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September 9, 2015 TAC minutes

The Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments TAC met at the COG office in Perry – 6:15 pm

Voting members present:

Mike Minor
Martin Meyer
Bill Raines
Glenn Eagan
Jerry Crutchfield
Tom Sanders
Terry Burris
Curt Mitchell
Charles Krieg
Alan Wyatt
Randy Spratt
Steve Whitaker
Kensey Russell

Voting members absent:

Roger Young
Dennis McMillen

Non-voting members present:

David Cheek, MTRCOG
Tom Batenhorst, MoDOT Northeast District
Brian Haeffner, MoDOT Northeast District
Robin Simpson, MTRCOG

Minutes:

Chairman Glenn Eagan called the TAC meeting to order at 6:34 pm. The meeting started a little later than posted due to the previous meeting running longer. Chairman Eagan asked to add introductions to the agenda and also have the agenda approved. Randy Spratt made the motion to add introductions to the agenda and approve the agenda. Charles Krieg seconded that motion. David Cheek formally introduced Curt Mitchell, Pike County Commissioner and Kensey Russell, City of Mexico to the group as voting members.

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 June 30, 2015 TAC meeting. A motion was made by Mike Minor to approve the minutes. That motion was seconded by Jerry Crutchfield. All members were in favor of the motion.

Brian Haeffner and Tom Batenhorst updated the TAC on items currently of interest at MoDOT. Brian noted the increased state revenues and how that would help MoDOT overall as well as the Northeast District. Brian noted that overall state revenues toward transportation were \$47 Million higher than expected.

Brian went on to state that projections from last year had MoDOT being \$42 Million short. He mentioned that now MoDOT will be able to fully match Federal funds in FY 2017 and that because of that ability to match those funds there will be a total increase of \$210 Million to MoDOT. The Northeast District should receive approximately \$17.8 Million more than they were projected to receive in FY 2017. It was noted that at the September Highway Commission meeting that the Commissioners approved the additional revenue could in fact be spent on supplementary routes that, under the MO 325 System, funding could not be. The Commission moved to use funding that would typically have been in the Cost Share program to be used on TCOS type projects. Glenn Eagan asked if there were any organized groups out there that are currently advocating for additional transportation funding. Tom discussed the potential initiative petitions out there for possible increased cigarette tax income. There are currently different groups proposing that an increase in cigarette tax go to transportation, education, and/or healthcare.

The next item on the agenda was the 2015 Transportation Needs Ranking/Prioritization. Almost all members had completed this prior to the meeting and had handed them in to David. There was discussion about how much longer to give members that hadn't turned their ranking sheets in yet. Jerry Crutchfield made a motion to end the ranking period by close of business on September 16, 2015. Randy Spratt 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 letter included in their packets from the Missouri Bicycle & Pedestrian Federation. Martin Meyer added to the discussion by explaining his involvement with the organization.

A motion was made by Steve Whitaker and seconded by Curt Mitchell to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.