

ST. JOSEPH AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

COORDINATING COMMITTEE

4th Floor Conference room – City Hall – St. Joseph

12:00 to 1:00 – April 21, 2022

Voting members present:

Bob Dempster	Citizen-At-Large Representative
Madison Davis	St. Joseph City Council Member
Marty Novak	St. Joseph City Council Member
Ron Hook	Buchanan County Commissioner
Ashley Albers	Village of Country Club Representative
Bryan Carter	St. Joseph City Manager
John Josendale	St. Joseph City Mayor

Voting members not present:

Colonel John Cluck	Doniphan County Commissioner
Bruce Lundy	City of Savannah Administrator

Staff members present:

Chance Gallagher	City of St. Joseph
Brandon Kanoy	City of St. Joseph
Ashley Carrithers	City of St. Joseph
Keven Schneider	City of St. Joseph

Others present:

Marty Liles	MoDOT
Shannon Kusilek	MoDOT
Adam Wood	MoDOT-NW
Cecelie Cochran	Federal Highway Kansas

OPENING REPORTS

- A. Roll Call. A quorum was present. Ron Hook called the meeting to order.
- B. Approve minutes of February 17, 2022 meeting. Madison Davis motioned to approve minutes and Ashley Albers seconded. With general consent the prior meeting minutes were **unanimously approved.**
- C. Opportunity for Public Comments. None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **UPWP Amendment 1:** This is the first step to the amendment; it will also need to go to Council for approval to amend the budget by \$200,000.00. This amendment reflects a Multimodal Corridor Planning Study to determine the economic impact and fishability of a new bridge over the river connecting I-229 to Rosecrans Airport, a little to the north of what was originally planned. Adding another access to the airfield will benefit the business development plan. This project will have to go out for bid, but several consulting companies have already shown interest in the study. It passed

Technical Committee with no oppositions and there was no public comment. If approved will go onto Central Office. Adding another access to the airfield will benefit the business development plan. John Josendale motioned to approve UPWP Amendment and Madison Davis seconded the motion. The UPWP Amendment 1 was **unanimously approved**.

- B. TIP First Look: Transportation Improvement Program**, this is just a first look at the 2023-2026 projects that were submitted by MoDOT that will be passed by July 1st, 2022. Funding for Transit will stay in there and trail project with Public Works that starts construction this year. Shannon Kusilek gave a little overview of some projects on the TIP. One of the projects is the Rte. 59 intersection improvements at Rte. 752 and Rte. U. A survey company has been hired to collect data at this intersection over the next few months to better understand how to make improvements and then will go out for bid in March of 2024. Another intersection is at Rte. 169 and Riverside Terrace, about 0.6 miles south of Rte. AC. Over the last few years multiple accidents have happened at this intersection, which warrants a study to be done. MoDOT is looking to relocate this intersection a little bit to solve the issues of future accidents when coming over the hill. When the time comes MoDOT will work with the County when plans start to develop for relocation. This will be scheduled for 2025. **No vote needed.**
- C. TIP Amendment #2:** This is the current TIP that is being operated off on. Brandon noted that KDOT has asked to add a project to mill and overlay parts of US 36 Hwy going into Wathena. The City has asked to add a plan for potential money to come in for the Multimodal Corridor Planning Study, if a grant opportunity were to arise, instead of using CPG funds that are banked. There is currently infrastructure funding available and the MPO will be applying for a MEGA Grant and if approved can continue to save the infrastructure funding. Amendment #2 went out for Public Comment, then KDOT reviewed it, it was approved by E-vote from the Technical Committee and now for approval by Coordinating. Marty Novak motioned to approve the TIP Amendment #2 and Ashley Albers seconded the motion. The TIP #2 was **unanimously approved**.
- D. TIP Emergency Amendment #3:** Marty Liles gave an overview over an emergency project for Pear Street. MoDOT has the capabilities to get the water off the property and clear out the ditch. Marty stated some improvements will be made to a nearby culvert and raise up the ditch at Pear Street. Shallowing of the ditches will take care of all the issues going on within that ROW. John Josendale motioned to approve the Emergency TIP Amendment #3 and Madison Davis seconded the motion. The Emergency TIP #3 was **unanimously approved**.
- E. TAM Plan Memo:** The Transit Asset Management is a 5-year plan that is in place for one more year. A memo with performance target must be updated and sent off to MoDOT every year. Chance Gallagher explained that apart of the performance measures is the condition of buildings and equipment; the transit facilities are about 20 years old but with constant improvements are in great condition and rated well within the guidelines. As for the bus fleet, all the buses are practically new except for two 2012 buses. MoDOT approved the plan 4 years ago and it remains still in compliance. Ashley Albers motioned to TAM Plan Memo Update and Madison Davis seconded the motion. The TAM Plan Memo yearly update was **unanimously approved**.
- F. Streets Update from Keven Schneider:** Keven stated within the Streets Division there are 4 groups, street maintenance, sewer maintenance, traffic and public parking. Within the City, SIMR takes care

of about 430 center line miles of streets, including asphalt, concrete and sometimes brick. With only 30 people in the street group, they take care of potholing, snow removal, brush removal and slurry seal. Slurry seal is a mixture of new chat, oil, and concrete; its purpose is to seal the surface of asphalt streets to prevent cracking and the smoothing of the road. SIMR works to get about 20 miles a year of slurry seal done but only 9 miles were done last year and hoping to get 15 miles done this year. 440 tons of asphalt was used last year for potholes and about 200 cubic yards of concrete.

MISCELLANEOUS

A. Other Items: Bike to Workday will be Friday, May 20th. Opening Day for the new Sewer Maintenance Facility is Saturday, May 21st at 9:30am.

Bob Dempster wanted to discuss the MPOs plan for the I-229 bridge or the alternative. There is multiple political jurisdictions around St. Joseph that has voiced that they want to keep the bridge as an interstate classification. The declassification will only be from St. Joseph Ave to not quite 36 Hwy, it will also not affect any region dollars. The plans in place will not fall on the City or County's shoulders or affect the Federal funding. Interstate is 10% match and non-Interstate is a 20% match. Whether the bridge stays or goes, the City would like to keep it 4 lanes to keep traffic moving.

| **Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 16, 2022

OTHER/ ADJOURNMENT

With no other comments and items on the agenda, John Josendale motioned to adjourn, Marty Novak seconded the motion. With general consent the meeting was adjourned.