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OPEN MEETING NOTICE

MISSOURI STP PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

May 11, 2021

1:30 PM

MARC Conference Center – Virtual Meeting

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve the April 13, 2021 Meeting Summary*
3. Committee Chair/Vice-Chair Elections*
4. MoDOT Updates
5. COVID-19 Stimulus*
 - *Discussion of implementation strategies for funding received through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021*
6. Reasonable Progress Report
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

* Action Items

Next Scheduled Meeting: June 8, 2021

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Missouri STP Priorities Committee
May 11, 2021
Meeting Summary

Voting Members Present:		Voting Members (continued)	
Belton		Parkville	Stephen Lachky (alt.)
Blue Springs (1 of 2)	Chris Sandie	Peculiar	
Blue Springs (2 of 2)	Jeff Sell	Platte City	
Excelsior Springs		Pleasant Hill	
Gladstone	Tim Nebergall	Raymore	
Grain Valley	Mark Trosen	Raytown	Jose Leon, Vice Chair
Grandview	Doug Wesselschmidt	Richmond	
Greenwood		Smithville	Chuck Soules
Harrisonville	Brad Ratliff	Cass County	
Independence (1 of 2)	Mike Winckler	Clay County	Jerry Nolte
Independence (2 of 2)	Lisa Phelps	Jackson County	
Kansas City (1 of 4)	Patty Hilderbrand, Chair	Platte County	Bob Heim
Kansas City (2 of 4)	Jason Waldron (alt.)	Ray County	Matt Nolker
Kansas City (3 of 4)	David Miller (alt.)	FHWA (Ex Officio)	
Kansas City (4 of 4)	Chad Thompson (alt.)	KCATA	David Johnson (alt.)
Kearney		MoDOT	Mike Landvik
Lee's Summit (1 of 2)	George Binger	Bike/Ped Com Rep.	Noel Bennion
Lee's Summit (2 of 2)	Michael Park	Goods Movement Rep.	Mike Duffy
Liberty	Sherri McIntyre	Highway Com Rep.	
North Kansas City	Anthony Sands	RTCC Rep.	
Oak Grove	Tom Degenhardt		
MARC Staff:		Other Attendees:	
Marc Hansen	MoDOT: Krystal Jolly, Griffin Smith,	Art Gough	
Terry Anderson	Melissa Schmitz, Marisela Ward,	Affinis: Kristen Leathers-Gratton	
Ron Achelpohl	Sean Partain, Rachel Wooldridge	BHC Rhodes: David Smalling, Randy Gorton	
Martin Rivarola	Kansas City: Rodney Riffle	Olsson Associates: Joe Johnson, Jeff McKerrow	
Darryl Fields	Harrisonville: Carl Brooks (alt.)	Veenstra & Kimm Inc: Tim Gramling	
Alex Rotenberry	Independence: Rick Arroyo (alt.)	WSP: David Church	
Ray Webb	Liberty: John Findlay (alt.)		
Chris Upchurch	Lee's Summit: Jackie White		
Beth Dawson			
Patrick Trouba			

1. Welcome and Introductions

Committee Chair Patty Hilderbrand welcomed the attendees. The meeting was again held virtually via Zoom.

2. Approval of Meeting Summary

MOTION: Sherri McIntyre moved to approve the April 13, 2021 meeting summary as presented; the motion was seconded and carried.

3. Committee Chair/Vice-Chair Elections

The election is for a 2-year term for both committee positions. Sherri McIntyre nominated Patty Hilderbrand and Jose Leon to continue as chair and vice chair. Since there were no additional nominations, no vote was required and the nominations were accepted.

Congratulations to Patty Hilderbrand and Jose Leon for their re-elections to serve as chair and vice chair until May 2023.

4. MoDOT Updates

- Mike Landvik reported that Chris Redline would be starting as the new District Engineer on June 1st, replacing David Silvester who retires the end of May.

- Starting May 17, MoDOT staff will be back in the office and open to the public again.
- Progress on the STIP update was provided by Griffin Smith. The draft is out for public review and comment until June 4th. The STIP includes many asset management projects.

5. COVID-19 Stimulus

Marc Hansen reviewed information shared last month for further discussion. Title IV of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), enacted on December 27, 2020, appropriated \$10,000,000,000 to provide funding to address coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) impacts related to transportation programs. A portion of the funding appropriated by the CRRSAA was suballocated to urbanized areas with a population over 200,000 in the same manner as the Surface Transportation Block Grant program funds. Funds available for the Missouri side of the MARC region: \$8,393,333 and is to be obligated by September 30, 2024. Funds de-obligated after that date cannot be re-obligated. The Federal share is payable, at the option of the state, up to 100%. The Buy America, NEPA & DBE provisions apply to the funds.

At the April meeting, attendees discussed implementation strategy considerations provided by MARC staff:

- Equitable access to the funds
- Inclusion of applications from Kansas City
- Consistent regional approach
- Project(s) can be delivered on time to avoid loss of funds
- Avoid minimal amounts of funding per FHWA guidance
- Other considerations:
 - Mike Landvik explained that required documentation was unknown.
 - Consider a consistent regional approach and bring transportation out to the suburbs.
 - Marc Hansen shared the strategies discussed during the KS STP meeting:
 - 1) Review scored unfunded projects on the FY 2023-2024 applicant list.
 - 2) Roll the funds into the next Call for Projects occurring January 2022 and identify one or two projects. KDOT requires programs to reach a zero balance by the end of the fiscal year.
 - MARC recommends include the funds in the upcoming January 2022 Call for Projects for FFY 2025-2026 and identify projects that could obligate by the end of FFY 2024 to use the COVID stimulus funds. This would open the opportunity for anyone interested in applying. The Transportation bill is up for reauthorization and there is a good chance of receiving more funds.
 - Mike Landvik did not have any concerns waiting for the Call for Projects. The project(s) would need to be strategically selected to guarantee obligation within two years.
 - Patty recommended that the application asks if agencies are willing to accept these funds or the STP funds.
 - The timeline is a concern if a project needs to go through the NEPA process. Reviewing the unfunded projects from the last round would not be fair.
 - An FTA transfer is another option at the last minute.

Discussion during today's meeting:

There was interest in much needed street preservation/maintenance and the timing for that type of project would be doable. The purpose of these funds is to provide economic recovery.

Options/thoughts:

- Hold a separate funding round for maintenance/new projects which would put a burden on MARC staff
- Add the funds to the January 2022 Call for Projects.
- Add funds to projects programmed in the last programming round except some cities didn't apply due to support of the Buck O'Neill Bridge.
- Advance 2023-24 projects to use the funds, e.g., Grandview's \$1.4M Raytown Road bridge at 100% which would free up STP funds.
- Apply to KCATA projects \$1.6M for MO and \$1.6M for KS.
- Consider 90% instead of funding 100%.

- Probably wise for this to have a competitive selection process.
- Consider a pooled project across multiple jurisdictions to avoid a minimal amount concern. One jurisdiction would have to be the lead sponsor. Could MARC be the lead with setting up contracts by county? Would need a committee or consultant, like the OGL process.
- Fund some projects on ATA routes to serve bike/pedestrians.
- May want to select a route already ADA compliant.

The following members volunteered to participate on a subcommittee to research the best process for discussion at the June meeting: Mike Landvik, Marc or Ron, Sherri McIntyre, Chad Thompson, Tom Degenhardt, Jackie White, Mark Trosen, Tim Nebergall, Chris Sandie, Brad Ratliff, Mike Winckler and Ray Webb.

6. Reasonable Progress Report for FFY 2021

Marc Hansen reported that \$5.7M had been obligated to date recently including the Parkville, Pleasant Hill and Blue Springs projects. The city of Lee's Summit requested a delay to FFY2022. Six projects remain to be obligated in FFY 2021.

7. Other Business

MARC's Regional Assembly will be held Friday, June 11th, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. The event will be virtual and free to attend. You must register to receive the link to attend.

8. Adjournment

With no further business, a motion was approved to adjourn at 2:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: 1:30 p.m., June 8, 2021