**MINUTES**

**MO-KAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**August 29, 2018   
9:00 AM**

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| **VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** | Bob Caldwell – Andrew County  Don Dillman – Andrew County  Bob Burnett, Chair – Buchanan County  Scott Burnham – Buchanan County Johnnie Hoggatt – Buchanan County Drew Bontrager – Clinton County  Wade Wilken Jr. – Clinton County  Mike O’Donnell – Clinton County  Bill Gray – DeKalb County Missy Meek – DeKalb County |

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| **NON VOTING MEMBERS  PRESENT:** | Shannon Kusilek – MoDOT  Adam Watson – MoDOT Jon Ecker – Mo-Kan Regional Council Rebecca Thacker – Mo-Kan Regional Council |
| **OTHERS PRESENT:** | Doug Mertens – ConAgg Companies (SaferMo.com) Josh Castor – HG Consult  Valerie Lefler – Feonix- Mobility Rising (HealthTran)  Kenneth Reader – PCLA (Public Citizens Local Advocate) |
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A meeting of the Mo-Kan Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was held August 29, 2018, at the Mo-Kan Regional Council office, 224 North 7th Street, St. Joseph, MO. Bob Burnett, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. **Roll call taken by sign-in sheet. A quorum was present.**Introductions were made.
2. **Motion to approve minutes for the meeting on May 9, 2018, was made by Johnnie Hoggatt and seconded by Mike O’Donnell. Approved unanimously.**

**Open Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**Old Business:**

There was no old business.

**New Business:**

1. **MoDOT Construction Update –** Adam Watson provided an update on construction
2. **Recent Project Awards/Upcoming Bid Openings –** Shannon Kusilek discussed upcoming projects and bid openings, which included US 59 south of St. Joseph to Atchison.
3. **STIP –** Shannon Kusilek referred to pages 19-23 in the new STIP. He informed the group that there would be more preventative pavement treatments on roads. He informed the group of a transportation planners meeting on October 10, 1-3 pm at the Remington Nature Center to discuss transportation priorities throughout the NW MoDOT District.
4. **TAP Grant –** Shannon Kusilek announced that the call for TAP grant applications will be released in in early September. The allocation amount is unknown.
5. **I-229 Study Presentation from HG Consult –** Josh Castor with HG Consult informed the group about the environmental assessment being conducted on the I-229 bridge that needs $45 million in repairs. A series of meetings will be held to obtain public comment on the subject. Based on the outcomes of the meetings, a list of reasonable alternatives will be created and ultimately the preferred alternative will be identified. In approximately one year a draft environmental assessment will be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHA), followed by the submission of the final environmental assessment with the preferred alternative. After the preferred alternative is reported and approved by the FHA the project must be implemented within 10 years.

There was discussion about the topic that included the expense to maintain an elevated structure, what the long-term vision for the riverfront area is, how this would impact the railroad, etc. There was a comment that decommissioning an interstate would be a step backwards.

1. **HealthTran Presentation –** Valerie Lefler with Foenix – Mobility Rising talked about how HealthTran organizes rides for people needing transportation with their volunteer drivers. HealthTran operates in rural areas and works with health care providers to assure everyone has access to transportation to make their medical appointments, as well as other types of appointments and errands requiring transportation. Rides are scheduled online or through an app and the rider and driver do not exchange money.

There was discussion about insurance, background checks, car inspection and liability. HealthTran is launching in the Mo-Kan area.

1. **Proposition D Presentation from SaferMo.com –** Doug Mertens with SaferMO.com discussed Proposition D that will be on the November ballot. This is a proposed fuel tax that would increase $.025 a year for four years. If passed, it’s expected to generated at least $288 million annually to the State Road Fund, which funds roads and bridges and a portion of the highway patrol. The additional funds would allow the state to match federal funds at a higher level as well. Missouri has the 7th largest road system in the county and is near the bottom in funding. This increase would place the state around the middle in terms of funding.

There was discussion on the topic, including that the proposed increase still wouldn’t be enough to add new expansion projects.

1. **2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP**) – Several TAC members were not able to download the RTP. **Wade Wilken Jr. made a motion to table the agenda item until the next meeting. Johnnie Hoggatt seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
2. **Blueprint for Roadway Safety Grant –** The list of final scores and grant recipients was distributed to the TAC members.

**Other Business:**

1. **Scheduling the next TAC Meeting –** The next TAC meeting will be at 9:00 am, December 5, 2018. TAC members were reminded that transportation priorities would be voted on at this meeting.

**Meeting was adjourned.**