

MINUTES
MO-KAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 16, 2017
9:00 AM

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Caldwell – Andrew County
Don Dillman – Andrew County
Sarah Miller – Andrew County
Bob Burnett, Chair – Buchanan County
Johnnie Hoggatt – Buchanan County

NON VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Shannon Kusilek – MoDOT
Mike Rinehart – MoDOT

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Thacker – Mo-Kan Regional Council
Kenneth Reeder – Public Citizen Local Associates

A meeting of the Mo-Kan Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was held August 16, 2017, at the Mo-Kan Regional Council office, 224 North 7th Street, St. Joseph, MO. Bob Burnett, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

- 1. Roll call taken by sign-in sheet. A quorum was not present. No official business will be voted on at the meeting.**
- 2. Approval of Minutes – A motion to approve the minutes was not made, as there was not a quorum.**

Open Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

- 1. MoDOT Construction Updates** – Mike Rinehart stated that a few roads in the new wind farm area in DeKalb County have received overlays as a result of the agreement with the wind farm company. Route E in Andrew County has received an overlay, as well as several other roads in the Mo-Kan area. The AgExpo Interchange on Hwy 36 is nearly complete.
- 2. Recent Project Awards/Upcoming Bid Openings** – Shannon Kusilek discussed upcoming projects, which are listed in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Five of the TAC's transportation priorities have been programmed on the STIP.

There was discussion on dealing with Johnson grass. Mike Rinehart said that it is being addressed with both biological and chemical approaches.

- 3. Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)** - Shannon Kusilek distributed a map of the STIP, that was approved June 30, 2017. The previous year closed out \$4.6 million under budget in the NW MoDOT District and this money will be applied to FY18 projects. The bridge on Route DD, over I-29 in Faucett, is under contract and there will be closures and slow traffic in that area.

In June, Hwy 36 received a high friction treatment in a few spots, the same type of treatment that was applied on sections of Hwy 33. The curves on Hwy 36 near Osborn will be reconstructed. The project went out to bid but will be rebid due to the high cost. Other projects were also discussed.

- 4. Technical Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP)** – Shannon Kusilek discussed the grant for technical assistance to conduct a traffic study. The grant is 80% federal share and 20% local share. The deadline is September 14. The communities have received grant information and Plattsburg had expressed interest in this grant.
- 5. Buckle Up, Phone Down Campaign** – Rebecca Thacker informed the attendees about the Buckle Up, Phone Down campaign. Agencies, organizations and individuals can take the pledge not to use their cell phone while driving. This campaign addresses the sharp increase in distracted driving crashes.
- 6. Eclipse Event Discussion** – There was discussion on what the different communities are doing to prepare for the eclipse. Bob Caldwell said that there would be an emergency management meeting in Andrew County to prepare. Don Dillman said that Savannah is being divided into sections and that there is a point person for each section to address any issues.
- 7. Blueprint Grant Scoring** – The TAC members discussed each of the eight grant applications in the Mo-Kan area as a group and then individually scored the applications. The scores will be submitted to the Northwest Coalition's Grant Advisory Committee, who will incorporate the TAC scores from the three regional planning commissions (RPCs) into the final grant scores.

Other Business:

- 1. Scheduling the next TAC Meeting** – The next quarterly TAC meeting will be 9:00 am, December 6 at the Mo-Kan office.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.