

ST. JOSEPH AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Coordinating Committee

Fourth Floor Conference Room- City Hall

September 26, 2019

Voting Members Present:

Bob Dempster, Chair	Citizen-At-Large
Brian Myers	City Council Member
Ron Hook	Buchanan County Commissioner
Bruce Lundy	City of Savannah

Staff Members Present:

Chance Gallagher	City of St. Joseph
Brady McKinley	City of St. Joseph
Andy Clements	City of St. Joseph
Nikki Kidwell	City of St. Joseph

Other:

Chris Redline	MoDOT
Adam Watson	MoDOT
Martin Liles	MoDOT
Nancy Lohr	Transit General Manager
Kenneth Reeder	Citizen

OPENING REPORTS

Chair Bob Dempster called the meeting to order. Bob welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. A quorum was present. No public comment.

Approval of minutes. Ron Hook motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting and Brian Myers seconded. Minutes from the Coordinating Committee Meeting held on May 23, 2019 were **unanimously approved**.

NEW BUSINESS

Safety Measures Update: Chance Gallagher presented safety measures from MoDOT and KDOT reports explaining numbers of injuries and fatalities in 2019. Discussed 2020 targets. Reports will be assessed, and a formal memo and spreadsheet will be available for November meeting with updated numbers. No action needed.

TIP Update Approval: Chance Gallagher briefly went over the financial tables of bridge projects, highways/streets rehab and reconstruction, safety hazard elimination and scoping.

Brady McKinley spoke about the new city project which is in association with the East Town Business Park. It entails lane expansion on Pickett Road from Riverside Road to Ag Expo Way. This project is to relieve traffic congestion at Route AC and 36 Highway. This will be the first phase of a multiphase project to provide multiple entrances off Route AC and an entrance off Pickett Road. A resolution allowing for application was passed on Monday, September 23, 2019 through City Council. The application is in the process of being finalized.

Ron Hook spoke about Buchanan County's new project. This project is to do a curb cut on the east side of North Village Drive, east side of the YMCA and extend the road all the way back to North Point Drive which comes out on the back side of Kohls. Project is estimated to cost around \$3.1 million. Funds are available for the match due to selling some lots. One lot has been sold for an extended stay hotel and two more potential lots being sold for an assisted living facility and medical building.

Both projects are not federally funded but regionally significant. The MPO has written a letter of support for both projects and once it is passed the TIP amendment will go to the Governor. Brian Myers motioned to approve the TIP amendment and Ron Hook seconded. The TIP Amendment was **unanimously approved**.

I-229 Update:

Chris Redline from MoDOT presented the quorum with six (6) different options for the I-229 bridge.

One (1) option was a "no build option" which means MoDOT does not touch the bridge and eventually the bridge will be shut down due to maintenance issues. Another option was to continue rehab on the bridge. The last 4 options are as follows: Arterial East, 2nd and Main, Roundabouts, and Parkway extension.

Brady McKinley said that MoDOT consultants need to communicate with KDOT because one of KDOT's projects that is coming up within the next five to eight years is to corridor 36 Hwy all the way to 75 and then turn south. This is a major freight corridor so KDOT is counting on I-229 bridge still being there. MoDOT and KDOT are to communicate further on this.

MoDOT will be speaking about the I-229 bridge in more detail at the Freight Summit on November 7, 2019. No action needed.

Asset Management (MoDOT):

Chris Redline from MoDOT presented the Asset Management Plan (AMP) via PowerPoint. He discussed our existing system and condition of our pavements, roads and bridges. Established goals for 2020 and the estimated costs to reach those goals. He also discussed new bridge work to be done in the next bridge cycle. Those include: Riverside over 36 Highway and the re-decking of Cook and Gene Field with sidewalks. MoDOT will be looking for funding partnerships for these projects. The project list of Unfunded Needs is being published and sent to legislature. No action needed.

MTP Draft:

Chance Gallagher gave an overlook of the MTP draft. She also sent out the complete draft through email. Included in the email is eight (8) appendices. MTP Goals, Existing Conditions, Demographics and Trends, Future Needs and Opportunities, Projects and Evaluations, Cost Feasible Analysis, Environmental Justice and Environmental Mitigation. Once approved, copies will be available in MPO Office, libraries, newspapers, Facebook, webpage, etc.

Ron Hook motioned to approve the MTP Draft and Brian Myers seconded the motion. The MTP Draft was **unanimously approved** to send out for public comment on September 27, 2019 and will be open for public comment for forty five (45) days. Once public comment closes, the MTP Draft will need final approval in November.

Freight Summit: Chance Gallagher went over plans for the Freight Summit on November 7, 2019. This summit is a twenty (20) county wide invite hosted at Remington Nature Center. The agenda is calling for multiple speakers discussing topics such as: human trafficking, job retention, job opportunities, I-229 updates, safety and crash data, and the Governors Bridge Program/FARM Grant Program. No action needed.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Opportunity for Public Comment/Questions
- B. Next Meeting: November 21, 2019 at City Hall. Fourth Floor Conference Room 1100 Frederick Avenue, St. Joseph, MO 64501

ADJOURN: Ron Hook motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brian Myers seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.