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Transportation Advisory Council

Evan Glasgow – Chairman / Mari Macomber – Vice Chairman

NEMO TAC Exec Board Meeting, Wednesday, November 17, 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 1:13 P.M.

Previous Minutes: Motion to approve previous meeting minutes of the 09/8/2021 meeting was made by Duane Ebeling. Wayne Blum, seconded. All were in favor.

Agenda: Motion to amend the agenda to include election of TAC officers was made by Mari Macomber and seconded by Jim Warner. All were in favor.

Election of Officers: Motion to retain the existing officers, Chairman Evan Glasgow and Vice-Chair Mari Macomber, was made by Buddy Kattelman and seconded by Jim Werner. All were in favor.

TAC Update: Chris Feeney presented the TAC update for the 4th quarter of 2021.

- He provided an update on recent actions by the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission, specifically, a workshop held following the September MHTC meeting to discuss pavement conditions on minor and low volume roads. The report highlighted additional funding being considered to address the problems, including the Asset Management Deficit Program, which is adding \$15 million a year over the next three years to address pavement quality, with roughly \$4 million headed to the Northeast District maintenance program in 2022 and again in 2023 and \$3.3 million in 2024 for a total of \$11.3 million. At the workshop MoDOT Director McKenna also discussed an extra \$10 million annually that is heading into the STIP to address these same concerns. The program will add \$2.7 million in projects to the STIP for the Northeast District in 2022 and again in 2023 and 2024. New to the discussion was the SB262 Condition Deficit Program, resulting from the newly approved fuel tax increase, which will use the same distribution formula (highlighting the most needy areas in the state) for a second installment of \$15 million annually statewide (bringing the annual statewide investment to a total of \$40 million). It is projected to infuse \$4.05 million into the Northeast District

STIP programming in 2023 and 2024 for a total annual Northeast District investment of nearly \$11 million in 2022-2024.

- Feeney presented updated projections for increased funding that will be generated through the state's fuel tax increase as well as the newly passed federal transportation bill, Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act (IIJA). MoDOT is projecting an influx of \$330 million when the state fuel tax is fully implemented in year five and beyond. Missouri is projected to receive \$6.5 billion for federal-aid highway apportioned programs and \$484 million for bridge replacement and repairs under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act over five years. As part of that, Missouri can also compete for the \$12.5 billion Bridge Investment Program for economically significant bridges and nearly \$16 billion of national funding in the bill dedicated for major projects that will deliver substantial economic benefits to communities. The IIJA is also expected to provide \$674 million over five years to improve public transportation options across the state, while airports in Missouri would receive approximately \$246 million for infrastructure development over five years. All told, the two added revenue streams are projected to increase funding for MoDOT by an estimated 40%.
- According to Director McKenna, the new funding will be used to address the Unfunded Needs List. The TAC report highlighted concerns that the NEMO RPC has a relatively small number of projects on the 2021 Unfunded Needs proposed draft that is being considered by MoDOT. NEMO RPC has \$1.937 million of \$22.803 million or 8.5% of MODOT Northeast District total Tier I package; \$5.005 million of \$95.295 million, or 5% of MODOT Northeast District total Tier II package; and \$10.374 million of \$96.258 million or 10.8% for MODOT Northeast District Tier III; for a combined \$17.32 million in projects for the 6 NEMO RPC counties out of the total \$214.4 million in projects in the 17-county Northeast District, the equivalent of 8% of the project funding in the Northeast District and 0.3% of the project funding statewide.
- Feeney noted that the MoDOT Northeast District public hearing on the Unfunded Needs Draft will be held Monday, November 29 from 4-6 p.m. at the Audrain County Courthouse in Mexico, MO. He indicated plans to attend. Comments or questions can be submitted to MoDOT on the Unfunded Needs draft by Wednesday, Dec. 22 using this [comment form](#).

NEW BUSINESS

- **Needs Rankings:** After a pair of ranking sheets were submitted at the meeting, a revised final tally sheet was prepared and presented for consideration as the final 2021 project needs rankings to be submitted to MoDOT. The turning lanes at the Knox County and Highland schools were the TAC's top two priorities on its needs list of 35 total projects (see full copy attached). Jim Werner made the motion to accept the needs rankings list as presented. Motion was seconded by Mari Macomber. All in favor.
- **Multimodal Rankings:** The board members received the nine-item multimodal project lists for rankings. Each member was asked to rank three High priorities, three Medium priorities and three Low priorities. The rankings were submitted to the RPC and will be tabulated and the final results will be distributed to the TAC members for consideration and approval for submission to MoDOT.

Legislative Update: Ray Bozarth from US Senator Josh Hawley's office discussed the IIJA and also highlighted SB3011, which would expand the allowable uses for ARPA funds to include transportation infrastructure. He indicated it had passed through the Senate by unanimous consent but was currently stalled out in the House. He also answered questions about the federal vaccine mandate, and the Build Back Better infrastructure legislation.

NE District MODOT: Rob Frese updated the TAC on the increased funding both at the federal and state level. He indicated projections are for a 25% increase in federal money and added that the state fuel tax increase will expand MoDOT's budget even further, but projections must take into consideration the rebate option, and it is still yet to be seen how many taxpayers will seek rebates.

Amy Crawford reported the 2nd FARM Bridge, which is located in Lewis County, is expected to close in the first part of December, and likely will join the list of several ongoing winter projects. She noted that the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission meetings are open to the public and are viewable on line.

Commissioner Wiggins asked about the Highway 15 Bridge project. Rob reported the bridge was done and contractors were working on the approaches and striping, which will be weather dependent. Amy indicated she would seek an update from the project director and share it with the RPC to share with the TAC members.

Adjournment: Jim Werner made a motion to adjourn, and Duane Ebeling seconded. Meeting concluded at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Chris Feeney, Transportation Planner, NEMO RPC