

**MINUTES
OF
THE OZARK FOOTHILLS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**APRIL 17, 2014
OZARK FOOTHILLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

OZARK FOOTHILLS RPC CONFERENCE ROOM, POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI

I. Call to Order

Chairman Brain Polk called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

II. Open for Public Discussion

Frank Carroll, Butler County, stated the creation of a 4-lane corridor from St. Louis, MO to Little Rock, AR through Highway 67 has been a priority of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) for many years. Highway 67 now has four lanes south of Poplar Bluff to the Highway 158/160 intersection. The bridge constructed over this intersection, however, is only two lanes, creating a bottleneck, as both directions coming into the bridge are four lanes. Mr. Carroll is concerned that this does not meet the TAC's prioritization for this project. The bridge is constructed with a column to permit widening, but currently it creates a bottleneck for traffic.

David Wyman, MoDOT Southeast District, will review the concern next week with Mr. Carroll. Mr. Wyman stated the new interchange is a significant improvement over the 2-way stop that was previously located there and the desire to finish the four lane to Arkansas was taken into account with the current construction. Both the bridge and exit ramps were supposed to be designed to be widened should progress continue south on Highway 67.

III. Adoption of February 20, 2014 Minutes

Minutes of the February 20, 2014 TAC meeting were reviewed. The minutes were adopted with a motion by Bill Kirkpatrick, Wayne County, and second by Darrell Dement, Reynolds County.

IV. Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Reports

MoDOT representatives stated tonight was important with the prioritization of potential projects, and they would defer their presentations in order to allow time needed for the process.

V. Transportation Planning Coordinator Report

Andrew Murphy, Ozark Foothills Transportation Planning Coordinator, reported that Ozark Border Electric Coop. has released the work order for installation of street lighting along the Poplar Bluff Industrial Park By-Pass. They are currently waiting on nicer weather to finish the project.

Bid concurrence was secured for the Doniphan Sidewalk Project. A pre-construction meeting was held March 31. Construction will begin on May 23rd after school has let out for the summer.

The Doniphan Quick Creek Park LWCF project has been granted an extension until June 2014 due to weather delays. The Doniphan High School trade class is constructing the restrooms.

Final inspection for the Piedmont Sidewalk Improvement Project has been approved and MoDOT is currently awaiting closing documents.

The Old Greenville Trail Project has been completed and all reimbursements have been received.

House Joint Resolution 68, legislation proposing a possible one-cent sales tax to be placed on the November ballot for voter consideration, passed the Missouri House of Representatives with a bi-partisan vote of 96 to 53. The Senate Transportation Committee took up the Resolution and passed it to the full Senate. The bill is expected to go to the Senate floor for debate next week.

VI. Old Business

Andrew Murphy reminded everyone that it is time for annual LPA training to be conducted. The known dates include St. Louis on June 17, Springfield on August 26, and Jefferson City on October 21, 2014. After speaking with Kenny Voss from MoDOT's Central Office, Mr. Murphy was happy to announce training will be held in the Southeast District towards the end of the year.

David Reynolds, Carter County, asked which individuals needed to participate in the training. It was clarified that any local public agency receiving or working with grants involving state or federal transportation funds needs a trained individual on staff recognized as the "Person of Responsible Charge." This includes local government, administrators, engineers, and contractors.

Chairman Polk asked for clarification if training needs to be repeated or if once you have participated you are finished. Elquin Auala, MoDOT Southeast District, explained that the training is required every two years, but for those trained in 2012, certifications have been extended to include the full calendar year of 2014.

VII. New Business

Mr. Murphy stated he would be collecting transportation needs at the Poplar Bluff Merchant Showcase at Three Rivers College on April 26.

Mr. Gail Hinshaw, Hinshaw & Associates, explained the prioritization method to be used to narrow the list of projects that were brought forward from the five countywide meetings held in March. All projects were to be provided to the TAC and each county would choose their top 12 projects based on results from the county meetings and cost estimates provided by MoDOT.

Once 60 projects were posted at the front of the room, each TAC member would receive one large blue dot and four small blue dots to be placed on any project within their county. After 30 projects were identified, TAC members from each county would explain why their projects were vital. After, TAC members would receive one large red dot and four small red dots to be placed on projects outside of their county representation. The following projects were then prioritized:

Project Description	County	Total Points
1. Eliminate one-lane bridges between Naylor and Doniphan	Ripley	54
2. Replace Hwy F bridge	Reynolds	40
3. Hwy 67 South four lane to state line	Butler	38
3. Route N; Widen and eliminate one lane bridge	Carter	38
5. Hwy 49 repair bridge over McKenzie Creek	Wayne	19
6. Hwy 49 and A straighten and widen from Highways 67 and 60	Wayne	18
7. I-57 to I-24 at Paduach (US 60) Cario - Bridge	Butler	16
8. Hwy B add shoulders, rumble strips and repave	Reynolds	15
9. Hwy 49 corridor widen and straighten throughout county	Wayne	13
10. Hwy 49 add shoulders, rumble strips and repave	Reynolds	10
11. Route A; Eliminate narrow bridge at Ellsinore	Carter	6
12. Remove dead hazardous trees from lettered routes	Carter	5
12. Improve VB Airport road	Carter	5
12. Straighten "S" curve on St. Hwy K	Ripley	5
12. Widen Road and entrance south Ind. Park HH Hwy	Wayne	5
16. Extend airport runway	Butler	4
16. Three Lane Township Line Rd from Oak Grove to 67	Butler	4
18. Improve US 60 to Interstate Standards PB to I-57	Butler	3
18. Sidewalks and Ramps	Carter	3
18. Build new Helipad at each end of County	Carter	3
18. Sidewalk construction and rehab in Williamsville	Wayne	3
18. Repair sidewalks in Greenville	Wayne	3
23. New Port @ confluence of Mississippi and Ohio Rivers	Butler	2
23. Fence and gate at VB Airport	Carter	2
23. Caution Light at Hwy 60 and A Hwy and V Hwy	Carter	2
26. Increase transit hours, routes, stops in town and rural areas	Butler	1
26. Modify Highway PP to township line (Forest Service)	Butler	1
26. Extension of Industrial Park to Hwy 53/Bypass from east of PB to South Industrial Park	Butler	1
26. Hwy 21 Overlay from Centerville to Ellington	Reynolds	1
26. Pedestrian bridge across RR trestle at Williamsville	Wayne	1

NOTE: Balance of money to be spent replacing one-lane bridges throughout the region.

VIII. General Discussion

No general discussion ensued.

IX. Adjournment

Ed Strenfel, Butler County, moved to adjourn. Chairman Brian Polk adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

TAC ATTENDANCE ROSTER

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Ms. Felicity Brady	Ozark Foothills RPC
Mr. Andrew Murphy	Ozark Foothills RPC
Mr. Ed Strenfel	Butler County
Mr. Frank Carroll	Butler County
Mr. Bill Robison	Butler County
Mr. Jeremy Grable	Butler County (Alternate)
Mr. Joe Leahy	Butler County (Alternate)
Mr. John Bailiff	Carter County
Mr. Mike Gossett	Carter County
Mr. Wayne Gibbs	Carter County
Mr. David Reynolds	Carter County
Ms. Elizabeth Reynolds	Carter County (Alternate)
Mr. Joe Loyd	Reynolds County
Mr. Doug Warren	Reynolds County
Ms. Renee Horn	Reynolds County
Mr. Darrell Dement	Reynolds County
Mr. Eddie Williams	Reynolds County (Alternate)
Mr. William Kennon	Ripley County
Mr. David Johnson	Ripley County
Mr. Jerry Halley	Ripley County
Mr. Brian Polk	Wayne County
Mr. Bill Kirkpatrick	Wayne County
Ms. Angela Smith	Wayne County
Mr. Harold Ellinghouse	Wayne County
Mr. Matthew Seiler	MoDOT Southeast
Mr. David Wyman	MoDOT Southeast
Mr. Joe Killian	MoDOT Southeast
Mr. Mike Brandon	MoDOT Southeast
Ms. Elquin Auala	MoDOT Southeast
Mr. Gail Hinshaw	Hinshaw & Associates
Ms. Tiffani Timbrook	MERS Goodwill Career Center
Ms. Becky Gibbs	Carter County Clerk

THOSE NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Don Anderson	Butler County
Mr. Jeff Darnell	Butler County
Mr. David Bowman	Carter County
Mr. Ben Pickett	Reynolds County
Mr. Steve Burke	Ripley County
Mr. Nick Ederer	Ripley County
Mr. Fred Bennett	Wayne County