

MINUTES
MO-KAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 4, 2020, 9:00 AM

VOTING MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Bob Caldwell – Andrew County
Bruce Lundy – Andrew County
Bob Burnett, Chair – Buchanan County
Johnnie Hoggatt – Buchanan County
Drew Bontrager – Clinton County
Bill Gray – DeKalb County

NON VOTING MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Shannon Kusilek – MoDOT
Dave Earls – MoDOT
Rebecca Thacker – Mo-Kan Regional Council

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kenneth Reeder – PCLA (Public Citizens Local Advocate)

A meeting of the Mo-Kan Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was held March 4, 2020 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 present.**
- 2. Minutes – A motion to approve minutes for the meeting on December 5, 2018 was made by Bob Burnett and seconded by Johnnie Hoggatt. Minutes were approved unanimously.** (Kenneth Reeder later pointed out that there was an error on New Business, Item #3, I-229 Study. The year “2021” should have been “2020”)

Open Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

- 1. Introduction of Mo-Kan’s New Executive Director** – Nicholas Hutchison recently became Mo-Kan’s new executive director. Rebecca Thacker explained that he was at a meeting in Jefferson City but that he will be at most Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings.
- 2. Passing of TAC member Don Dillman** - Don Dillman recently passed away. A memorial donation was made in his memory and a card sent to his family on behalf of the TAC. Bruce Lundy, with Andrew County, was attending the meeting due to the vacancy.
- 3. MoDOT Construction Update** – Shannon Kusilek informed the group that Adam Watson had retired and that Jennifer Sardigal would be taking over his duties.
- 4. Recent Project Awards/Upcoming Bid Openings** – Shannon Kusilek discussed awarded projects and upcoming bid openings. He said that the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) is being updated and that he will provide a map of projects in the Mo-Kan at the

next regular TAC meeting. In May or June the Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs) will have a meeting with MoDOT to identify Tier 1 (potential STIP projects) and Tier 2 (unfunded needs) projects. Shannon also told the group that the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding round would be opening in August. This grant is for non-motorized transportation, such as sidewalks and trails.

5. **By-Laws** – The group discussed changes to the by-laws. The attached document reflects the by-laws changes that will be voted on at the next regular TAC meeting.
6. **Reports from the 2016-2018 Roadway Safety Assessments (RSAs)** – MoDOT reports from three RSA were included in the packets that the TAC members received. The reports list what changes/improvements have been, will be, or under consideration at specific RSA locations. The 2019 RSA report will be sent to the City of Cameron when it becomes available.
7. **Transportation Priorities Review and Grant Opportunities** – Rebecca Thacker provided information about the BUILD grant and encouraged communities and counties to let her know about potential projects. She is also compiling a list of past transportation priorities and year they were programmed. That list is not complete yet.
8. **Regional Bike/Pedestrian Committee Formation** – A committee will be formed to identify potential bike/pedestrian projects in the Mo-Kan region and create a regional bike/pedestrian plan. The goal is to have potential projects better positioned for grant funding opportunities and to improve connectivity between projects, when possible. Several people, including Bob Burnett, Kenneth Reeder and Shannon Kusilek, offered suggestions on grants and people to ask about serving on the committee. **Drew Bontrager made the motion for the regional bike/pedestrian committee to operate as a sub-committee of the TAC. Bill Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Other Business:

1. **Scheduling the next TAC Meeting** – The next meeting is the annual NW Transportation Planning Partners meeting on Friday, June 4 in Albany. Save the Dates will be sent out.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 am.