

**MINUTES**  
**MO-KAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**December 5, 2012**  
**9:00 AM**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Larry Atkins – Andrew County  
Drew Bontrager – Clinton County  
Bob Burnett – Buchanan County  
Johnnie Hoggatt – Buchanan County  
Larry Poston – DeKalb County  
Illah Marie Pulley – DeKalb County  
Ruth Ross – DeKalb County  
Wade Wilken, Jr. – Clinton County

**NON VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Shannon Kusilek – MoDOT  
Michael Rinehart – MoDOT

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Tom Bliss – Mo-Kan Regional Council  
Megan Carroll – Mo-Kan Regional Council  
Chad Higdon – Congressman Sam Graves’s office

The regular quarterly meeting of the Mo-Kan Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) was held at the Mo-Kan Regional Council office, 224 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Joseph, MO. Chairman Bob Burnett called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. A quorum was not present at the beginning of the meeting.

**1. Roll call taken by sign-in sheet.**

**Open Public Comment:**

no public comment

**Old Business:**

1. **Buchanan County Ag Expo Grant** – Megan Carroll reported that the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) awarded the Buchanan County Ag Expo with a \$4.9 million grant to construct an interchange on US Highway 36 east of Riverside Road. This grant application was supported by the committee. Shannon Kusilek and Michael Rinehart gave further details on the project.

**New Business:**

1. **Projects Awards** – Shannon Kusilek reported that one project has opened in the area since the September TAC meeting. US Highway 36 is getting resurfaced from Riverside Road to Missouri Highway 31. The project was awarded for \$3.9 million. Another project that Shannon had mentioned at the previous meeting of a new microsurface treatment on Highway 71, which was awarded for \$649,000. Out of the Northwest District’s Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), a total of \$13.2 million had been programmed for the year, and at this point \$2.6 million had been awarded, a 5% savings for the year.
2. **Upcoming Bid Openings** – Shannon Kusilek listed the upcoming bid openings in the Mo-Kan region:

- In Clinton County, Missouri Highway 33 from Missouri Highway 116 to the southern county line will get a one inch overlay.
- In Clinton County, US Highway 69 and Business Loop 35 (Walnut Street) in Cameron will be resurfaced.
- Missouri Highway 6 in DeKalb County will get resurfaced as well as have two foot shoulders with rumble stripes installed from Missouri Highway 31 to US Highway 69 in Daviess County.

3. **New Pavement Preventative Maintenance Treatment** – Shannon Kusilek and Michael Rinehart discussed a new surfacing treatment called scratch course chip seal that will seal and give additional structure to existing roadways. The purpose of this new treatment is to find a more cost-effective alternative to the traditional one-inch overlay so that more miles of road can be repaired.

4. **Results of RSAs Reviewed by MoDOT District Review Team** – Shannon Kusilek discussed the decisions made by the Road Safety Assessment (RSA) Review Team in response to the two RSA reports submitted from the region. For the RSA completed at the intersection of US Highway 36 and Missouri Highway 33, they are considering:

- Adding delineators to the stop signs and the signs west of the intersection to help with depth perception.
- Painting yellow lines in the crossover section to show where those turning should go.
- Installing “Intersection Ahead” signs on Missouri Highway 33 and US Highway 36.
- Investigating accident data to determine what time of day a majority of the accidents are happening so as to see if lighting is needed.
- Installing rumble patches.

Several actions have already taken place in this area, including the installation of larger chevron signs and reducing the speed limit of the curve to the east of the intersection to 45 miles per hour, and these actions have yielded a decrease in the number of accidents occurring in this area.

For the RSA completed at the intersection of US Highway 169 and Missouri Highway 31, they will:

- Install “Intersection Ahead” signs along US Highway 169.
- Install delineators on the stop sign at the intersection.
- Install large 48-inch stop signs.
- Continue to clear vegetation that could negatively affect sight distance.

As MoDOT is going to resurface US Highway 169 the summer of 2013, they will consider performing additional actions on the intersection. Shannon also mentioned that the Transportation Engineers Association of Missouri (TEAM) Conference was going to be held in St. Louis this March and that one of the topics to be discussed is RSAs. Discussion was held.

5. **MoDOT’s Vision for the Future** – Shannon Kusilek discussed the process by which MoDOT will be gaining public input on their vision for the future and the direction in which they should be heading. Meetings and listening sessions will be taking place over the next year to gather this input.

6. **MoDOT Construction Updates** – Michael Rinehart reported on the projects within the region that had been completed since the previous meeting.

**By this time in the meeting, quorum had been achieved.**

**Other Business:**

1. **Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan Update (PT-HST)** – Megan Carroll discussed the PT-HST Plan and asked that it be approved. Demographic information, service providers, and provided services were all updated to reflect changes in data; there was little change. One element of the plan that had changed was the strategies that would be taken to improve services. Through the coordinated meetings with service providers, it was decided that coalition building between agencies was necessary to make the most of the dwindling resources available. The plan, while completed, was still in the editing stages. **Wade Wilken, Jr. moved to approve the plan contingent on no major changes being made to the document, major changes being defined as anything that would change the “essence” of the document, seconded by Johnnie Hoggatt. Committee approved unanimously.**
2. **Regional Transportation Plan – Ranking Needs** – Megan Carroll led the discussion of ranking transportation needs within the region for the 2013 Regional Transportation Plan and the next round of STIP considerations. Using a PowerPoint presentation, the STIP considerations and maintenance requests were reviewed for prioritization. Michael Rinehart suggested that the maintenance requests be prioritized so that MoDOT can see which of the lower volume roads need to be repaired first. Discussion was held. For the prioritized STIP considerations and maintenance requests please see the attachment.
3. **Approval of the September 5, 2012 minutes made by Wade Wilken, Jr., seconded by Ruth Ross. Committee approved unanimously.**
4. **Blueprint Safety Conference Review** – Megan Carroll attended this conference in October. The new goal for the Blueprint Coalition is reduce the number of roadway fatalities across the state to 700 by 2016. The regional planners of the Northwest District won the Northwest Region’s Arrive Alive Award.
5. **Future TAC Meeting Speakers** – Megan Carroll asked the committee what kind of speakers they would like to have at the TAC meetings. The committee responded that the variety of speakers that have come to the meetings in the past was satisfactory.
6. **Scheduling the Next TAC Meeting** – The next TAC meeting will be March 6, 2013 at 9:00 AM.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.**