

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

**JULY 11, 2019
OZARK FOOTHILLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

LIL BLACK RIVER CAFÉ, GRANDIN, MISSOURI

I. Call to Order

Chairman Brian Polk called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. Open for Public Discussion

No discussion ensued.

III. Adoption of April 11, 2019 Minutes

The minutes of the April 11, 2019 TAC meeting were reviewed. The minutes were adopted on a motion by Vince Lampe, Butler County, and second by Bill Robison, Butler County.

IV. Missouri Department of Transportation Reports

Mark Shelton, MoDOT Southeast District, reminded those in attendance to refrain from texting while driving and to wear their seat belt. MoDOT continues its on-going “Buckle Up Phone Down” campaign. Mr. Shelton asked those in attendance to pretend their phone doesn’t have service while driving.

Mike Brandon, MoDOT Southeast District, thanked the Ozark Foothills TAC and RPC for their work on the Governor’s Bridge Program. The list of identified bridges from across the Southeast District will be used by the Governor to show the public which projects will be accomplished with additional funding.

The new Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) became effective July 1, 2019. With that, work is already beginning for next year’s 5-year STIP. Mr. Brandon provided a handout of various work zone updates and lettings in the Ozark Foothills Region. The area can expect to see work on Highways 53, PP, 60, and 67 in Butler County, Highway 49 in Wayne County, Highway 21 in Reynolds County, and Highway 142 in Ripley County.

Chris Crocker, MoDOT Southeast District, provided an update of a bridge repair in the City of Piedmont. The state was able to move some funding around to be able to use BRO funding for the bridge; that project will now move forward. The Carter County Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) grant will be moving forward soon as well.

In regards to the BRO rescission, MoDOT will move forward all projects that have been

obligated for PE funding. Ripley County and Neelyville recently received PE funding, so those two entities will have projects processed before the rescission. This plan will lower the amount of dollars to be rescinded, as MoDOT still has an internal rescission date of October 2019.

Joe Loyd, Reynolds County, asked about projects that were ranked last year. For example, the Highway 76 Bike Route was the number one project last year; where does it stand regarding placement within the STIP?

Mike Brandon covered the 15 projects that were prioritized in 2018. If the project is not in the STIP, it should be prioritized again if the county still wants to see the project move forward. If a county only received a portion of a project prioritized last year, and the county would still like to see the project completed, the project should be prioritized again this year.

V. Transportation Planning Coordinator Report

Regarding the Poplar Bluff Railroad Overpass Project, Ozark Foothills Transportation Planning Coordinator Andrew Murphy informed the TAC that girders and retaining walls are in place and the at-grade crossing has been officially removed. Concrete should begin to be poured soon. The contractor has provided a new completion date of September 2019.

Mr. Murphy announced that the Missouri Department of Natural Resource (MoDNR) performed a site inspection in Doniphan for the Riverfront Park Pickleball Project that was submitted to the Land and Water Conservation Fund. MoDNR is recommending the project for funding to the National Park Service with notice of award or denial coming in the fall.

Mr. Murphy announced that three applications were submitted to the Community Development Block Grant program for paving. Butler County is requesting \$180,000 to assist in paving County Road 639. The City of Qulin is seeking \$255,111 for repairing and overlaying portions of First Street, Second Street, Fourth Street, Fifth Street, and Connecticut Street. Lastly, the City of Fisk is seeking \$249,077 to assist with repairing and overlaying sections of 7th Street, Lincoln Street, 6th Street, Emma Street, Dale Street, and Second Street with some drainage repairs along Second Street as well.

The next LPA Advisory Committee meeting is July 18th in Jefferson City. More details regarding the BRO funds rescission should be covered. After the meeting, Mr. Murphy will send to the TAC members any information he is provided via e-mail.

Mr. Murphy informed the TAC that he attended the Transportation Planner's quarterly meeting in Jefferson City in June. One of the topics discussed included the amount of public engagement the TACs from around the state receive. Approximately half of the TACs conduct no public engagement while the other half collects public engagement through meetings or online surveys. Those TACs receive around 20-30 comments annually. The Ozark Foothills TAC has received around 130 comments from the Ag Expo alone. Meetings are also held in each county; and, most years the TAC is represented in a second event. The Ozark Foothills region receives roughly four times the amount of public feedback than the next most publically engaged TAC in the state.

VI. Old Business

Mr. Murphy announced the updated Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), adopted by the TAC in April 2019, was adopted by the OFRPC Board of Directors in June, submitted to MoDOT, and posted upon the OFRPC website.

VII. New Business

Mr. Murphy provided a letter from the Missouri Association Councils of Government (MACOG) that was addressed to U.S. Senator Roy Blunt regarding the repeal of the FAST Act Budget Rescission, which will greatly affect the BRO Program. Mr. Murphy informed the TAC that he could write a similar letter to be signed by Chairman Polk and submitted to the region's federal representatives if the TAC would like to submit such a letter. The Ozark Foothills RPC is a member of MACOG, and as such, this letter can stand on its own if the TAC does not wish to submit a separate letter. With a motion by Joe Loyd, and second by Wayne Gibbs, Carter County, all were in favor of the Ozark Foothills TAC submitting a letter encouraging the repeal of the federal rescission.

Next, the committee divided into five groupings separated by county. Ballots for projects, maintenance, and multi-modal needs were presented for use in the prioritization process and the voting procedure was explained. Each individual could cast five votes; a minimum of one had to be used for a project in a county outside of the voter's county of representation. Each TAC member could then cast the remaining four votes to any project or projects he or she desired. Discussion ensued and needs were then prioritized. The ballot sheets with the total number of votes for each project are attached.

VIII. General Discussion

No discussion ensued.

IX. Adjournment

Vince Lampe moved to adjourn. Chairman Polk adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

OZARK FOOTHILLS TAC PROJECT PRIORITIES

# of Votes	Project/ Description	AADT	Commercial Volume	Average Crashes per year	Injuries 3 year avgs	Fatalities 3 year avgs	< 3-year avgs2016-2018
20	Butler: 4-lane Highway 67 from Highway 160 to the state line	5,738	1,584	15.67	4.67	0.33	
	Butler: Route T – 2 foot asphalt shoulders from Butler County line to Highway 60	4,147	394	19.67	9.67	0.67	
	Butler: Route M: Add shoulders and level hill or reroute County Road 459/M Highway junction and straighten Twin Springs Hill	3,380	124	12	3	0.67	
25	Carter: Overlay and add shoulders to D Highway	819	88	0.67	0.33	0	
	Carter: RT A Eliminate narrow bridge in Ellsinore	1,343	78	0.33	0.33	0	
	Carter: RT N Widen and eliminate one-lane bridge over Middle Brushy Creek	343	10	0	0	0	
	Reynolds: HWY K Add shoulders from Ellington to Annapolis	320	34	3.67	1.67	0.33	
24	Reynolds: Add bike lane for TransAmerica Bike Trail on Highway 76 Bike Route	694	109	12	4	1.33	
	Reynolds: Guardrails on Highway 106 at landslide area	604	88	0	0	0	
22	Ripley: MO-142 Eliminate three one-lane bridges between Naylor and Doniphan: Rt. 142 Ditch No. 2 Bridge over Harris Creek and another	1,198 1,096	241 222	13.33	4.67	0.33	
1	Ripley: Highway 142 West at Gatewood, replace narrow bridge	410	106	0.67	0	0	
	Ripley: Repair Highway 21 South at Briar Creek – Dip in road from flooding	1806	154	2.66	0.33	0	
15	Wayne: Low water Dip on C Highway approximately 1 mile northwest of C & E Junction	222	24	1.33	0.67	0	
12	Wayne: Safety Shoulders on Highway 49 from Highway 67 to Mill Spring and Piedmont to Iron County line and widen existing box culverts	340 1730	34 106	4 6.66	1.33 0	0 0	
1	Wayne: Repair small bridge on A Highway (1/2 mile west of Hwy 67) with large box culvert	808	73	2	0.67	0	

OZARK FOOTHILLS TAC MAINTENANCE PRIORITIES

# of Votes	Project/ Description	AADT	Commer cial Volume	Number of Crashes 3 year avgs	Injuries 3 year avgs	Fatalities 3 year avgs	< 3-year avgs2016-2018
	Butler: Resurface Route O	262	16	2	0.33	0.33	
	Butler: Resurface Route JJ	420	14	0.33	0	0	
20	Butler: Resurface Route NN	746	4	4.66	0	0	
26	Carter: Redesign median crossover of Highway V & Highway A at Highway 60 in Ellsinore	1,734 1,734	184 178	0.67 1.33	0.67 0.33	0 0.33	
	Carter: Overlay Highway V & H in East Carter County	300 256	30 16	3.33 1.67	1 0	0.33 0	
	Carter: Add Shoulders and rumblestrips to Highway 103	162	12	1.66	0	0	
2	Reynolds: Overlay O Highway	270	30	0	0	0	
24	Reynolds: Repair 3 bridges over Black River on Highway 21 where bridges connect with Highway	1434	69	0	0	0	
	Reynolds: Highway 72 overlay from 72/21 Junction to 72/32 Junction	730	134	5.67	1	0	
21	Ripley: E Highway South form 142 E to Ark. State Line	620	64	5	1	0	
1	Ripley: Add Shoulders on Highway 160 W from Doniphan to C Highway	1,129	158	15	6.33	0	
	Ripley: Overlay EE Highway	199	26	0	0	0	
13	Wayne: HWY 49 Resurface from Williamsville to Iron County Line	1,628	126	22	7	1	
6	Wayne: Overlay Route 49 from Highway 67 to west of Junction of Route A	340	34	4.33	1.33	0.33	
7	Wayne: Overlay Route A from west of junction of Highway 49 to US Highway 60 East	614	50	4.67	0.33	0.33	

OZARK FOOTHILLS TAC MULTI-MODAL PRIORITIES

# of Votes	Project/ Description	AADT		Number of Crashes 3 year avgs	Injuries 3 year avgs	Fatalities 3 year avgs
17	Butler: Extend the Poplar Bluff airport runway					
1	Butler: Improve Amtrak Depot service facility					
1	Butler: Pedestrian Overpass over Railroad along Highway 53					
23	Carter: Construct new helipads					
	Carter: Improve road to the Van Buren Airport					
	Carter: Ramps for various sidewalks in Van Buren					
24	Reynolds: Add bike lane for TransAmerica Bike Trail on Highway 76 Bike Route					
	Reynolds: Sidewalk repair/construction in City of Ellington					
6	Reynolds: Sidewalk repair/construction in Bunker on Main and 4 th Streets					
17	Ripley: Add/repair sidewalks on Walnut Street, from Summit to Highway Street, and Highway Street from Lafayette to Walnut Street, for safe pedestrian and wheelchair access to north end of shopping center					
4	Ripley: Sidewalks on Highway 142 E (Walnut Street) and west on Washington Street to Courthouse					
7	Ripley: Ellington to Van Buren to Grandin to Doniphan bike trail extension that ties in with TransAmerica Trail in Ellington					
4	Wayne: Extend pedestrian trail to tie Handy Park to existing trail system in Piedmont					
8	Wayne: Sidewalk construction on Cemetery Road in Williamsville					
8	Wayne: Sidewalk repair/construction in City of Greenville					

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TAC ATTENDANCE ROSTER

July 11, 2019

Mr. Andrew Murphy	Ozark Foothills RPC
Mr. Vince Lampe	Butler County
Mr. Dennis LeGrand	Butler County
Mr. Don Anderson	Butler County
Mr. Jeff Darnell	Butler County
Mr. Bill Robison	Butler County
Mr. Ron Keeney	Carter County
Mr. Mike Gossett	Carter County
Mr. Wayne Gibbs	Carter County
Ms. Becky Gibbs	Carter County (alternate)
Mr. Tom Wilder	Carter County
Mr. Joe Loyd	Reynolds County
Mr. Doug Warren	Reynolds County
Ms. Renee Horn	Reynolds County
Ms. Denise Smith	Reynolds County (alternate)
Mr. Renee Warren	Reynolds County (alternate)
Mr. Jesse Roy	Ripley County
Mr. Gary Emmons	Ripley County
Mr. Dennis Cox	Ripley County
Ms. Rickie Maples	Ripley County
Mr. Brian Polk	Wayne County
Mr. Chad Henson	Wayne County
Ms. Angela Smith	Wayne County
Ms. Georgia Woods	Wayne County (alternate)
Ms. Sandy Joy	Wayne County (alternate)
Mr. Mark Shelton	MoDOT Southeast District
Mr. Mike Brandon	MoDOT Southeast District
Mr. David Wyman	MoDOT Southeast District
Mr. Chris Crocker	MoDOT Southeast District
Ms. Elquin Auala	MoDOT Southeast District
Mr. Jay Lancaster	City of Sikeston/Bootheel TAC

THOSE NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Jordan Collins	Carter County
Mr. Eddie Williams	Reynolds County
Mr. Darrell Dement	Reynolds County
Ms. Tami Hale	Ripley County
Mr. Bill Kirkpatrick	Wayne County
Mr. Doug Wood	Wayne County