

Northwest Missouri Transportation Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting Minutes, September 2, 2008

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marlin Logan at 6:10 pm in the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments' Conference Room. Dinner was served.

Roll Call

The roll was taken with the following members present:

TAC Members

Marlin Logan, Atchison County
Jack Kruse, Atchison County
Eddie Taylor, Atchison County
Gary Carlson, Gentry County
John Groomer, Gentry County
Jack Baldwin, Nodaway County
Carole Coutts, Nodaway County
Bob Westfall, Nodaway County
Bob Steins, Nodaway County
Bill Mozingo, Worth County
Doug Allee, Worth County
Joe Hertl, Worth County

MoDOT Staff

Shannon Kusilek, Transportation Planning Manager
Marty Liles, Area Engineer

NWMORCOG Staff

Tye Parsons, Executive Director
Amy Stoner, Regional Planner

Approval of Minutes

Taylor motioned to approved the June 3, 2008 TAC minutes. Mozingo seconded. Motion carried (11 yes, 0 no).

Old Business

Work Plan Update: Stoner updated the TAC committee on the Regional Transportation Work Plan status. The group will need to turn in their updated needs lists within the next week or two so the sub-committees can begin looking at how to deal with need prioritization (see attached sheet). Mozingo, Westfall, Gordon, and Kruse currently make up the sub-committee, but a Gentry County representative is still needed. Once needs lists are compiled, Stoner will contact the sub-committee to see how they would like to visit the locations. A virtual tour was suggested.

Stoner recently attended the 2008 National Rural Transportation Peer Learning Conference in Duluth, MN. The conference was really informational. A lot of information that Stoner found interested related to hazard planning and transportation. Ethanol is being transported through the region, and it is possible the region is not equipped to handle any potential spills. Also, a lot of discussion was based on alternative energy and the transporting of wind turbines. Some economic development was discussed. Stoner moderated a session on safety, and she pointed out that Missouri was extremely advanced in their preventative measures and safety discussions. The Regional

Council won an award for their innovative Bus Route project, which was piloted in 2006 and implemented in 2007.

The bus route project for 2008 is getting ready to start. Jared Renfro, GIS Specialist has been printing maps to send to superintendents. He will be managing the project, and hopes to have the maps compiled this fall so MoDOT can use the information for a full year before updates are needed.

New Business

Kusilek discussed the 2009 STIP. Copies of the Northwest TAC region were handed out to the group, no real changes were made to the STIP since the group had seen the Draft STIP at the previous meeting. Kusilek mentioned that 136 is still the priority for the Northwest region at this time. He also stated that MoDOT had entered into contract with the City of Maryville to put extended shoulders on a portion of 136 from Maryville to Mazingo, which will allow for bikes and pedestrians to travel more safely. This cannot be a designated bike path because the shoulders will not be wide enough, but they will provide an added safety bonus for those who do utilize that path for recreational purposes.

Recently, Gentry County was used to pilot a cold-in-place recycling pavement rehabilitation. The results of the pilot project were successful, and central office, located in Jefferson City, MO, has asked MoDOT District 1 to identify 100-200 miles of routes to use this process on in the next year. The process mills up existing road pavement, relays that material with an oil mix, and is covered with a chip and seal later. The pilot project was changed half way through to find the most successful way of performing the cold-in-place process.

This process is very cost effective for MODOT, and they are looking at doing it in future years rather than contract level projects. Within the next few weeks, MoDOT will need to identify which routes that are eligible and are have priority for construction work. District One's goal is to have all routes identified and ready for work by next summer. The TAC is being asked to prioritize the eligible routes from their region so MoDOT can use those in the planning process. Each TAC member should have received a map of eligible routes and letter outlining guidelines for picking successful routes in their board packets (see attached). Each County has prioritized their routes that are eligible as follows: Atchison-C, T, O, CC, M, Y, YY; Gentry-M WITH UU, N, O, AF; Holt-120, B, N, O; Nodaway-JJ, H, EE, O; Worth-B, W, H, Z.

Kusilek reported that the Safe and Sound Bridge Initiative is still being discussed. The procurement process is being reviewed, and reports are the decision will be made at any time. Kusilek was doubtful that Congress would take any action on the new Federal Transportation Bill until 2010. It is possible to see enhancement funds return with any passed resolutions.

Liles discussed local construction occurring. Gentry H and E are finished except for the chip and seal, currently weather is holding that portion up. So far MoDOT thinks they

have had great results, winter weather will be the real test.

Nodaway E and M, Gentry M are complete. Interstate 29 in Atchison and Holt are still under construction. A hot-in-place process is being used on those sections. Holt 159 is also done.

Maintenance crews will be working on a few sections: H and E's chip/seal will finish that project, and mowing has been huge getting ready for Labor Day weekend. Liles explained that mowing is done on major/minor routes in an alternating year pattern. If the TAC committee knows anyone who is interested in baling hay on the sides of state routes, please have them contact Liles. Liles will be happy to get the permit process started. It saves MoDOT time and money when a contract is in place to have someone else mow sections.

Other Business

The next regularly scheduled TAC meeting will be held December 2, 2008, 6:00 pm at the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments. Stoner also mentioned a Safe Routes to School Workshop was being held in Branson September 25-27 for those interested she has the information.

Adjourn

Hearing no further business, Taylor motioned to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Hertl seconded. Motion carried (11 yes, 0 no).

Chairman or Vice-Chairman

Minutes recorded by Amy Stoner