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OPEN MEETING NOTICE

MISSOURI STP/BR PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

March 9, 2010

1:30 – 4:00 PM

Board Room, MARC Offices

600 Broadway, Suite 200, Kansas City, Missouri 64105

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve the February 2, 2010 Meeting Summary (attached)*
3. Missouri Investment Scenario Priorities
Discuss actions taken by TTPC and next steps on the 2010 Missouri Investment Scenario.
4. ARRA Program*
Discuss the status of the ARRA program balance and the potential reallocation of program cost savings.
5. MARC Functional Classification System
Discuss the development of a "future" functional classification map.
6. Other Business
7. STP/BR Reasonable Progress Update
8. STP/BR Funding History by Jurisdiction
Discuss spreadsheet tools to track allocation history of STP/BR funds.
9. Adjournment

* Action Items

Next Regular Meeting: April 13, 2010

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Missouri STP/BR Priorities Committee
March 9, 2010
Meeting Summary

Voting Members:

Chuck Owsley, Chair, City of Lee's Summit
Oliver DeGrate, Vice-Chair, City of Blue Springs
Linda Clark, MoDOT
Jeff Fisher, City of Grain Valley
Steve Hansen, City of Liberty
Stan Harris, City of Kansas City
Patty Hilderbrand, City of Kansas City
Duane Jackson, Clay County
Ben McCabe, City of Belton
Dena Mezger, City of Lee's Summit
Tim Nebergall, City of Gladstone
John Powell, City of Independence
Mark Randall, City of Pleasant Hill
Dennis Randolph, City of Grandview
Chad Thompson, City of Kansas City

MARC Staff:

Ron Achelpohl	Jim Hubbell
Terry Anderson	Darryl Fields
Marc Hansen	Tom Gerend
Muril Stone	Nick Freeman

Others:

Jeff Cremer, MoDOT
Vincent Gauthier, Port Authority of Kansas City
Gregg Gehrig, Port Authority of Kansas City
Lee Ann Kell, MoDOT
Emily Lomaka, Labor-Management Fair Contracting Foundation
Ron McLinden, Transit Action Network
Tim McEldowney, Affinis
Helen Madison, MoDOT
Marty Matthews, Labor-Management Fair Contracting Foundation
Bob O'Brien, City of Peculiar
Michael Park, City of Lee's Summit
Kevin Smith, Port Authority of Kansas City

1. Welcome

Chuck Owsley welcomed attendees and opened the meeting with introductions.

2. Approval of Meeting Summary

MOTION: Oliver DeGrate moved and Steve Hanson seconded to approve the February 2, 2010 meeting summary as drafted, the motion carried.

3. Missouri Investment Scenario Priorities

Ron Achelpohl shared that the recommended priorities list of state system major projects this committee sent to TTPC last month ended up being modified and Section 6.c. of the handout provided today, "MARC Position on 2010 "Missouri Investment Scenario" reflects the list of projects that were approved by TTPC and adopted by the MARC Board of Directors on March 2, 2010. The following is a review of the handout: 1) MARC acknowledges the need for increased funding for statewide, multi-modal transportation priorities in both Missouri and Kansas, 2) MARC understands the need for a public vote for any significant increase in state revenues for transportation in Missouri, but would prefer that any such proposal be addressed through the legislative process by the General Assembly and governor rather than through an ad hoc initiative petition process. 3) at this time, MARC takes no position in support of or in opposition to the use of any specific source of revenue to provide increased statewide transportation funding. 4) MARC supports the following elements of the MO Investment Scenario presented by MoDOT on December 4th: system preservation, safety program, multi-modal transportation, cooperative decision-making, predictable funding and partnerships with local governments. 5) MARC offers the following recommendations to strengthen this scenario: a. Modify the "other ways to get around" program by: dedicating funds for transit operations and capital investments of at least \$100M per year to be divided equitably among the urban and rural regions in the State; dedicating additional statewide funds for AMTRAK operations; include improvements to ports, waterways, rail corridors and other freight-related projects as eligible uses of the "Economic Development and Cost Share" program; and reasonable and appropriate accommodations for pedestrians and bicycle transportation should be integrated into all projects funded by the state; b) complete planning for I-70, c) revise the geographic distribution formula for new funds; d) provide some contingency to address unforeseen needs; 6) MARC recommends the following distribution of new state transportation funds allocated annually to the Kansas City metropolitan planning area: a) at least \$25M/year for public transportation operations and capital investments, b) \$12M/year for TCOS, or half of the Flexible Funds category, c) the balance for the following Major Project in priority order:

- I-70 at I-435 interchange improvements,
- I-435: N 48th Street to MO River Corridor improvements,
- US-71: 155th Street to North Cass Pkwy Corridor improvements, and
- MO-92: Leavenworth to Smithville improvements.

The list of these four projects was forwarded to MoDOT as part of the MoDOT Investment Scenario Exercise.

The status of MoDOT's February exercise in Jefferson City that several committee members attended: the information is helpful to MoDOT, MoDOT is looking at major projects and is assembling a list of projects to begin scope work but there is not an expectation of additional discussion about new state revenues in the General Assembly or by the MO Transportation Alliance that had been looking at an initiative petition process to raise state revenues for state transportation investments. Their chairman of the Board, former State Senator Bill McKenna, presented at TTPC of their reaction on this recommendation and later we heard they voted to not pursue the petition process until after the elections in 2011. MoDOT is still looking to this committee to provide additional recommendations on state system projects. A process needs to be determined and to start with, Ron suggested looking at the constrained major projects list created by the Highway Committee and he proposed the review take place during the Priorities committee's May meeting by working off of TTPC's approved list and then have the Board approve it at their May meeting. Ron asked MoDOT staff if there were concerns on the proposed schedule. Ms. Clark expressed concerns with the delay since several projects require NEPA clearance. Staff is getting ready now and this will delay their process by waiting for a list in June. Chair Owsley stated that direction was not provided from TTPC. Ms. Kell also shared concern with a June date but May was a hopeful date. Tom Gerend was hopeful that the list will not be drastically changed. The Long Range subcommittee has reviewed the constrained project list with no opposition and plan to forward it to TTPC this month for their initial review.

Chuck continued: the projects that were not on the list for urban projects are on the financially constrained list so there will not be anything new for this committee or TTPC to review. Sees the situation as an issue for Kansas City to provide a prioritized list of their projects and Stan Harris indicated he would ask their officials to provide direction and would share feedback at the committee's April meeting. Ms. Kell asked that this subject be added to the next Long Range Planning Subcommittee's agenda this month to provide direction for the committee and assist in our attempt to meet MoDOT's deadline. Tom Gerend agreed.

Ron suggested reviewing the long corridor projects for segmenting, if possible. Ms. Clark shared that MoDOT kept projects large because NEPA does not allow segmenting projects. Discussed that MoDOT could get started on the four projects that have been adopted and Mr. Owsley recommended reviewing the list again before it is taken back to TTPC.

Chair Owsley and Patty Hilderbrand shared the activities of the Jefferson City meeting – interesting process... the number of projects compared to the amount of funding available. Pete Rahn began the day sharing the financial situation - every letting has been cancelled for February and March. Patty Hilderbrand asked about possible cost share funds? MoDOT staff responded that will need to be discussed per project. Chuck continued that each District scored their own projects; Patty shared being surprised that there was no discussion across districts (due to lack of time). The only District 4 project that made it on the final list: rural project on Hwy 13, not even one of our high priorities. Only had time to discuss the rural projects so would like input if you would review the videos available on the website. Ms. Kell added that the major bridges will need to be discussed by the committee in the near future as the Fairfax Bridge was determined to need work – slated for TCOS funds but may need to use Major Project funds

4. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) program balance

Ron Achelpohl shared that based on information provided by MoDOT staff, as of today there is \$5,004,714.03 (not a final number) available due to cost savings on MARC area projects including the Troost Bridge (\$5M), Operation Green Light \$100,000, and others. There are three projects that have the capacity to absorb remaining funds. There was a strong consensus of committee members on the following points while determining how to obligate the funds by September 30, 2010:

- To reallocate as much funding as possible to projects MARC had already identified to receive ARRA funding. There were three existing ARRA projects, and one ARRA-TE project, that had potential to use additional funds: the Grandview project, KCMO's Traffic Operations Center, Lee's Summit's Todd George Road project and the Independence TE project. The Traffic Operations Center is being re-bid by the City so it was not considered to be a candidate for this reallocation.
- Projects considered for reallocated funds must be ready-to-go for final obligation by September 30, 2010, in order to make full use of the region's ARRA allotment. MoDOT recommended that only projects with approved environmental clearances be considered ready-to-go. All four of the recommended projects meet this criterion, and no members identified any other project that could, although KCMO staff suggested that they could get a resurfacing project ready in time, if needed.
- Any "new" projects to be considered should be drawn from the list of projects that were scored and considered with the original ARRA programming round in 2009. KCMO staff made the case that the Troost Bridge TE project that was recommended for reallocated funding was part of their original ARRA project scope. The Front Street project was considered

in the first round of ARRA programming and scored reasonably well (57 out of a range of 70 to 26). MARC had also supported it in the regional TIGER application.

- Any new projects to be considered should provide long term economic impacts, if possible. KCMO staff said their first priority was to keep funds on the Troost Bridge, subject to the considerations above, but their next choice would have been for funds for additional resurfacing. Several members of the committee objected to using these remaining funds for resurfacing. KCMO suggested moving funds to the Front Street project that will support opportunities for new development and new employment and would be coordinated with the new I-35 Front Street Interchange in kcICON. Port Authority shared that they could make the project work if they received \$2.5M and could be ready in one month. This is the only “new” project considered, but was included in MARC’s original TIGER grant application and is ready to go. The committee supported funding this project to avoid opening the new I-35/Front Street interchange without a connection to the west.

MOTION: Oliver DeGrate moved and Patty Hilderbrand seconded to recommend moving the available ARRA funds to the following projects: \$400K to the Grandview 2nd & 3rd Street project, \$222K to the Independence Trail Waterfall Park ARRA-TE project, \$1.9M to the KCMO Troost Bridge TE project, and \$2.5M, or the balance of funds, to the Kansas City Port Authority Front Street project; motion passed.

During discussions Ms. Kell shared the following details: 1) FHWA will be auditing LPA and DBE projects at sponsor locations around the end of April. MoDOT staff will come along on the audit. 2) MoDOT is holding a construction workshop to review Chapters 11 & 12 of the LPA Manual March 30th to review reporting requirements. 3) Bidding Services Group is reviewing MoDOT bid documents and it may be possible to rebid some projects. 4) Raymore wants \$6K additional for their project so all numbers are not final yet.

5. MARC Functional Classification System

Jim Hubbell reviewed – last month functional classification changes were approved, moving several roadway segments over to a future map. A process needs to be created to determine how projects can be moved from the future map back to the official functional classification map. Eric Foster added that the process will be smooth if the procedure is in place before action is needed. Jim asked that individuals interested in participating on a workgroup contact him. Stan Harris indicated interest.

6. Other Business

None.

7. 2010 STP/BR Reasonable Progress Update

Marc Hansen reported that MARC’s Board will be setting their usual July 1 suspense date for projects to reach obligation or lose funds. Lee’s Summit has a project that will have a problem with this timing because they are waiting for MoDOT action on an agreement.

Ms. Kell shared that there may be a future STP rescission and cautioned that if sponsors decide to do advance construction, it is a risk.

8. STP/BR Funding History by Jurisdiction

For informational purposes, MARC staff provided a spreadsheet reflecting how the Kansas STP/BR Priorities Committee uses to review equity.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., April 13, 2010

Approved April 13, 2010