Missouri Transportation Planning Committee
Meeting Notes
May 2019

The Missouri Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) Meeting was held in the East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG) offices on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 2:00 pm.

Members in Attendance
Steve Ables, Municipal League of Metro St Louis
Rich Bradley, City of St Louis
Amanda Brauer, St Charles County Transit Authority representative
Jessica Gershman, Bi-State Development (BSD)
John Hicks, St Louis County
Dan Naunheim, Jefferson County
Wesley Stephen, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Ron Williams, Franklin County

Members Absent
Maurice Falls, City of St Louis
Mike Henderson, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Karen Karabell, Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) representative
Chris Poehler, Bi-State Development (BSD)
Greg Smith, St Louis Regional Chamber
Craig Tajkowski, St Charles County

Others in Attendance
Michelle Forneris, MoDOT
Nick Galla, City of St. Charles
John Kohler, City of St. Louis
Jeff Paskiewicz, City of O'Fallon, MO
Steve Schultz, Bartlett & West
Brad Temme, City of St. Charles
Don Wichern, Bartlett & West

EWG Staff
Jerry Blair, Paul Hubbman, Peter Koeppel, Jason Lange, Anna Musial, Rachael Pawlak, Josh Schwenk, Melissa Theiss

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

ITEMS
Update on I-44 construction projects in region – Michelle Forneris (MoDOT) updated TPC members of various projects along the I-44 corridor in the St. Louis Region. These include:

- St. Clair to Crawford County line – pavement repairs and guardrail replacement complete, beginning milling driving surface. Anticipated completion Fall 2019.
- Meramec River Bridge – work is progressing for the new westbound bridge. Once complete, traffic will be shifted to this bridge while work is performed on the eastbound bridge. A trail connection over the river has also been coordinated with Great Rivers Greenway District. Anticipated completion Fall 2021.
- Replacement of BNSF Railroad bridges at Shrewsbury – after a suspension of work due to pavement cracking discovered on the newly-built westbound bridge, the contractor restarted work following a redesign, and traffic has been shifted to the eastbound bridge for remedial work on the westbound bridge. Anticipated to open all lanes mid-July 2019.
- Pedestrian Bridge between Kingshighway and Edwards – replacement began last fall, anticipated completion June 2019.
- Six bridges between Kingshighway and 39th St – three bridges are being replaced and three are being rehabilitated. Anticipated completion of December 2019.
- Jefferson Bridge replacement scheduled to begin in 2020.

Jason Lange (EWG) asked what the age was of I-44 in the City. Forneris responded that depending on the location, the roadway was built between the late-1960s to mid-1970s. Ron Williams (Franklin County) asked what additional costs were associated with the redesign of the Shrewsbury bridges. Forneris responded that there is no additional cost to the taxpayers because the contractor absorbed the costs of the redesign and construction.

Additional information about construction projects along I-44 is available at:
St. Louis County: https://www.modot.org/construction-along-i-44-st-louis-county
St. Louis City: https://www.modot.org/i-44-construction-st-louis-city

Draft *Connected2045* and State of the System Technical Supplement – Peter Koeppel (EWG) presented an overview of the update to *Connected2045*, the long-range transportation plan for the St. Louis Region. The plan is a federally-required document which must be updated every four years. The plan also must be performance-based, including federally-defined performance targets which have been set by the EWG Board of Directors over the course of the last year.

The plan includes four chapters. Chapter 1 provides background on the region, information from EWG's 2017 Emerging Technologies Study, and an overview of the federal funding situation, including the potential shortfall in the Highway Trust Fund if additional funding sources are not identified. Chapter 2 includes an various fact sheets related to EWG's 10 Guiding Principles and performance targets. Chapter 3 consists of the investment plan which compares the costs of projects identified by EWG's planning partners with the funds available and prioritizes projects based on funding availability. Chapter 4 includes the air quality conformity analysis on the projects identified in chapter 3. The supplemental State of the System Report includes additional technical details to back up the information in the plan.

Next steps include a public comment period in May and June, two open houses in Missouri and Illinois, with the plan presented to the Board of Directors for final adoption at their June 26, 2019 meeting.

Jason Lange (EWG) asked when the open houses will be held. Koeppel responded that the Missouri open house will be held at The Heights Community Center in Richmond Heights, May 13 from 11:30am to 2:30pm, and the Illinois open house will be held at Metro East Park & Recreation District in Collinsville, May 20 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm.

Additional information is available at: https://www.ewgateway.org/transportation-planning/long-range-planning/

FY 2020-2023 TIP – Local program project recommendations – STP-S and CMAQ – ACTION ITEM – Jason Lange (EWG) presented the TPC with staff's evaluation of project applications for the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program – Suballocated (STP-S) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ). EWG opened its call for projects November 29, 2018. Applications were due February 14, 2019. Staff received 88 applications for STP-S requesting approximately $103.2 million. There is approximately $61 million in available funding for STP-S. Staff recommends 56 projects costing approximately $61 million. Staff received one request for a one-time 10% cost increase. Staff does not recommend this cost increase. Staff received 21 CMAQ applications requesting approximately $33 million. There is approximately $27 million in available funding for CMAQ. Staff recommends 15 projects costing approximately $27 million. A public comment period was held from March 4 to April 4. Staff received 107 comments which are detailed in the memo.

Next steps include staff presenting the TPC's recommended project list to the Board of Directors at their May 29 meeting. A public comment period on the draft FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), including the new projects, will be held June 28-August 5. Four open houses will be held in Missouri during the public comment period. The final TIP will be presented to the Board of Directors for final approval at their August 28, 2019 meeting.

Jessica Gershman (BSD) asked why Madison County Transit (MCT) withdrew their CMAQ application. Lange responded that MCT had applied for 100% federal funding but were informed by the Federal Highway Administration that the project was only eligible for 80% federal funding. John Kohler (City of St. Louis) asked for more information on St. Charles County's Smart Parking Management System CMAQ project. Amanda Brauer (St. Charles County Transit Authority representative) responded that the project will include sensors and cameras in downtown St. Charles to determine parking utilization and direct motorists to available parking via an app. This will also allow enforcement of 2-hour time limits. An electric vehicle parking shuttle will also be utilized during events. Brauer also asked that St. Charles' I-70 Transit Parking Lot project be evaluated and recommendations be made to improve the application for the future.

More information on the TIP is available in the memo titled "FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Missouri Local Program -- REVISED" available in the 2019-05-01 TPC Meeting Documents file.

Motion to Approve: Move – Rich Bradley, Second – Wesley Stephen
-Motion carries – All in attendance voting in favor

Reasonable Progress – Josh Schwenk (EWG) informed the TPC that since their last meeting in March, 16 projects obligated approximately $6.2 million in federal funds. Staff has sent out One-Time Schedule Extension Request Forms which sponsors may return by June 3, 2019 to request up to nine months in additional time on their construction/implementation phase, if needed.

The most recent Reasonable Progress Update, as well as previous updates, is available at https://www.ewgateway.org/tip under Reasonable Progress.

Other Business –
Jason Lange (EWG) informed the TPC that FreightWeekSTL is returning May 20-23 hosted by St. Louis Regional Freightway. Additional information, as well as registration, is available at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-louis-regional-freightway-2019-freightweekstl-events-tickets-59533015853.

Lange also informed the TPC of the Fundamentals of Freight Data Workshop May 22-23 hosted by St. Louis Regional Freightway and EWG. Additional information, as well as registration, is available at: https://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/course-search?tab=0&key=frieght&sf=0&course_no=139011&session_info=0.

John Kohler (City of St. Louis) informed the TPC of the recently completed National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Shared Mobility Workshop hosted by the City. Roughly 60 attendees discussed many aspects of shared mobility.

Amanda Brauer (St. Charles County Transit Authority representative) informed the TPC that the Midwestern District and Missouri Valley Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers will be held in St. Louis, June 19-21. Additional information, as well as registration, is available at: https://www.2019itestl.com/

John Hicks (St. Louis County) and Melissa Theiss (EWG) informed the TPC that AmericaWalks will hold their annual conference on the Washington University in St. Louis campus, March 9-13, 2020. Hicks reminded the TPC that this is an important topic with the increase in pedestrian deaths nationally.

Lange informed the TPC that the federal Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program is currently accepting applications, due July 15, 2019. A short discussion followed about potential applications from the region. Additional information, including the application, is available at: https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants

The next Missouri TPC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 2:00pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Move – Steve Ables, Second – Jessica Gershman