

**MINUTES
MO-KAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

November 17, 2004

9:00 AM

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Atkins – Andrew County
Dan Hegeman – Andrew County
Mark Hoover – Clinton County
Shellby Hendee – Clinton County
Doug Williams – Clinton County
Illah Marie Pulley – DeKalb County
Jay Ebersold – DeKalb County
Duane Cooley – DeKalb County

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Beth Wright – MoDOT
Scotty Williams - MoDOT
Darby Logan – MoDOT
Sheldon Lyon – Missouri Highway Patrol

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tom Bliss – Mo-Kan Regional Council
Tye Parsons – Mo-Kan Regional Council
Naomi Young – Mo-Kan Regional Council

The regular quarterly meeting of the Mo-Kan Transportation Advisory Committee was held in the offices of the Regional Council November 17, 2004 at 9:00 a.m., with Chairman Mark Hoover presiding.

Motion to approve Minutes of August 18, 2004, was made by Larry Atkins, second of Dan Hegeman, motion approved.

Tye Parsons stated on October 29, 2004, representatives from Green Hills RPC, Northwest, RPC, Mo-Kan RPC, St. Joseph MPO and MoDOT District 1 met at Mo-Kan Regional Council to discuss the priorities for District 1, which is part of the Regional Transportation Process. Beth Wright stated that the results of the meeting will be used at the state level to develop the State Plan and dollar division to the various districts for 2006 – 2010. This is a new process and could be improved as they start working with it.

At the October meeting the representatives were also asked to come up with three (3) or four (4) priority projects that are important to their regions. All agreed that the completion of Highway 36 to four lanes across the State was 1st important priority. In the Mo-Kan region, The Kansas Bridge project at Atchison (Amelia Earhart bridge) came in next and maintaining the road system third. Green Hills area selected Route 136, Route 69 and the Trenton bypass; Northwest area selected Route 136 bridge improvements, Missouri river bridge at Rulo, and I-29rail spur improvements; St. Joseph MPO area selected AC Street widening, Highway 36 conversion to name a few. The selections will be taken to State meetings by District 1.

Beth Wright, MoDOT explained that the passing of Amendment 3 by 79% of the voters has ended the diversion of highway user fees and will be used to build and maintain roads and bridges. This amendment should generate approximately \$180 to \$190 million annually, which will allow MoDOT to make progress toward improving the condition of the state's roads and bridges and building some high-priority major projects using a three phased program. **Phase 1** – Smooth roads Initiative is hoping to invest \$400 million in 2,200 miles of Missouri's roads that carry 60 percent of the traffic and are within 10 miles of where 86 percent of residents live. This will include smooth driving surface, long-lasting roadway striping and raised pavement markers, rumble strips, shoulder and guardrail improvements and visible signs. **Phase 2** – Acceleration of Existing Project Commitments will use some of the early bonding capacity to build some projects already in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program sooner and identify projects that will be accelerated for presentation to the MoDOT Commission in January 2005. **Phase 3** – Selecting New High-Priority Projects – remaining bond capacity will be used to fund some of the highest-priority major projects selected as a result of Decision-Making process of MoDOT and be included in the draft 2006-2010 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program which will be submitted in May 2005.

Motion to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Mo-Kan Regional Council and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission concerning the Planning Framework Process was made by Illah Marie Pulley, second of Shellby Hendee, motion carried.

There will be a reception held for Renate Wilkinson, MoDOT, who is taking a position in Jefferson City, November 28th. A letter from Mo-Kan Regional Council – TAC will be written for Renate thanking her for all her help and knowledge throughout the years.

Scotty Williams, MoDOT – reported that several projects were ongoing. On Route 116 Buchanan County they are still working on replacing 3 bridges. Andrew County Route E bridge replaced. Cook Road bridge, hoping for a spring deck pour job. In the Cameron area a lot of work being done around Route 116 Clinton County. Maintenance crews in Andrew County working on Route E, St. Joseph crews working on Route 36 and Faucett crews will be working on I-29, and Rushville crews will be working on Highway 59. Several projects will be let in November, December and January.

Sheldon Lyon, Highway Patrol, suggested checking out Business Hwy 71 and I-29 intersection for safety near where the new shopping center is being built. The Missouri Highway Patrol have worked several accidents and for safety reasons believes that this intersection needs to be addressed by traffic signals or speed limits lowered. Beth Wright, MoDOT, said that they would check this out.

Tye Parsons met October 12, 2004 with other RPC representatives in Jefferson City to go over the Statewide Regional Transportation Plan. On November 8, 2004, Tom Bliss and Tye Parsons met the New MoDOT Director, Pete Raln. New data from MoDOT will be received on crash, surface, etc. to incorporate into our maps that we will develop.

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Beth Wright mentioned that a group of safety partners have gotten together and developed a book entitled "Blueprint for Safety – Safer Roads." They will be meeting again December 6th. Anyone interested should contact Beth at MoDOT.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, 2004.

Meeting adjourned.