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Transportation Advisory Council

Evan Glasgow – Chairman / Mari Macomber – Vice Chairman

NEMO TAC Exec Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room, 121 S. Cecil, Memphis, MO

Attendance: Attendance sheet attached.

Meeting was called to order by Evan Glasgow at 2:00 P.M.

Previous Minutes: Motion to approve previous meeting minutes of the 03/17/2021 meeting was made by Mari Macomber. Wayne Murphy, Jr., seconded. All were in favor.

TAC Update: Chris Feeney presented the TAC update for the 2nd quarter of 2021.

- He reported the Missouri Highway and Transportation Committee awarded the FARM Bridge Program Design and Build contract on May 5, 2021 to the Lehman-Wilson team. The project initially proposed replacing 41 north Missouri bridges utilizing a combination of \$35.7 million in federal and state funds. The federal grant was \$10 million less than originally sought, forcing the project to be cut to just 31 bridges. The NEMO RPC had 16 bridges on the 41-bridge list, and 13 were included in the final 31-bridge award. Three bridges will be replaced in Lewis County and five in Schuyler County. Three of the five Adair County bridges on the original list were awarded and two of the three Scotland County bridges were awarded. MoDOT pledged that all FARM bridges that did not make the award package will be completed by other means no later than 2027.
- Senate Bill 262 which will raise Missouri's fuel tax by 2.5 cents each of the next five years, has been approved by the Missouri House and Senate and awaits signature into law by the governor. The Senate approved the bill by a 21-13 vote. Senator O'Laughlin voted No. The House passed the bill by a 104-52 margin with Reps. Sharpe and Busick both voting Yes.
- The 2022-2026 Draft STIP was presented to the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission at the May 5, 2021 meeting. A public comment period will remain open through the first week of June before the plan is considered for final approval at the July MHTC meeting. The six counties of the NEMO RPC have a combined 25 construction projects included in the draft STIP. Scotland County has six projects listed, all bridge rehabs and reconstructions. Clark County had the largest construction budget items with four projects coming in with a price tag just over 414 million, including the TAC's #1

priority, Raising the Road at Alexandria. The county will also see pavement work on Route 61/27 and Route 81 and US 136. Adair County is scheduled for five projects with a \$13.3 million estimated value while Schuyler and Knox counties each have four projects and Lewis County has two.

- Combined, the FARM bridges and the 2022-2026 STIP are scheduled to address 12 of the TAC's 31 top priorities from its 2020 ranked needs list.
- Feeney announced continuing plans for the TAC to work on compiling a Tier III to the 2021 unfunded needs list, potentially adding up to \$2 billion in projects statewide as well as an additional \$1 billion Multimodal unfunded needs list. He expects to meet at the county level with TAC groups to identify potential projects at the local levels to be considered for the Northeast District unfunded needs list.
- The 2021 Transportation Work Plan to be submitted to MoDOT was presented for review by the TAC members. Annually the RPC completes the plan, required as part of the MoDOT public partnership. MoDOT funds 80% of the transportation program at the RPC. The work plan addresses three main tasks - administration; core activities and public engagement; and professional development. The plan demonstrates work completed in all three areas during the previous year and identifies work goals for all three tasks for the upcoming year. The plan was presented and approved during the executive board meeting.

NE District MoDOT: Amy Crawford addressed the FARM Bridge Program awards and answered questions from Mari Macomber about the criteria for deciding the final bridges that were included. She noted that federal funding for the project was reduced to just 76%, so 76% of the original bridge total was targeted. The actual bridges to be completed were selected by the contractors as part of the design and build project.

Rob Frese addressed questions about the Governor's Cost Share project in Kirksville and announced it is set for a November letting and a December award.

Frese added that additional information on the FARM Program was viewable as part of the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission May meeting which is available online. He and Crawford praised the efforts of project director Jeff Gander of MoDOT.

Crawford noted the Northeast Coalition for Roadway Safety would be meeting May 26th to work on the group's annual budget.

Frese noted the 2022-2026 Draft STIP was currently open for public comment and after the 30-day period would be submitted to the MHTC for approval.

No start date was available for the bridge project on Highway 15 north of Memphis.

Adjournment: Wayne Murphy, Jr. made a motion to adjourn, and Duane Ebeling seconded. Meeting concluded at 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Chris Feeney, Transportation Planner, NEMO RPC