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Transportation Advisory Council

Evan Glasgow – Chairman / Mari Macomber – Vice Chairman

NEMO TAC Exec Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room, 121 S. Cecil, Memphis, MO

Attendance: Attendance sheet attached.

Meeting was called to order by Evan Glasgow at 1:05 P.M.

Previous Minutes: Motion to approve previous meeting minutes of 09/23/2020 was made by Mari Macomber, Buddy Kattelman seconded. All were in favor.

TAC Update: Chris Feeney presented the TAC update for the fourth quarter of 2020.

- He highlighted the reinstatement of \$25 million in funds for the Governor's Cost Share Program, which include nearly \$1 million for the City of Kirksville's Business 63 improvements project, a ranked TAC needs list item.
- An update was presented on the FARM Bridges program, which includes 16 bridges in the NEMO RPC area, including four on the TAC needs list. The program had originally sought \$35 million in federal grant and MoDOT matching funds but ultimately only received \$26 million, meaning not all 41 bridges will be replaced. MoDOT project manager Jeff Gander indicated a minimum of 30 bridges would be awarded sometime in late April, early May.
- The TAC discussed the pending application deadline for the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) and also discussed the federal funding formula that steers MoDOT's disbursement of the \$441,977 allocated to the northeast district in the 2021 grant call. By federal guidelines, 63% of the funds are to go to population centers under 5,000, with 37% to population centers of 5,000-200,000. Deadline is January 29, 2021 and Memphis, Kahoka and Kirksville all had indicated they were applying for sidewalk projects.
- The RPC has added a JAMAR radar data collection device. It collects speed and vehicle size of passing traffic with a time and date stamp. The toll will be utilized by request from any of the six counties or municipalities with the RPC region.
- The Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission met Jan. 6, 2021 and also hosted a pair of public workshops addressing asset management and MoDOT budgeting. The MHTC voiced concerns about the poor conditions of low volume roads, and issue the NEMO RPC has also been championing. MoDOT presented a series of potential

scenarios to address the problem, mostly involving additional funding for the northeast and northwest districts as well as one scenario that called for an added \$15 million for low volume roads statewide (approximately 220 miles of inch overlay).

- The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety Northeast Region approved a FY 2021 budget of \$46,699 and will continue efforts to promote the Buckle Up, Phone Down campaign while also supporting driver's education program and assisting law enforcement/EMS with equipment purchases to help reduce traffic accidents. The MoDOT Northeast District recorded 45 fatalities in 2020, up from 43 in 2019. Statewide fatalities on Missouri roadways were up from 881 in 2019 to 978 in 2020.

NE District MODOT: Rob Frese provided an update on MoDOT projects. He reported the planning process currently is focusing on updating needs to potentially be included in the new STIP that will begin taking shape in March before ultimately being approved by the Highway Commission in July.

Rob also discussed the unfunded needs list, reporting that the districts Tier I needs were all going to be addressed, with the Highway 61 interchange in Troy and Raising the Road at Alexandria to be addressed in the STIP in 2022 and completion of Highway 15 resurfacing and shoulders from the Iowa State line to Shelbyville.

Paula Gough reported that the TAC officers and RPC representatives for the Northeast District will be meeting February 17th to prioritize the district's unfunded needs, and to replace the projects in TIER I and Tier II that have been addressed. Areas of emphasis will be interstate reliability, interstate reconstruction, flood resiliency, low volume routes and multimodal.

Old Business: A proposed TAC annual calendar was shared with the members highlighting work targeted during each quarter.

The TAC members discussed some form of official support of the MoDOT legislative agenda and ultimately voted to send a letter of support for the fuel tax increase and the motor vehicle registration transition from horsepower to a MPG model. The motion was made by Mari Macomber and seconded by Duane Ebeling and was unanimously approved.

At the previous meeting, the TAC had begun the discussions about methods to prioritize maintenance work. With the recent focus on asset management for the 2021 unfunded needs list updates, no action was taken following discussion on maintenance priority lists.

New Business: NONE

Comments: NONE.

Adjournment: Wayne Murphy, Jr. made a motion to adjourn, and Mark Shahan, seconded. Meeting concluded at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Chris Feeney, Transportation Planner, NEMO RPC

