



## Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Library Center, December 17, 2014

**Attending:** Matt Hough, Jered Taylor, Andy Mueller, Curtis Owens, Andrew Seiler, Dan Broyles, Rick Davis, Tracy Slagle, Todd Wiesehan, Nancy Edson, Mike Randall, Buddy Roberts, Stacy Burks, Beth Schaller, Howard Fisk, David Rauch, Dennis Wood, Heath Pickerill, Cherry Warren, Stan Whitehurst, Joel Keller

**Approval of September 10, 2014 Minutes:** Howard Fisk motioned and Buddy Roberts seconded to accept the minutes. Motion Approved.

### **Andrew Seiler, MoDOT**

Mr. Seiler passed around a summary of upcoming projects. Long-term funding has not changed or gotten any better. Not much is expected to happen at the federal level. Raising the gas tax .02 cents would not be required to go to vote under the Hancock Amendment, but there may not be political will to do this. A .02 cent raise would raise about \$50 million per year. Bridges are also a major concern at this point. Current projections show that base-line funding needs are not met by the current budget. There is also a commission study to toll I70. This would free up a large amount of money for other parts of the state.

Mr. Seiler passed around a list of Transportation Alternatives projects that will receive funding in our area.

The EPA is taking comments on Air Quality standards for Ozone. EPA should release new standards by October 2015. If the standard is lowered to 70ppm or lower, many counties in the SMOG region will not be in attainment.

### **Curtis Owens, OTO**

TAP program scoring for OTO will occur in January. 5310 program has wrapped up for the OTO region. 5 vehicles were awarded and some other ADA type projects.

### **David Rauch, Senator McCaskill's Office:**

The current extension for authorization bill, MAP-21, expires in May. Several funding scenarios have been floated, one is a 12 cent increase in gas tax; however, the fuel tax is not viewed as a sustainable model for transportation funding.

Different methods for funding transportation were discussed to compensate for the lower fuel tax revenues. Use tax (miles driven), container tax, license.

### **Steve McIntosh, Senator Blunt's Office:**

The Highway Trust Fund is expected to run out of money prior to the authorization bill expiring. That conversation will be starting soon.

### **Jered Taylor, Congressman Long's Office:**

Jered Taylor introduced his replacement, Matt Hough.

**Public Participation, Review of MoDOT's Planning Framework--Dan Watts:**

Mr. Watts presented the current transportation needs list to the TAC for formal approval to be included in the Regional Transportation Plan.

Rick Davis motioned and Buddy Roberts seconded to accept the current needs list. Motion Approved.

**LTAP—Heath Pickerill**

Mr. Pickerill detailed the activities of the LTAP (Local Technical Assistance Program) and highlighted trainings available throughout the year.

**Adjourn:**