

**MINUTES**  
**MO-KAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**December 6, 2017**  
**9:00 AM**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Caldwell – Andrew County  
Don Dillman – Andrew County  
Sarah Miller – Andrew County  
Bob Burnett, Chair – Buchanan County  
Dan Hausman – Buchanan County  
Johnnie Hoggatt – Buchanan County  
Drew Bontrager – Clinton County  
Mike O’Donnell – Clinton County  
Wade Wilken Jr. – Clinton County  
Bill Gray – DeKalb County  
Gary McFee – DeKalb County  
Missy Meek – DeKalb County

**NON VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Shannon Kusilek – MoDOT  
Chance Long – STATSO  
Caitlin Zibers - STATSO

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mike Spady – Mo-Kan Regional Council  
Rebecca Thacker – Mo-Kan Regional Council  
Patti Long – Mo-Kan Regional Council  
Kenneth Reeder – Public Citizen Local Association

A meeting of the Mo-Kan Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was held December 6, 2017, at the Mo-Kan Regional Council office, 224 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Joseph, MO. Bob Burnett, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

1. **Roll call taken by sign-in sheet. A quorum was present.**  
Introductions were made. Rebecca Thacker briefly went through the information in the new TAC folders that were distributed to everyone.
2. **Motion to approve minutes for the meeting on March 1 and August 16, 2017, made by Johnny Hoggatt and seconded by Dan Hausman, approved unanimously.**

The order of the agenda items was changed.

**Open Public Comment:**  
There was no public comment.

**Old Business:**  
There was no old business.

## **New Business:**

- 1. MoDOT Construction Updates** – Shannon Kusilek stated that the bridge project in Faucett is wrapping up, as well as the pedestrian ramps on Frederick Street in St. Joseph, which is for ADA compliance. There was brief discussion about the Department of Justice Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) rules.
- 2. Recent Project Awards/Upcoming Bid Openings** – Shannon Kusilek discussed recent bids on four projects. One project is flattening out the curve on US Highway 36, near Highway 33, that was the location of a Road Safety Assessment (RSA) several years ago.
- 3. Technical Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP)** – Shannon Kusilek discussed the grant for technical assistance to conduct a traffic study that is offered every other year. Two projects in the NW MoDOT District were awarded. Lathrop received a grant for a safe route to school study and Cameron received a grant for an intersection safety study.
- 4. Asset Management Update** – The agenda item will be discussed at the March 7 meeting.
- 5. Proposed Fuel Tax** – Shannon Kusilek explained that there is a proposed \$.10 fuel tax for road and bridge projects and a 1/10 of 1% sales tax for multi-modal projects. The estimated funding for the NW MoDOT District would be \$105 million for road and bridges and \$23.3 million for multi-modal over a 10-year time span. MoDOT has been asked to generate a list of projects that would be funded if the proposed tax is successful. Shannon Kusilek presented the group with a list of projects for reference that was generated for Amendment 7. About 45% of those projects have since been completed. Since State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds are only available on roads with over 400 Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT), lower volume roads only receive maintenance funds to maintain the roads and do not receive overlays spanning a significant length of the road. He explained that one option would be to use the proposed funds for a one inch overlay for low volume roads (about 100 miles per year), one bridge replacement/repair per county and a few expansion projects. He also asked what the multi-modal needs are. Drew Bontrager mentioned the Cameron Airport. Discussion followed.
- 6. Transportation Priorities** – Rebecca Thacker explained the scoring system for the transportation priorities. Each of the sixteen priorities were discussed by TAC members. Caitlin Zibers and Chance Long, with the St. Joseph Area Transportation Study Organization (SJATSO) provided information about the traffic modeling project that will take place for I-229 in the spring. Discussion followed. TAC members then voted on what they felt are the most pressing needs in the region. Below is a list showing the points and the ranking:

Mo-Kan Transportation Priorities - Dec. 6, 2017 Meeting							
Ranking	Points	Map # & County	Identified Need	Funding Type	Type of Need	Other	
1	41	D1 - DeKalb	Intersection of I-35, US 36, Bob Griffin Road	STIP	Expansion Project	Crash Rate: 3.21	
2	32	C3 - Clinton	Route H from Highway 33 to Highway 69	Maintenance	Resurfacing	IRI: 225	
3	28	A2 - Andrew	Route Y from U.S. Highway 71 to Route H	Maintenance	Resurfacing	IRI: 175	
4	25	D4 - DeKalb	Route D from Route Z (Gentry County) to MO Route 6	Maintenance	Resurfacing	IRI: 235	
5	22	C4 - Clinton	I-35, Route BB and Bob Griffin Road	STIP	Expansion Project	Crash Rate: 2.08	
6	19	A4 - Andrew	US Route 59 south of Savannah to Country Club Village	STIP	Safety Improvements	Crash Rate: 12.7	
7	11	D2 - DeKalb	Route H from Route Z (Gentry County) to MO Route 6	Maintenance	Resurfacing	IRI: 260	
8	10	A1 - Andrew	Route CC from U.S. Highway 59 to I-29	Maintenance	Resurfacing	IRI: 170	
9 tie	8	A3 - Andrew	Route M from MO Highway 48 to US Highway 169	STIP	Resurfacing	IRI: 185	
9 tie	8	B4 - Buchanan	Align Route H where it crosses Route A	Maintenance	Safety Improvements	Crash Rate: 0.97	
11	7	C2 - Clinton	Route J from south county line to Route C	Maintenance	Resurfacing	IRI: 210	
12	2	B3 - Buchanan	Bike/pedestrian trail alongside US Highway 59	Multi-modal	Bike/Ped		
16	0	B1 - Buchanan	Double deck bridge on I-229 (bring down)	STIP	Bring Road to Ground		
17	0	B2 - Buchanan	Guard rails on areas of MO Route 116 from Rushville to Route Y	STIP	Safety Improvements	Crash Rate: 1.96	
18	0	C1 - Clinton	Bridge on Route NN (east of Route K near the bend)	STIP	Widen Bridge		
19	0	D3 - DeKalb	Route O from only Clarksdale to Route N	Maintenance	Resurfacing	IRI: 205	

**7. Blueprint Grant Results** – Rebecca Thacker informed the TAC members about the Blueprint Grant awards. Ten projects were funded for a total of \$47,251.47.

**8. Request for Potential Roadway Assessment (RSA) Locations** – Rebecca Thacker said that the next RSA would take place during spring. She asked for suggestions to be submitted to her by the end of January. The transportation priority, A-4, on US Route 59 for safety improvements on the crossover lanes was suggested.

#### Other Business:

**1. Scheduling the next TAC Meeting** – The next quarterly TAC meeting will be 9:00 am, March 7, 2018 at the Mo-Kan office.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.**