Missouri Transportation Planning Committee

Meeting Notes

March 2018

The Missouri Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) Meeting was held in the Council offices on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 2:00 pm.

Members in Attendance

John Hicks, St Louis County

Ron Williams, Franklin County

Jason Jonas, Jefferson County

Mike Henderson, MoDOT

Grace Kyung, Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Christopher Poehler, Bi-State Development

Members Absent

Rich Bradley, City of St Louis

Pat Kelly, Municipal League of Metro St Louis

Jessica Mefford-Miller, Bi-State Development

Greg Smith, St Louis Regional Chamber

Craig Tajkowski, St Charles County

Amanda Brauer, St Charles County Transit Authority

Maurice Falls, City of St Louis

Wesley Stephen, MoDOT

Others in Attendance

Cynthia Davis, Bi-State Development

Kisha Lee, Bi-State Development

Chris Ehlen, Jefferson County

John Kohler, City of St Louis

Steve Ables, Municipal League of Metro St Louis

Mark Vogl, Great Rivers Greenway

EWGCOG Staff

Larry Grither, Ajdin Hamzagic, Ryan Hatch, Paul Hubbman, Jason Lange, Marcie Meystrik, Zakari Mumuni, Rachael Pawlak, Sonya Pointer, Amir Poorfakhraei, Josh Schwenk, Melissa Theiss

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by John Hicks, Chair.

ITEMS

Chouteau Greenway Design Competition Update – Mark Vogl (GRG) discussed the design components and progress on the Chouteau Greenway. The Chouteau Greenway will traverse the Central Corridor, providing connections to multiple greenways and bike facilities throughout the city. GRG and its project partners developed a set of design and community goals which will be the criteria against which final designs will be judged by a nine-member design jury. The four design teams are currently producing their designs in preparation for the final deadline of April 4th, 2018, when their designs will be submitted to GRG. Designs will then be available to the public during a series of open houses, and the project Technical Advisory Group will review the designs and pass recommendations to the jury. Late April/early May, GRG will announce the winning design. The winning team will then develop implementation and funding strategies to help realize their plan.

2018 Regional Safety Performance Targets – Sonya Pointer (EWG) presented the Board-approved safety performance targets for the East-West Gateway region. Federal legislation requires performance measures be set for certain areas. State departments of transportation set targets for their states, and then MPOs either adopt the state target or set their own targets

for their regions. The first target to be established is for safety, the performance measures for which are the number of fatalities and serious injuries, the rate of fatalities and serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT), and the number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. MoDOT has proposed a 7% reduction in fatalities and a 4% reduction in serious injuries and non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. IDOT has proposed a 2% reduction for each category. EWG adopted IDOT's targets as a conservative goal as the performance targets continue to be rolled out. MoDOT and IDOT are currently setting targets for the pavement, bridge, and system performance measures which must be set by May 20th. EWG will work with them to set regional targets by November 16th. The greenhouse gas emissions rule is expected to be released from the Federal Highway Administration this spring, after which target setting will occur.

Discussion followed concerning strategies to accomplish the 2% reductions in each category. Staff also noted some of the difficulties in preparing strategies at this time considering funding has already been programmed through 2021 and there is uncertainty concerning the demands of the additional performance targets which have yet to be released.

Annual Regional Congestion Report - 2016 – Zakari Mumuni (EWG) presented the results of the 2016 Annual Congestion Report. This report is a part of the federally-required Congestion Management Process of the St. Louis Region. Congestion was primarily north-south on arterials and east-west on freeways. Amongst arterials, IL 157 was found to have the greatest severity, while MO 141 & MO 94 were found to have the greatest total congestion impact, and MO 141 had the greatest variability. Amongst freeways, I-64 & I-270 were consistently found to have the highest congestion levels. The full report is available on EWG's website. Staff will continue working on the 2017 Annual Congestion Report.

FY2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program Development – Jason Lange (EWG) announced that project applications for Surface Transportation Block Grant Program – Suballocated (STP-S) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) were made available on EWG's website February 26th. Project Development Workshops are currently underway. Project Review Workshops will be taking place on April 24th and 27th so

that sponsors can have their applications reviewed by a panel of experts. Partner agency programs are due to EWG on April 28th. Applications are due June 14th, with a summary of submitted projects provided to the TPC in late June. After staff evaluations, rankings will be presented to the TPC for their recommendations August 8th. The draft TIP will be presented in August, going for public comments August 31st-October 5th. The final TIP will be presented for Board approval October 31st.

John Kohler asked about the total funding amount available. Lange responded that an estimated $40 million is available for STP-S and an estimated $24 million is available for CMAQ in the Missouri portion of our region.

Reasonable Progress – Josh Schwenk (EWG) informed the TPC that out of $91,109,563 programmed for FY 2018, $14,559,123 has been obligated so far. This includes $6,822,636 in the month of February. Staff will begin accepting extension requests May 1st, with a deadline of June 1st.

Other Business –

Jason Lange (EWG) announced that EWG is seeking public comments on its Title VI Plan. Comments can be made on EWG's website through March 26th or at the Open House at the Schlafly Branch of the St. Louis Public Library on March 12th, from 5-7pm.

Jason Lange (EWG) reminded TPC members that applications for revisions to the functional classification of roads are due by May 31st.

Jason Lange (EWG) also informed TPC members of a revision to their schedule: the August meeting will now take place on Wednesday, August 8, 2018.

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