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OPEN MEETING NOTICE

MISSOURI STP/BR PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

April 12, 2011

1:30 – 4:00 PM

Board Room, MARC Offices

600 Broadway, Suite 200, Kansas City, Missouri 64105

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approve the March 8, 2011 Meeting Summary*

3. State-System Priorities: I-70 NEPA Study *

MoDOT District 4 staff have requested a letter of support from MARC to extend the limits of the next phase of NEPA study for the I-70/I-435 interchange west to I-670. In order to secure funding for this environmental work, MoDOT needs a commitment from MARC that the results of this study will be a high priority for future "Major Projects" or "Emerging Needs" funds. Consider recommending to TTPC that the results of an I-70 NEPA Study from I-670 through the I-435 interchange will be a high future priority for the state-system.

4. STP/BR Reasonable Progress

5. Other Business

6. Adjournment

* Action Items

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: May 10, 2011

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Missouri STP/BR Priorities Committee
April 12, 2011
Meeting Summary

Voting Members:

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Steven Craig, City of Oak Grove
Kyle Elliott, City of Kansas City
Jeff Fisher, City of Belton
Brian Faust, City of Raymore
Stan Harris, City of Kansas City
Mary M. Hunt, Transit Committee
Ryan Hunt, City of Grain Valley
Duane Jackson, Clay County
Lee Ann Kell, MoDOT
Dena Mezger, City of Lee's Summit
Lee Morris, Cass County
Andy Noll, City of Raytown
Chuck Owsley, City of Lee's Summit
John Powell, City of Independence
Chad Thompson, City of Kansas City

MARC Staff:

Ron Achelpohl	Tom Gerend
Marc Hansen	Muril Stone
Terry Anderson	Ebony Jackson
Darryl Fields	

Other attendees:

Cory Clark, GBA
Helen Madison, MoDOT
Jeff McKerrow, TranSystems
Ron McLinden, Transit Action Network
Linda Rottinghaus, Affinis
Hope Visconti, MoDOT

1. Welcome

Chairman Steve Hansen welcomed attendees and opened the meeting with introductions.

2. Approval of the March 8, 2011 Meeting Summary

Ron Achelpohl noted a minor modification in agenda item # 3: the motion approving the committee's representative on the CMAQ committee should include "with Kirk Rome to serve as alternate" which was the intent of the motion as discussed the past two meetings. With no further changes, Chad Thompson moved to approve the meeting summary as corrected, the motion was seconded and carried.

3. State System Priorities

Ron Achelpohl explained that MoDOT has completed the First Tier Environmental Impact Statement for improvements to I-70 in Jackson County. Funds are currently programmed in the 2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to reconstruct the interchange at I-435 and I-70 in Missouri. Before improvements to the interchange are designed and constructed, a Second Tier environmental study will need to be completed. MoDOT has an opportunity to extend the limits of the second phase of the NEPA study for the I-70/I-435 interchange west to I-670. In order to secure funding for this environmental work, MoDOT is requesting a commitment letter from MARC that identifies the segment of I-70 from I-670 to I-435 as a priority for future funding through MoDOT's Major Projects and Emerging Needs or Flexible Funds programs. The subject is on the TTPC agenda pending a recommendation from this committee. MARC staff is in favor of providing a recommendation. Lee Ann Kell explained that the project will address recurring congestion at the Benton and Jackson curves on I-70 and several interchanges between I-435 and the downtown area that are too close to each other. Improvements to I-70 in Jackson County are included in the project list in Transportation Outlook 2040. Based on priorities received from TTPC and this committee last year, the I-435 and I-70 interchange was and has been a priority for quite some time.

A few months ago MoDOT learned that funding options had changed. MoDOT has been told by the Missouri Transportation Alliance (MOTA) that transportation is a priority for the state of Missouri but funding transportation projects is on the bottom of the list. The \$1 billion funding that was set aside for the statewide truck-only lane on I-70 has been moved back to the funding distribution and asked MoDOT to put the project on our list. The estimated funds needed for this study is \$2.5M. Ms. Kell provided an updated urban transportation projects scenarios list for funding from the one-cent sales tax funds. The list includes projects prioritized by this committee approximately one year ago. (See attached)

In response to Ron's question of what happens if MARC does not provide a letter, Ms. Kell shared that MoDOT has approval to do the interchange and hire a consultant. They estimate that the 2nd tier project will take 2 ½ years to complete. Patty Hilderbrand shared that the city of Kansas City supports the project as a future high priority.

MOTION: Stan Harris moved and Andy Noll seconded to recommend extending a letter of support for the project as requested. Discussion: Hope Visconti suggested that attendees talk about this project with others to share the importance. The project will be discussed at the TTPC's next meeting. There was a brief review that this is not necessarily "the" top priority but would be considered "a" priority project if and when funds become available. The motion carried unanimously.

4. STP/BR Reasonable Progress

Marc Hansen provided a current FY 2011 STP/BR program status report. The current total obligations to date: \$ 7,433,000 with \$21,077,631 unobligated tied to four projects. Since last month's meeting, Belton's Y-Highway improvements project and Grandview's Botts Road project have been obligated.

Stan Harris mention Kansas City's US-169 Corridor project scheduled for an August 1 letting. MoDOT staff shared information that the project will need a schedule change for an October letting and asked that Kansas City submit a letter requesting an obligation change to the next fiscal year.

5. Other Business

Lee Ann Kell provided an update on the Grain Valley I-70/AA interchange project that was discussed during the previous committee meeting. MoDOT has held several meetings with the city and consultant and the project will be able to move forward. The scope of the project has been reduced to fit the available funding of \$2.8M. MoDOT will provide \$1.4M from the Major Projects funds as approved by this committee. The city match of \$1.4M will cover all the design costs. She added that this is a combined cost share project and an Amendment 3 project. The Major Projects funds will probably be used on the Amendment 3 portion, moving the north outer roads. She thanked the committee for their action last month to keep the project moving.

Ron Achelpohl announced that June 10, 2011 is MARC's Annual Meeting, a lunch event – mark your calendars and watch for additional information to come.

Hope Visconti shared MoDOT's project "It's Personal" an educational tool, looking at a broad concept of transportation. MoDOT staff will be sharing the presentation with various groups. Contact her if you know any groups who may be interested.

Lee Morris shared recent activities of the Transportation Enhancements committee. They have created an ad hoc focus group to discuss several items within the TE application process including the scoring and review of applications; things that the STP committee would find helpful and might also apply with the STP application process. Chairman Hansen noted that the TE committee will be reviewing the scoring process and other issues during the May meeting and thanked Lee for sharing.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., May 10, 2011.