

**MINUTES
MO-KAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

February 9, 2005

9:00 AM

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Atkins – Andrew County
Billy Kretzer – Andrew County
Ron Blakely – Buchanan County
Mike Landy – Buchanan County
Shellby Hendee – Clinton County
Illah Marie Pulley – DeKalb County

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shannon Kusilck – MoDOT
Scotty Williams - MoDOT
Darby Logan – MoDOT

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 February 9, 2005 at 9:00 a.m., with Vice-Chairman Larry Atkins presiding.

Motion to approve Minutes of November 17, 2004, was made by Illah Marie Pulley, second of Shellby Hendee, motion approved.

Tye Parsons introduced Shannon Kusilek, MoDOT Transportation Planning Manager. He is the replacement for Renate Wilkinson at District 1.

The first meeting for Blueprint for Highway Safety was held in December 2004. They will be meeting with the Highway Patrol, Planning partners, etc. gathering data on accidents in the area. There will be 8 essential strategies: seat belt laws and enforcement, increased enforcement, increased public education, expand center line bubble strips, expand barriers in the median to prevent crossover accidents, expand markings and signs, reduce number of alcoholic drivers, and expand shoulders. They are looking at newer, better designed, equipment to help prevent crossover accidents on medians. Data collected will help correct defects and hopefully decrease the number of accidents on certain areas of highways.

At the November meeting the Smooth Roads Initiative was just getting started. Shannon Kusilck stated that Smooth Roads Initiative projects will provide 2,200 miles of smooth pavement on Missouri's busiest highways by December 2007. These roads carry 60 percent of all traffic on the state's highway system. About 86 percent of all Missourians live within 10 miles of one of these roads. Six projects were approved in December 2004 and should be finished by December 2005 in Buchanan County and DeKalb/Caldwell. Four other projects in Andrew, Andrew/Holt, Buchanan, Clinton, DeKalb/Daviess,

are scheduled. These projects were able to be completed three to four years earlier because of Amendment 3. This is phase 1.

A meeting in Jefferson City, Tuesday, February 15, 2005, is being held to discuss the Major Projects across the state. District 1 has three projects with the Kansas Bridge at Atchison (Amelia Erhart) being the number one priority. Each District will present their projects and selection from those presented will begin the process for prioritizing.

Discussion was held on the representation of Districts on the Transportation Commission. Billy Kretzer motioned to draft a letter and/or resolution asking for representation either from District 1 or Northwest area of Missouri on the Transportation Commission. Illah Marie Pulley second, members approved. Tye suggested contacting Green Hill's and Northwest asking them to do the same thing, so there would be three letters or resolutions instead of just one.

Bill Kretzer stated the TAC members should oppose Senate Bill Resolution 7 – Would abolish the Highway Commission and replace with Director of Transportation. This bill would further District 1 from any input in the funding process.

Tye Parsons presented some maps depicting various data obtained from either MoDOT or the Highway patrol done with GIS mapping system. This will be incorporated in the Regional Transportation Plan. The 1st phase of this plan is to take inventory of resources in the region. We have received a data set from MoDOT. Other information has been obtained from the Highway Patrol.

Shellby Hendee motioned to sign Resolution supporting Highway U.S. 36 corridor tax, Billy Kretzer seconded, members approved.

Scotty Williams, MoDOT – Andrew, Buchanan counties –

The Smooth Roads Initiative projects are starting and preparation for these projects is ongoing. The bridges on Highway 116 are scheduled to be finished September 2006. Preparing to start the guard rail projects also.

Tye Parsons stated that the website for Mo-Kan is up and running and is adding items daily.

Enhancement Funds applications are available now. \$810,000 with 80/20 match –

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2005.

Meeting adjourned.