



**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Alumni Center – Hospitality Room, November 8, 2006**

**Attending:** Robert Walster, Jack Swearingen, Ken Bacon, Bill Monday, Steve Coller, Nancy Edson, Al Moon, David Miller, George Cutbirth, Joel Keller, Steve McIntosh, Natasha Longpine, Frank Miller, Dana Loughderbaugh, Rick Davis, Bill Marshall

**SMCOG Staff:** Dan Watts

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Motion to Open Meeting: *Coller/Fisk*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from Oct 11, 2006 meeting approved. *Monday/Coller*

**OZARK TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION (OTO) – NATASHA LONGPINE**

The MPO has been busy rapping up work on North/South corridor study. They are not sure what is going to happen yet. Also working on transit development plan. MPO is in the process of talking with elected officials for some kind of coordination/transit plan. Coordination. Working on transit plan for City of Ozark. MPO is working with University of Missouri and SMCOG on a joint transportation land use study. Working on a cost calculator that will measure the different impacts on transportation/land use. Developing a new website that will go live by first of the year.

**MODOT UPDATE -- FRANK MILLER**

Nov 230pm @16 Keeter center ribbon cutting. Taney County to Rt. 65, work continues. West bypass work continues to I44. I44 and 65 will start working on bridge tiers. Opened route 160 bride west, North Dade County. Guard cable project is rapping up.

*Steve Collar:* Just north of home depot resurface on 65? *Miller:* Yes, part of smooth roads initiative in Taney County.

**OATS-**

No Report Given

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

**Senator Bond's Office**

No report given.

### **Senator Talent's Office**

No report given.

### **Congressman Blunt's Office**

No Report Given.

### **Dade County—Bill Marshall**

Dade County has the distinction has the of being furthest from any 4 lane hwy's. All the needs on list are very important to Dade for economic and safety. Most needs are repeats of former years.

The North Intersection of Hwy 39 and 160 needs changed to bring 39 squarely into 160. The "V" shaped intersection causes people to have to crane their heads to look for oncoming traffic, and there have been several accidents. MoDOT put in some stripping.

Other needs on Dade's list include: Son's Creek Bridge on Hwy 97; road needs straightened on curve west of Terrytown on Hwy 160; Route H going north of Greenfield from Hwy 160 is narrow and curvy with numerous hills; Pennington Seed in Greenfield generates a large amount of 18-wheeler traffic necessitating a need for a turn lane; City of Greenfield requests No Parking zones near the convenience stores on Hwy 39 and 160; Hwy 160 and Hwy 39 are narrow and curvy with no shoulders in Dade County.

*Nancy Edson* asked: With Pennington seed is there any way you can get them to help out with a turn lane in Greenfield.

*David Miller*: Did the son's creek make it on the list for 800? *Frank Miller*: Not sure will have to check

### **Dallas County-- Ken Bacon**

We have a 73 coming into Buffalo from the north, and through town have Ingall's center. This causes a problem with pedestrians and semis. To divert semi traffic though town, one mile north of Buffalo take the 73 bypass across, it's only one mile wide. To make this work Dallas has to come up with dollar for dollar. We don't have this kind of money. We came up with the 500k to help match with MoDOT but it came from land owners and banks, donations of land etc. We relied on schools that bought land, but they are landlocked out there. Visited with Dale Ricks and we are pleased that we came up with some money to help alleviate these problems.

From the north there is a two lane that needs to be widened, where it comes from four lane it runs into two lane. This is going to need a third turn lane in the future. From the south we already have that third lane. On the north side of buffalo we have problems. November 30 from 4 to 7 pm there is going to be a public meeting at O'Bannons south regarding the new highway. We have come up with the money to take care of most of this. We need to get it signed and sealed. If any one of the commitments falls through this could fail.

Right now traffic is coming at Truman road behind the Roy Heard building. Walmart is coming Monday to build on Truman road. They are doing core drilling and traffic study. School is building up on the east side. 65 and 73 touches on the economic development on the south and north end. We see with school being on the other side of road that a traffic light is needed south of Buffalo.

On up into the square, we need a stop light there badly.

*Nancy Edson:* Have they done a CID study? *Bacon:* We haven't gotten that far yet

### **Greene County—Joel Keller, Dana Louderbaugh**

Fair grove is growing by leaps and bounds

Already have sewer expansion. Old Mill Road will be commercial. There are many businesses Summerfresh and others are causing traffic backups. 125 is bumper to bumper in the morning. Traffic keeps flowing only if someone lets someone else through. The school is building onto the high school, adding in the short term and building a whole new school in the future. We are growing at 4 to 6% every year with out exception. Developer has been approved to put in a Sonic. He is purchasing the land and Sonic has approved. Developers are thinking of putting in strip mall next to the post office. There is nothing left south so they are going north. It is going to keep expanding at a rapid rate. We need turn lane down 125 to stay ahead. At main and orchard and swan it is defiantly needed.

Dana is going to say what Mr. Bacon said earlier. Fair Grove's whole budget is 500k per year. This of course does not go along way, and without MoDOT and Greene county's help it is impossible. The only tax that we have comes from Summerfresh and it is good but many still go to Springfield to shop at the super centers. Something is going to have to be done with all the infrastructure but right now it is just to narrow and with the budget restraints it is impossible to do. *Ken Bacon:* We may need to call on MoDOT to come and educate people about infrastructure. It should be in the planning process and it is not. *Frank Miller:* This defiantly needs to be part of the considerations. *Robert Walster:* 174 and north main has had more accidents and school system has just been approved for new building. *Frank Miller:* We are trying to get more communication with the schools. Maybe "Safe Routes to Schools," can be one avenue to do this. *Dana Loughderbaugh:* With new school coming in does MoDOT help even if these are city streets? *Frank Miller:* This happened in Republic once we educated them about their site and what it was going to do with traffic they (the school district) changed their location.

*Steve Collar:* This is not just schools...new hospital in Lamar.

*Robert Walster:* Can't MoDOT make districts come to them first?

*Frank Miller:* No it is tied into building permits.

*Joel Keller:* 125 corridor is only connection to East and West sides. In Rogersville, Us 60 and 243, that is the road we have had some issues on. Marked increase in accidents on 253. People have to crane their heads.

Traffic study near the sports complex. FR 247 is going to be closed when new sports complex goes in. There will be a bypass heading west on hwy 60. FR243 is a backway to highs school. This sees a huge amount of traffic. There is a hill and no turn lane. Visibility issues necessitate widening of shoulder at 243. Closures at 253 and 243 will help promote limited access to 60.

West US 60 corridor study from James River Freeway to State Hwy 39. We want to see that go all the way to Rogersville US 160 and Hwy 123 to Dade County Line.

### **Polk County—Rick Davis**

The bridge on Hwy 215 is too narrow. State has done surveys, and with the plant opening north of Pleasant Hope there will be 80 to 100 trucks coming across this bridge. They would like to straighten out the road (215) by building to the left. High water shuts down the whole east side of Pleasant Hope, due to low water bridge. Most serious problem, for Polk is on east side of flood plain.

The drop off on 215 needs guard-rail or cables.

Several accidents at intersection of Z and H due to visibility issues.

The two bridges are the most pressing concerns. Pleasant Hope has done a traffic survey, no information on that yet. On H there is going to be 350 houses put in south of Pleasant Hope. On Pirate Lane there is a blind hill and there are 45 and 95 houses going in to the right and left of Pirate Lane. New schools being proposed are also being proposed. Lower the speed limit to 35mph would help with safety on Hwy 215 about 500 feet west of Pirate Lane. There is a hill that prevents visibility. There is a stop sign at the base of hill on Pirate, on H (south east of Pirate Lane) there are two sub divisions that have been put in.

### **Taney County—Al Moon, David Miller**

Put lots of money going into Branson. Hwy 76 and highroad: Interchange goes from 4 lanes down to 2 lanes and we would like to see this stay at 4 lanes. One solution is: highroad to be extended south towards the dam to divert traffic or additional lanes going east and west.

Hwy 248 from Highroad to underground. More students are using interchange because of high school. Going to be a golf course and a bunch of traffic from new Commerce Park. This will be a mix of residential, industrial and commercial. There are 300 homes planned in there. Most of that traffic is going to come out of Hwy248. Needs to be straightened and widened to four lanes to keep traffic flowing.

76 and 376: Hwy 376 is new road. We are blessed with too much business. When celebration city traffic lets out, they want to turn and they block the interchange. This has caused accidents and needs a solution.

160 in Forsyth: John Elliot brought this problem. Extremely narrow with bluffs and large drop offs. We are going to have new judicial facility going in just south of Forsyth, near Davis Street. There is new business going in. He wants 160 widened out, but at minimum a turn lane through town. He really wants a four lane.

160 to 65 county line: Very winding twisting road that poses a real problem in winter. Commuter traffic into Branson is causing congestion as well as tourist traffic into Branson. We would like to see it widened out and shoulders added. Need to have a place for traffic to go if there is an accident.

165 from 76 to 265: Rt 765 and T Hwy is a safety issue. There are a lot of things going on, on T Hwy. People have to stop to make turns causing a lot of rear ends and t-bones with people getting impatient.

East west corridor: This would eliminate the need for building a new bridge. This is also a safety issue for grade school on 76, where Diamond interchange is located. There are government buildings for Hollister. Accidents have to be dealt with going the long way around to avoid 76 and the traffic and this would help to alleviate the congestion.

*Bill Monday:* Can you get us a schedule for all of next year?

### **Stone County—George Cutbirth**

Each month is record setting for new requests for development

South on 413 from 60 from Christian and Stone County line, the 4 foot shoulders from 60 disappear. This a real safety problem due to very limited visibility. Shouldering is needed very badly. Traffic stops because of the accidents

Hwy 13 project: alt is in progress going around Branson West, but is only a temporary relief. This is currently under scoping and design. Public hearing has been cancelled and has so far been delayed

Much revenue comes into the area from tourism. Hwy 13 is tremendously important. Branson West has broken ground on the airport including warehousing etc.

We are in the process of creating a TDD in conjunction with Silver Dollar City. We have a lot of crossover with Taney County. We are in the process of doing a study with J. Winn associates to study 76 across Taney and Stone Counties. We are not sitting on our hands but we are at the

point where we just don't know how far we can go along. Needs don't change but they just keep getting larger. There are a lot of demands on budgets. Taney and Stone County provide a tremendous amount of revenue going into the state coffers. Much of this goes to MoDOT and it is very important that some of this money finds its way to stone to spur more economic activity.

Crane is one of those sleepy hollow towns that is on the edge of busting at the seams. Because we are seeing people come in here from all over the world due to the price of real estate and cost of living. Recent survey show that this is one of the greatest demands for real estate.

**Motion to Adjourn:** *Robert Walster/Al Moon*