meeting to order at 3:01 pm. Chairman Eagan asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was made by Curt Mitchell and seconded by Charles Krieg. All members were in favor of the motion.

All in attendance introduced themselves to the rest of the group.

After the introductions, the first order of business was to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2015 TAC meeting. A motion was made by Charles Krieg to approve the minutes. That motion was seconded by Alan Wyatt. All members were in favor of the motion.

Brian Haeffner and Tom Batenhorst updated the TAC on items currently of interest at MoDOT. Brian made reference to an information sheet that was included in the packet that had information on the new MoDOT Director that was recently hired. Brian mentioned that with MoDOT's portion of the additional state revenue that was realized last fiscal year, that the NE District staff was working on scoping 11 bridges on supplementary routes as well as a small number of overlays on major routes in the NE District to be completed using these funds. He then went right into the newly announced transportation bill. This bill, Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), is a 5 year, \$305 Billion bill.

Brian went on to say that Congress was expected to vote on it on 12-3-15 and the President was expected to sign it on 12-4-15, before the current extension runs out. At the time of the TAC meeting not much more was known about the details of the bill since it was just announced today. Brian next updated the TAC on the good news that the joint TIGER grant application from Missouri and Illinois for \$10 Million to use towards the Champ Clark Bridge was approved. The current estimate for the new structure is \$63 Million, only half of which Missouri is responsible for. Illinois currently has their funding in place and Missouri is working to get their funding in place. There are certain timelines and benchmarks that have to be met during the project. However, the drop dead time is that the funds will only be available until 2022. Tom and Brian echoed that they saw no reason why MoDOT wouldn't have the funds spent by then. Brian mentioned that MoDOT is currently thinking about having this bridge bid out as a Design/Build contract. Tom handed out the final results of the Boonslick and NEMO RPC's 2015 Transportation Needs Prioritization Process for the TAC to review. Alan Wyatt asked if anyone had heard of any possible upcoming legislative action for state funding increase. Brian Haeffner stated that he had heard there was going to be a 2 cent gas tax increase proposed in the MO Legislature when the session opened up. There was brief discussion by all members present about possible funding increases.

The next item on the agenda was the 2015 Transportation Needs Ranking/Prioritization. David formally presented the TAC with a final 2015 Transportation Needs Ranking sheet. David noted that he had e-mailed it out to the TAC in late September or early October, but that he wanted to hand everyone a hard copy as well. Alan Wyatt motioned to approve the final ranking sheet as presented with no corrections, changes, or additions. The motion was seconded by Jerry Crutchfield. All members were in favor of the motion. David informed the group that he would begin the 2016 Transportation Needs Prioritization process sometime in January 2016. Curt Mitchell motioned to keep the number of needs per County to 5, similar to last year. Alan Wyatt seconded that motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

The next item on the agenda was Maintenance Items – None noted.

Other Business—David Cheek informed the TAC of the additional information he had included in the back of the meeting packet. He stated he could send them out via e-mail if members wanted. Some discussion ensued about the Heartland Market Research papers that had information about the possible future funding for transportation in Missouri.

A motion was made by Mike Minor and seconded by Charles Krieg to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.