

MINUTES
MO-KAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 24, 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
Patrick Clark – Clinton County (cc)
Scott Burnham – Buchanan County (cc)

NON VOTING MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Shannon Kusilek – MoDOT(cc)
Jennifer Sardigal – MoDOT (cc)
Dave Earls – MoDOT (cc)
Nic Hutchison – Mo-Kan Regional Council
Rebecca Thacker – Mo-Kan Regional Council

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kenneth Reeder – PCLA (Public Citizens Local Advocate)

(cc – conference call)

A meeting of the Mo-Kan Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was held June 24, 2020 at the Mo-Kan Regional Council office, 224 North 7th Street, St. Joseph, MO. Bob Burnett, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. **Roll call taken** - A quorum was not present at the beginning of the meeting.
2. **Minutes** – A vote on the minutes was taken later in the meeting since a quorum was not present.

Open Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

1. **Recent Project Awards/Upcoming Bid Openings** - Shannon Kusilek discussed awarded projects and upcoming bid openings. This included an on-call contract for Highway 36, I-229 resurfacing and resurfacing a long stretch of Hwy 71.
2. **MoDOT Construction Update** – Jennifer Sardigal gave a construction update. This included resurfacing on I-29, Frederick and Belt, Hwy 6 (also adding guard rails), Hwy 116 in Clinton County, as well as bridge replacements on Route D and on I-29.
3. **Reduced Revenues for MoDOT – Pandemic Economy** – Shannon Kusilek informed the group that there was a 30% reduction in gas tax revenues in April and there is expected to be a

cash shortfall in the trust fund revenues by November. May numbers are not in yet, but they are expected to be well below projected levels.

4. **Update on 2021 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)** – Shannon Kusilek explained how the STIP is typically updated every July with newly funded projects. With the economic uncertainty there will not be a new STIP released this year. Construction contracts that have been awarded will continue to move forward but most other construction projects scheduled to be bid will not go out to bid until the economic situation improves. If the funding situation improves, the STIP might be amended to add projects.
5. **STIP Project Prioritization** – Addressed in agenda #4 discussion.
6. **LPA/BRO Update** – David Earls gave an update on the BRO projects in the area and provided the information listed below.

MoKan BRO/STP Project Update			
County/City	Project	Location	Status
Buchanan	BRO-B011(31)	Bridge 1245001 over James Br	Design 80% Complete
Buchanan	BRO-B011(32)	Bridge 1270009 over Riley Br	Design 90% Complete
Buchanan	BRO-B011(33)	Bridge 1160004 over Jenkins Br	Design 75% Complete
DeKalb	BRO-B032(38)	Bridge 3250019 over Little 3 rd Fork	Advertised, Bid Opening 6/30/2020
Clinton	BRO-B025(21)	Bridge 2280012 over Clear Cr	Environmental and Prelim Plans, last update March.
Andrew	BRO-B002(45)	Bridge 3680000 over Hopkins Cr	Starting construction soon (probably started)
City of Cameron	STP-9900(126)	Grand and Walnut	Finished, working with Construction on closeout.
MPO Area TAP			
City of St Joseph	TAP-5304(105)	Pattee Branch Phase III Trail	Environmental
City of St Joseph	TAP-5304(106)	Chicago GWB Phase II Trail	Environmental
City of St Joseph	TAP-5303(101)	Pattee Branch Phase III Trail	In Construction

7. **Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)** – Shannon Kusilek explained that in 2018 TAP grant funds were allocated for 2018 and 2019. There will not be a TAP grant round until there is a new transportation bill allocating TAP funds. It is unknown when a new transportation bill will be passed.

A quorum was present. **Minutes - A motion to approve minutes for the meeting on March 4, 2020 was made by Bob Caldwell and seconded by Johnnie Hoggatt. Minutes were approved unanimously.**

8. **Miscellaneous Announcements** – Rebecca Thacker gave a few announcements including: Mo-Kan is in the process of updating sidewalk assessments: a new Blueprint for Roadway Safety update is being released: and the Bike/Ped Plan still is moving forward but very slowly. Drew Bontrager asked about the MoDOT RSA report for Hwy 36/Ensign Trace and receiving shape files for Cameron’s sidewalk assessment.

Other Business:

1. **Northwest Transportation Planning Partners Annual Meeting in Albany** – This was postponed from the original June 4 date and no new date is available at this time.
2. **Scheduling the next TAC Meeting** – September 2, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 am.