OPEN MEETING NOTICE

MISSOURI STP PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

July 14, 2020
1:30 PM
MARC Conference Center – Remotely via GoToMeeting

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approve the May 12, 2020 Meeting Summary*

3. MoDOT Updates
   • Briefing on the Buck O’Neil Bridge Environmental Assessment
   • Group discussion on the use of federal funds for mitigation banks

4. Call for Projects Update
   • Briefing on the applications received during Phase 1
   • Discussion of next steps in the programming schedule and process

5. Reasonable Progress Report
   • Schedule modification for Blue Springs – Please reference the attached document
   • Project sponsors should be prepared to update the committee on the current status of their 2020 programmed projects

6. COVID-19 Impacts
   • Group discussion of the impacts of COVID-19 on local public agency capital programs

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment

* Action Items

Next Scheduled Meeting: August 11, 2020

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Mid-America Regional Council  
Ron Achelpohl,  
Director of Transportation and Environment  
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The City of Blue Springs, Missouri would like to request a modification to the 2020-2021 Missouri Surface Transportation Program for project #625032, 7 Highway Sidewalk – I-70 to Pink Hill Road.

This request is for a time extension to the 2021 fiscal year. The City and their right of way acquisition contractor have been slowed by the COVID-19 pandemic. People have been reluctant to meet in person to discuss the project. The project is moving forward and is expected to be ready for advertisement in January 2021.

The City of Blue Springs has acquired some of the easements and rights of way, but the process is moving slowly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Christopher G. Sandie  
Director of Public Works  
Blue Springs, Missouri

Cc: Sean Partain, MoDOT
June 29, 2020

Mr. Marc Hansen  
Mid America Regional Council  
600 Broadway, Suite 200  
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Re: STP 3301(509) – Waldo Area Improvements, 75th and Wornall, TIP # 611198

Dear Mr. Hansen,

The City of Kansas City is working with the Waldo Community Improvement District to complete this project. The project includes reconstruction of roadways, reconfiguration of parking lots, an extension of the Trolley Track Trail, and other improvements.

Acquisition of the needed temporary easements for the project has been much more difficult than anticipated and may require the City to complete the condemnation process. The complex nature of the ownership of the parking lots within the Country Club Right-of-Way has also given rise to delays in obtaining the land clearance for PS&E approval. Consequently, the City of Kansas City would like to request that this project be delayed to 2022. This allows for any additional delays that may occur because of the current public health crisis.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mario Vasquez at Mario.Vasquez@kcmo.org.

Respectfully,

Ralph Davis, PE  
Acting Director of Public Works

Cc: David Miller, Public Works
1. Welcome and Introductions
Patty Hilderbrand welcomed the attendees. The meeting was held via GoToMeeting due to the COVID-19 social distancing and MARC was not open yet for on-site meetings.

2. Approval of Meeting Summary
MOTION: Jeff Sell moved to approve the May 12, 2020 meeting summary as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mark Trosen. With no opposition, the motion passed.

3. MoDOT Updates
Mike Landvik reported the current STP FY2020 balance as $27M. Several projects were close to obligating. He requested all project items to be in by the end of August to allow MoDOT time to finalize everything to submit for obligation by the end of the fiscal year, September 30.

The Buck O’Neill bridge project’s Environmental Assessment was completed the end of May and the project is on schedule for the design build team. An RFQ would be ready the end of July and the RFP by the end of August.
Mike asked the committee for their thoughts on using STP funds for T&E or wetland mitigation banks, a federally eligible expense. MoDOT has used it on rural projects. The action takes place during the project development process. It may be a good use to avoid leaving funds on the table. The committee guidance does not allow funds for engineering or Right of Way. Ron Achelpohl commented that mitigation banks are one of the strategies under the green infrastructure framework so if we are thinking of excluding them from eligibility of STP funds, we should first review the recommendations in our green infrastructure framework.

Discussion: Design and Right of Way are also eligible, but the committee does not program STP funds for those portions of projects. Some mentioned it could be a special situation or may be more of a cash flow decision. The chair summarized the discussion that it could be considered along with design, not construction, and would need to be discussed as a special circumstance on a case by case situation by the STP Committee. A request memo would need to be submitted to MARC staff for committee discussion.

Ron asked MoDot to share the recent decision on how STP funds for the Buck O’Neil Bridge would be handled. Griffin Smith explained that MARC could not show the full programmed amount in their records due to limitations so MoDOT is extending some additional obligation authority so the project could obligate all at once with a loan of $30M, through an agreement with the Federal Highway Administration. Mike Landvik mentioned that it should obligate in the next few weeks. MARC staff added that this won’t affect any other programmed projects and we will continue to monitor the bridge project over the next couple of years.

4. Call for Projects Update
Marc provided a summary of the pre-applications received through the Phase 1 process for FFY 2023-2024 CMAQ, STP and TAP programs.
Anticipated funding: MO STBG program $20.1M; CMAQ $5.7M; TAP $3.1M
Applications received: 30% from Jackson County, 25% Clay, 23% Cass, 7% Platte and 7% Regional projects.
Applications by type:
- 38 requesting STBG funds totaling $134,736,760 which is 673% more than available.
- 22 requesting TAP funds totaling around $9M
- 21 requesting CMAQ funds totaling around $33M

Next steps:
- The planning and policy committees are reviewing the applications to complete July 15 by 4 pm.
- July/August: MARC staff will provide feedback and technical support to applicants.
- August: Phase 2 (for those same projects submitted in Phase 1) is scheduled to open early August. Applications must be submitted by 4 p.m., September 4.
- September: Applications will be scored by MARC staff.
- October/November: committee programming.
- December/January: Review and approval by the TTPC, Air Quality Forum and MARC Board of Directors. Process completion would be one quarter of the year later than past programming rounds.

At the Chair’s request, the next meeting will include committee discussion of a programming approach.

5. Reasonable Progress Report
Marc Hansen reported that the following FY2020 projects had obligated:
- Platte County, Green Hills Road Complete Streets Upgrade/Reconstruction, $2,000,000
- Riverside/MoDOT, M-9 & Maddox Intersection Improvements, $711,561
- MARC, OGL Arterial Traffic Management System Operations, $490,000

Two schedule change requests were received:
- Blue Springs TIP # 625032, FY2020 M-7 Hwy Sidewalk, I-70 to Pink Hill Road; a one-time schedule change, usually automatic and not requiring committee approval since it is their one-time request to delay one year. The project is expected to be ready for advertisement in January 2021.
• Kansas City TIP # 611198, Waldo Area Improvements, 75th and Wornall Road. Request a two-year delay to FY2022 due to the current public health crisis, difficulty acquiring temporary easement for the project which may require the City to complete the condemnation process, courts are not scheduling court dates, and also delays in obtaining land clearance for PS&E approval. Marc Hansen shared that MARC staff had no concerns with this request. Marc Hansen stated that both change requests would be handled administratively; a committee vote was not required.

Sponsors shared updates of their projects. The following projects plan to, or may request a 1-year extension:
• Gladstone, NE 76th Street Complete Streets, $1,200,000.
• Kansas City, Noland Road & M-350 Intersection, $5,100,000; this would be their second 1-year delay and would need approval by TTPC.
• Kansas City, Waukomis Complete Streets Upgrade, $5,000,000; waiting for a water line to be done end of 2020.
• Kansas City, Paseo Gateway Intersection $5,000,000; properties are in condemnation, working with MoDOT to possibly obligate in FY 2020.
• North Kansas City’s Burlington Corridor Complete Streets, $3,800,000.
• Parkville, Route 9 Corridor Complete Streets Improvements, $668,000; tentative - may need a schedule change due to one property.
• Pleasant Hill – per MoDOT, 7 Hwy Signal & 163rd St. Improvements, $200,000; the progress is at the beginning of obtaining ROW.

With the Buck O’Neil bridge obligating this year, we will have a negative situation, but it is okay with MoDOT. The bridge is receiving $5M in HIP funds and $35M STP funds. MoDOT will hold harmless the current FY 2020 programmed projects.

6. Discussion on Impacts of COVID-19 on LPA Capital Programs
Ron Achelpohl asked members to share if any had revenue estimates from the COVID-19 impacting an immediate need on projects and have MARC staff work with sponsors as needed:
• Kansas City: our local match is coming out of another funding source, other than that, not seeing any major issues and not as bad as they expected. The ROW court process is creating a 4 to 5-month delay.
• MoDOT: seeing quicker responses in communication with project sponsors since most everyone is not out working on projects. Have observed the ROW impact. Gas tax revenue and vehicle sales is low. They have pushed some projects to next year.
• Liberty: Sales tax information is erratic and inaccurate from month to month at the city level.

Ron mentioned his interest in continuing this topic at future meetings. We are seeing national press talking about the economic impact of the recovery and we knew MoDOT deferred developing the STIP because of their concerns.

7. Other Business
Alysen Abel invited everyone to a virtual meeting hosted by WTS, APWA and MARC, July 29 at 4 pm for a panel led discussion on the impact the Connected KC Plan would have on communities and learn some insights on the long-range plan. Register through the WTS or APWA websites.

8. Adjournment
With no further business, a motion was approved to adjourn at 2:32 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 11, 2020