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February 23, 2016 TAC minutes

The Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments TAC met at the COG office in Perry – 2:30 pm

Voting members present:

Martin Meyer
Bill Raines
Glenn Eagan
Tom Sanders
Curt Mitchell
Charles Krieg
Roger Young
Dennis McMillen
Kensey Russell
Steve Whitaker
Bucky Ward, Pike County Alternate

Voting members absent:

Alan Wyatt
Jerry Crutchfield
Mike Minor
Terry Burris
Randy Spratt

Non-voting members present:

David Cheek, MTRCOG
Robin Simpson, MTRCOG
John W. Briscoe, MO Highways & Transportation Commission
Paula Gough, MoDOT Northeast District
Tom Batenhorst, MoDOT Northeast District
Brian Haeffner, MoDOT Northeast District

Minutes:

Chairman Glenn Eagan called the TAC meeting to order at 2:31 pm. Chairman Eagan asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was made by Charles Krieg and seconded by Roger Young. 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 December 2, 2015 TAC meeting. A motion was made by Charles Krieg to approve the minutes. That motion was seconded by Martin Meyer. All members were in favor of the motion.

Paula Gough gave the TAC a brief overview of some of the topics covered at the Statewide Planning Partner's meeting on 2-18-16. She touched on the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) and how it is much needed to provide long term planning security and fiscal certainty to State DOT's across the nation. Gough noted that MoDOT currently had cash reserves of approximately \$800 million.

Paula went on to say that this was because the Highway Commission felt that they wanted to have enough money in reserves to pay contractors even if FHWA had to halt payments during the many years of continuing resolutions that came before the FAST Act. She stated that MoDOT would be slowly spending down that reserve over the next 5 years of the FAST Act to help match Federal funds and keep the maximum amount of funding coming to Missouri. The cash reserve balance at the end of the FAST Act is currently estimated to be \$50 million. There was discussion about the several handouts included in the packet. The handouts included maps of the NE District that showed the interstates, major roads, minor roads, and low volume routes. Additionally, there were handouts that showed all the critical condition bridges in the NE District, and a listing of them by County. Tom Batenhorst discussed the critical bridges in the region as well as reminding the TAC that we will need to keep these bridges in mind when deciding what the ongoing needs will be. Pavement treatments are always needed all over the region, but the TAC will have to weigh that against the bridges that need to be replaced. Glenn Eagan asked if MoDOT had secured their portion of the funding for the new Champ Clark Bridge. Brian noted that the Highway Commission is still nailing down all of the funding for Missouri's portion of the bridge. Brian also noted that the Commission did in fact grant Design/Build Authority for the Champ Clark Bridge project.

The next item on the agenda was the 2016 Transportation Needs Ranking/Prioritization. David presented the TAC with the needs list as compiled by the County Commissioners in the MTRCOG region. David did note that if there is a county that only had submitted 4 needs originally, that they can go ahead and submit one more (no more than 5 needs per county) if they chose. David stated that at the next meeting that MoDOT will have generated the Needs Data Sheets so each TAC member will have additional information about each project and that there will be an opportunity at that meeting to explain in more detail why each need made the list.

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

Other Business—David Cheek asked the MoDOT representatives about Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding. Tom Batenhorst stated that the likely timeline will be a call for projects in September 2016, October 14, 2016 application due date, and the scoring would need to be completed by the committee by November 17, 2016. Glenn Eagan mentioned to the TAC that he had asked David Cheek to compose a letter to be sent to legislative representatives in the MO Legislature in support of increased funding for transportation. A letter was presented in the packet for approval. Glenn Eagan read through the letter out loud, then asked for a motion to approve the letter as presented. Kensey Russell motioned to approve the letter as presented, Curt Mitchell seconded the motion, there was no additional discussion, all members were in favor of the motion. The letter was then passed around and signed by all TAC members present.

A motion was made by Charles Krieg and seconded by Roger Young to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 pm.