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Transportation Advisory Council

Evan Glasgow – Chairman / Mari Macomber – Vice Chairman

NEMO TAC Exec Board Meeting, Wednesday, September 8, 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 1:02 P.M.

Previous Minutes: Motion to approve previous meeting minutes of the 05/19/2021 meeting was made by Jim Werner. Wayne Blum, seconded. All were in favor.

TAC Update: Chris Feeney presented the TAC update for the 3rd quarter of 2021.

- He reported that the NEMO RPC made an official presentation to the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission at the August 4th MHTC meeting held in Hannibal. Following presentations by Rep. Louis Riggs on the Hannibal Bypass and the Audrain County Commission on the Better 54 Coalition, TAC Vice-chair Mari Macomber and NEMO RPC Executive Director Derek Weber addressed the commission. Macomber highlighted the engagement of the NEMO TAC and RPC reps in the public planning partnership with MoDOT. She also encouraged additional partnership opportunities for communities and MoDOT to share resources and funding to meet more transportation needs. Weber highlighted that while funding from the construction program pays for pavement improvements for heavily traveled roads, like interstates and U.S. highways, the rural areas of Schuyler, Scotland, Clark, Knox, Lewis and Adair counties rely on the operations funds to maintain a combined 1,615 lane miles of low volume roads. The 17-county Northeast MoDOT District received \$143 million in funding in 2020. \$89 million, or 62% went to construction (STIP Projects) with \$52 million left for operations, which funds all costs for staff and maintenance expenses, including mowing and snow removal in addition to low volume road resurfacing. He concluded by stating the NEMO RPC would like to start a conversation about the potential to establish a separate, dedicated funding formula or category for low volume roads. The presentation received supporting comments from Commissioners, Brinkman, Ecker and Waters.
- Feeney presented updated projections for increased funding that will be generated for cities and counties through the new state fuel tax increase that was signed into law July 13, 2021. MoDOT is projecting an influx of \$330 million when the tax is fully

implemented in year five and beyond. It is projected to produce an increase of \$125 for city and county funding as well. The County Aid Road Trust (CART) funds represent roughly 30% of the fuel tax revenue with cities and counties each getting 15%. Cities CART funds are allocated based on population, while the counties CART funds are based on road miles and land valuation. MoDOT has projected at year five NEMO RPC counties will be receiving the following revenue increases: Adair County – \$445,278, Clark County – \$346,525; Knox County – \$321,239; Lewis County – \$315,398; Schuyler County – \$208,819; Scotland County – \$314,494. Municipal projections included revenue increases such as: Kirksville – \$339,888, Lancaster – \$14,135, Queen City – \$11,611, Kahoka – \$40,348, Edina – \$22,834, Canton – \$46,153, and Memphis – \$35,377.

- The NEMO RPC will participate in a MoDOT meeting September 17th to assist the Northeast District in identifying \$93.56 million in projects for the new Tier III Unfunded Needs list as well as an additional \$46.78 million in multimodal projects. Feeney noted the district had prioritized \$23.785 million in Tier I projects including several pavement improvement and bridge replacement projects. The Tier II target goal was \$93.56 million, but the district prioritized more than \$125 million in projects, which could potentially overflow into the new Tier III list.
- Jim Werner addressed concerns about Route 202 needing resurfacing and shoulder work as well as noting that recently resurfaced routes such as Route B and Route D, which had cold-mix overlays earlier this summer, are already experiencing blow out holes and being wash-boarded.
- Local projects suggested to the TAC and ultimately approved for consideration for Tier III listing included the competition of the Highway 63 four lane project through Adair and Schuyler counties to the Iowa State Line. Adair County projects included adding shoulders to MO 11; Route pavement improvements, shoulder/curve upgrades to P (high truck traffic volumes thru residential area); Resurface Route N (2019 IRI 231 ADT 401); and Replace Bridge X0160 on Route E, rated poor. Clark County projects included Route C & Route H – Resurface and shoulder repairs main arteries that connect Highway 81 and 61; Highway 136/81 intersection turning lane, safety improvements; Replace Bridge F0955 US 136 E, rated poor. Knox County projects included: Replace Bridge P0400 Route F East, rated poor; Replace Bridge X0617 Route K East, rated poor; Replace Bridge P0989 Route BB South, rated poor; Resurface Route 151 (IRI 195, ADT 240). Lewis County projects included: Highway 61 auxiliary lane from Route 16 to Route P; Resurface Route N (2019 IRI 231, ADT 460); and Replace Bridge R0153 Route H South, rated poor. Schuyler County projects included: Route N - Resurface, shoulder work (minor route 2019 data -225 IRI ADT 535); Highway 63 Shoulder repairs (specifically between Queen City and Greentop); Resurface Route U (2019 222 IRI, 294 ADT); Resurface Route K (2019 233 IRI, 234 ADT); Resurface Route D (2019 IRI 202, ADT 419) windfarm repaired. And Scotland County projects included: Resurface Business 136 in Memphis (2019 data IRI 309, ADT 1,350); Resurface Route MM (minor route 2019 IRI 230, ADT 620); and Resurface Route D (2019 IRI 221, ADT 280).
- Multimodal projects proposed and approved included: Canton sidewalk improvements, connecting Culver Stockton College to business district; Lewis County Port Authority – developing new facility; Kirksville Regional Airport – upgrade/update terminal facility; Complete Forest Lake Area Trails at Thousand Hills State Park; Alexandria region port

feasibility study/market survey; and Additional funding for OATS services as well as the TAP sidewalk grant program.

- The TAC reviewed the 2020 prioritized needs list, which features 12 projects that have been completed or officially been added to the STIP, opening a dozen positions on the list for consideration of new projects to be voted on. Feeney suggested considering the projects proposed for the unfunded needs list which were not previously prioritized by the TAC for MoDOT consideration. The new items will be added to the base list to be distributed to the TAC members for consideration before a final vote will be collected prior to the end of the year.
- Finally, the group discussed Asset Management and MoDOT's increased efforts regarding pavement quality. The NEMO RPC will receive \$6.9 million in maintenance work in 2021-23 for pavement repair of 230 lane miles, with \$17 million being spent district wide by MoDOT to address 567 lane miles. The NEMO RPC received a total of 22 projects in the 2022-26 STIP, work on 510 lane miles and four bridges with a price tag of \$26.5 million. Overall, the Northeast District has 86 projects in the 2022-26 STIP for \$121.2 million. Paula Gough reported at the MHTC meeting that new asset management deficit funding had allowed the Northeast District to increase pavement condition work on minor routes by nearly 100 extra miles, up to 350 miles this year while also adding an additional 100 lane miles of work on low volume roads.

NE District MoDOT: Amy Crawford reported work is ongoing on the MoDOT Baltimore Street project in Kirksville and work is expected to begin this fall on some of the local FARM Bridge projects. She said we can expect to see a lot of orange barrels and barricades as the construction season will continue full steam as long as weather permits it. She added the MoDOT currently has numerous vacancies in the region and is hoping to identify an expanded workforce.

Rob Frese updated the TAC on the upcoming TIER III meeting and stressed its importance to allow MoDOT to be prepared with potential projects to utilize any increase in federal funding that may still be approved. He reported two TEAP applications were received for technical assistance for communities pursuing transportation alternative projects.

Adjournment: Jim Werner made a motion to adjourn, and Duane Ebeling seconded. Meeting concluded at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Chris Feeney, Transportation Planner, NEMO RPC