

MINUTES
MO-KAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 7, 2018
9:00 AM

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
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
Adam Watson - MoDOT

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 March 7, 2018, at the Mo-Kan Regional Council office, 224 North 7th Street, St. Joseph, MO. Bob Burnett, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:04 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 December 6, 2017, was made by Mike O’Donnell and seconded by Johnnie Hoggatt. Approved unanimously.**

Open Public Comment:
There was no public comment.

Old Business:
There was no old business.

New Business:

- 1. MoDOT Construction Updates** – Shannon Kusilek introduced Adam Watson, who is replacing Mike Rinehart as area engineer. Construction projects in the area were discussed. A project of interest included the curves on Highway 36, near Osborn, that will be addressed in early April.
- 2. Recent Project Awards/Upcoming Bid Openings** – None to announce at this time.

Shannon Kusilek said that he wasn't sure if there was enough support in the legislature for the 10 cent fuel tax and ½ cent sales tax that was discussed at the last meeting. There was discussion on different potential funding sources. Funding was \$8,000,000 less than projected for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). Public comment for the 5-year STIP will be in May.

Gary McFee informed the TAC of a meeting with the MoDOT Director, Patrick McKenna, in Cameron on March 16 to discuss the need for improvements at I-35 and Highway 36.

3. **Human Service Transportation Plan (HSTP)** – Mike Spady informed the TAC about the HSTP, which is updated every five years. The HSTP will identify public transportation needs and gaps in the Mo-Kan area (excluding the St. Joseph MPO area).
4. **Roadway Safety Assessment (RSA)** – The TAC members discussed and voted on the location of the RSA site. The RSA is a safety assessment of a problematic roadway site. The findings from the assessment are compiled into a report that's submitted to MoDOT and the jurisdiction responsible for that roadway. The results of the vote were:

Junction of US 59 and Highway K: 3 votes

Stretch from Savannah to Country Club Village on US 59/Business 71: 8 votes

The RSA will be conducted on US 59/Business 71 between Savannah and Country Club Village. Rebecca Thacker will set up the RSA date and TAC members are invited to be part of the assessment team.

5. **Joint TAC meeting** – The meeting will be held on Friday, June 1, in Trenton. The TACs from Green Hills RPC and NWMORCOG and St. Joseph MPO committee members are all invited to the luncheon.
6. **Blueprint for Roadway Safety Scoring Meeting** – The grant cycle is open until April 20. Communities and organizations with a roadway safety project or activity are encouraged to apply. The TAC will score the grant applications. A date has not been set at this time.
7. **Election of TAC Chair and Vice-Chair** – The TAC voted on a chair and vice-chair for a two-year term. The results of the vote were:

Chair: Bob Burnett (vote was unanimous)

Vice-Chair: Gary McFee (vote was unanimous)

Other Business:

1. **Scheduling the next TAC Meeting** – The Joint TAC meeting will be at 10:00 am, June 1, 2018, in Trenton.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 am.