



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Attending: Todd Wiesehan (Christian), Kim Kinder (Dade), Hollie Elliott (Dallas), Mark Webb (Greene), Joel Keller (Greene), Tim Selvey (Lawrence), Chris Daugherty (Stone), Hank Smythe (Stone), Randy Reed (Stone) Cody Stice (Taney), Stan Whitehurst (Webster), Sam Rost (Webster), Randy Owens (Webster)

Beth Schaller (MoDOT), Jason Ray (SMCOG), Aishwarya Shrestha (SMCOG), Courtney Pinkham (SMCOG), Pratika Banjara (SMCOG), Mike Ussery (Senator Schmitt), David Knaut (OTO), Rene Frazier (OATS)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Todd Wiesehan.

1. Introductions and Pledge

Self-introductions were made.

2. Approval of the agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Randy Reed motion, seconded by Hank Smythe. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Approval of August 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve August 14, 2024, meeting minutes made by Tim Selvey, motion seconded by Randy Reed. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. SMCOG Staff Update

Aishwarya Shrestha mentioned that the SW MoDOT District Prioritization Workshop is scheduled for November 20. Anyone who would like to attend the workshop should contact her.

Aishwarya highlighted the first Multi-Modal Transportation Advisory Committee (MMTAC) will take place right after this TAC meeting at the Library Station.

Aishwarya highlighted the Recreational Trails Program grant. The 2025 grant round is expected to open in mid-December.

5. MoDOT Update

Beth Schaller shared that they have their planning workshop on the 20th of November. This meeting will prioritize the transportation needs of all SW District planning partners. MoDOT has a lot of construction projects wrapping up for the season. James River Freeway project is almost completed. They are wrapping up some of the bridge projects in Taney County. The new Long Creek Bridge will be completed next month, and demolition of the original bridge will happen in Spring 2025.

6. MPO Update

David Knaut mentioned that OTO will discuss STIP priorities on November 21. OTO's number one priority is the designation of Highway 65 and James River Freeway as interstate.

7. Legislative Reports

Mike Ussery stated that the legislation is still in session. He mentioned that the Continuing Resolution is through December 20.

8. Other Member Updates & Guest Reports

Todd Wiesehan announced that Tim Selvey is retiring from the TAC and thanked him for his years of service.

Beth Schaller stated that MoDOT will announce the new MoDOT director today at 10 am.

9. Other Business

None.

10. Adjourn by Chair

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Todd Wiesehan.

The next meeting will be on January 15, 2025.

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