

# Northwest Missouri Transportation Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting Minutes, August 9, 2016

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Bob Westfall at 6:15 pm at the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments. Dinner was served.

## Roll Call

Roll call was completed by sign-in sheet and introductions were made around the room. The following members and guests were present:

### *TAC Members*

Regan Nonneman, Worth County  
Jack Baldwin, Nodaway County  
Kathy Morgan, Gentry County  
Curtis Livengood, Atchison County  
Bob Westfall, Nodaway County  
Hugh Wallace, Holt County  
Jim Fletchall, Worth County  
Bob Stiens, Nodaway County  
Ted Findley, Worth County

### *Ex-Officio Members*

Shannon Kusilek, District Planner, MoDOT

### *NWMORCOG Staff*

Jackie Spainhower, Executive Director

### *Guests*

Tyler Paxon  
Allen Andrews

## Minutes

**A motion was made by Jack Baldwin and seconded by Kathy Morgan to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2016 meeting. Motion passed.**

## Old Business

### *Road Safety Assessment*

Jackie Spainhower reported that the Road Safety Assessment will be held on Friday, September 16 and will look at the intersection of Hwy 136 and Hwy 46 in Nodaway County (Ravenwood) and the intersection of Hwy 136 and Hwy 169 in Gentry County (Carmack). More details will be provided as the date approaches.

### *2017 Work Plan Approved*

Spainhower reported the FY'17 Work Plan was accepted by MoDOT Central Office and planning activities are underway for the program year.

## New Business

### *Update of County Road Assessment Project*

Spainhower highlighted an additional task in the work plan this year, which involves using CDBG funds awarded to the Missouri Association of Councils of Government to assist the counties of Gentry, Holt, Nodaway and Worth prioritize storm related road issues. This could involve debris/snow removal as well as a prioritized list of potential projects meant to improve the county road system by eliminating areas of repetitive flooding or other damage. Population maps, bus routes and other resources will be

utilized to help with this prioritization. Prioritization of Holt and Worth county roads will occur this fall, Gentry will occur in the spring of 2017 and Nodaway will occur in the fall of 2017.

*MoDOT Updates-Shannon Kusilek*

- Kusilek reported that the 2017 STIP has been approved and provided a map of the improvements (see minutes). The map is color coded by what improvements will be made each year. Highlights included a bridge project on Highway 136 west of Maryville are scheduled to be replaced in later part of 2020. Bridge on 136 over east fork of the Tarkio River is scheduled to be replaced. Resurfacing on I-29 from Iowa line to Hwy 111 and from the Holt County line to Highway 118 will occur in 2018. Minor routes will be resurfaced this year, including Hwy 169 from Stanberry to DeKalb County (Hwy 131), which will also get a 2ft shoulder and rumble stripes. Holt Hwy 111 from Forest City to Oregon will be resurfaced with a possible 2ft shoulder.
- Kusilek reported that the STP – Small Urban funding was eliminated. This funding impacts the City of Maryville within our five counties. Maryville will have until September 2019 to allocate their remaining funds.
- Kusilek provided an update on the Missouri Moves program. The State Legislature allocated \$20M of General Revenue to create the program meant to help jump economic development projects. One third of the money is dedicated to multi-modal projects. There were 102 applications submitted statewide, requesting over \$70M in funding. In the Northwest District, six applications were received: Maryville (South Main improvements), Trenton (bridge over a RR crossing), Ag Expo Center (connector road between the new interchange on Hwy 136 to Pickett Rd.) and St. Joseph submitted three multi-modal projects, including a road near the port authority for a staging area, replacement of half of their bus fleet, and fencing for Rosecrans Airport to keep animals off the runway. Shannon and District Engineer Don Wichern will be reviewing the applications and prioritizing for the region. No one district can receive more than \$5M of the funding.
- Kusilek provided an update on the July Construction projects let by the Highways and Transportation Commission, including Hwy 46 in Worth County from Grant City through Harrison County which was awarded to Herzog and \$200,000 under what was programmed. In September, they will bid out bridges in Holt County on I-29 south of Hwy 118 interchange over Davis Creek (deck work and resurface) and one bridge over an abandoned railroad which will be removed. In October, bids will be let for Atchison 136 to be resurfaced with a 2ft shoulder and rumble stripe from Tarkio to Route M. In November, four projects will be let: bridge replacement on Hwy 246 over the Platte River, bridge replacement on Hwy 46 over the west fork of the Grand River, resurface of Hwy 111 from Corning to Craig, and resurface of Hwy 113 from Burlington Junction to Route B. A brief discussion followed regarding the various options available for needed detours during bridge repairs/replacement.
- Spainhower briefly described the email that was sent prior to the meeting that provided a synopsis of the cost of road resurfacing and bridge work in the

Northwest District. She explained MoDOT's intentions to approach highway maintenance in an asset management manner, with a goal of keeping a certain percentage of the District's roads and bridges in good condition. With this, however, comes a funding shortage, which Kusilek then discussed in detail using a PowerPoint presentation. Kusilek first reviewed revenue scenarios for the next ten years (2017-2027). Then data was presented showing a snapshot in time of the current system: Interstates = 93% good condition; Major Routes = 85% good condition; Minor Routes = 80% good condition; under 400 ADT Routes = 64% good condition. Regarding bridges, there are a total of 973 in the Northwest District, 171 are in critical condition (one deficient element) and 416 are in fair condition. Preliminary goals were set to keep the pavements in the condition they are in when this snapshot was taken, and for 80%, or 35 bridges to be repaired/rehabilitated or replaced each year. Bottom line, if the Districts works towards meeting these goals, there will be a \$160M deficit by 2027. A discussion took place on how the District's goals can be adjusted to eliminate that deficit, understanding that some costs and goals had to remain the same, including Interstates at 93% good condition and six major bridges that have to be rehabilitated/replaced. Some assumption were made by the MoDOT's Central Office to realize these projections, including the lifespan of resurfacing projects, costs to resurface a lane mile of each category of roadway, and cost to rehab/replace a bridge. Kusilek, however, looked at historical data and adjusted these to better reflect the lifespans and costs in the Northwest District. This resulted in lowering the deficit to \$92M. Discussion then took place amongst TAC members on the give and take with the percentages and number of bridge projects, with Kusilek changing the numbers during the conversation. The fact came up that some districts in the state have excess funds and can do some expansion (economic development) projects, but not the Northwest District, and condition goals will need to be lowered to stay within budget. Kusilek provided the numbers that Northwest District would propose, which includes: Interstates = 93% good condition; Major Routes = 76% good condition; Minor Routes = 70% good condition; and rehabbing/replacing 21 (60%) bridges per year. This would zero out the deficit. A discussion took place regarding the potential to increase funding for state highways so more work can be completed, as well as sales tax, gas tax, and adjustments to the current funding formula.

*A motion was made by Kathy Morgan to accept Northwest District's recommendations, seconded by Curtis Livengood. Motion passed.*

Spainhower followed up with a question on how this will impact the process of prioritization of the roads that is completed annually by the TAC. Kusilek said that it will change how projects are programmed. He will need to determine how this project will change this process and then it will be brought back to the TAC.

Kusilek will send the decisions from the other two areas and Spainhower will provide a summary to all TAC members via email.

**Other Business**

Next TAC will be November 1, 2016 at the Regional Council of Governments.

**Adjourn**

Baldwin made a motion to adjourn at 6:52 p.m., seconded by Ted Findley. Motion passed.

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Chairman or Vice-Chairman

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Minutes recorded by Jackie Spainhower