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Memo to: Board of Directors

From: Staff

Subject: Amendment to the 2012 and 2013 Unified Planning Work Programs to Add an Independent Review of the Poplar Street Bridge/I-55/I-70 Interchange Project, and Authorization for the Executive Director to Enter into a Contract for the Review

Date: May 21, 2012

Staff requests that the work element 2.15: Independent Review of the Poplar Street Bridge/I-55/I-70 Interchange Project, be added to the FY 2012 and 2013 Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWP). This element encompasses the work required for an independent review of the Poplar Street Bridge/I-55/I-70 Interchange project, as directed by the Board of Directors. The work is expected to begin in late June and be completed by the Board's September meeting. The funding consists of \$40,000 from the Illinois Department of Transportation. The UPWP element describing the work tasks is attached.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the 2012 and 2013 Unified Planning Work Programs be amended to include work element 2.15: Independent Review of the Poplar Street Bridge/I-55/I-70 Interchange Project. Staff further recommends that the Executive Director be authorized to procure and enter into contract for consulting services for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

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Independent Review of the Poplar Street Bridge/I-55/I-70 Interchange Project 2.15

Activities:

1. Within the context of the overall Mississippi River Bridge project, review the design options for the Poplar Street Bridge/I-55/I-70 Interchange project under consideration by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).
2. Assess possibilities for other design alternatives not considered by the state DOTs.
3. Evaluate the impacts of the no-build and design alternatives in terms of travel time, congestion, safety, costs, development impacts, and other relevant factors.
4. Maintain close coordination with MoDOT, IDOT, and the Council.
5. Develop recommendations on a preferred design alternative.
6. Prepare technical documentation of the review, develop a final report, and present the findings to the Council's Board of Directors.

(Note: all activities will be performed by a consultant)

Products/Outcomes:

1. Documentation of analytical work including technical documentation describing the design alternatives and the evaluation of alternatives. *(August 2012)*
2. Preferred alternative(s) recommendation. *(August 2012)*
3. Final report and Board presentation. *(September 2012)*

Estimated Costs:

State:

State Planning & Research Funds

IDOT	\$32,000

Local:

EWG	\$8,000

TOTAL	\$40,000

MINUTES

EAST-WEST GATEWAY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY 30, 2012

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Council offices on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Members in Attendance

Steve Ehlmann, Chair; County Executive, St. Charles County
Alan Dunstan, Vice-Chair; Chairman, Madison County Board
Francis Slay, 2nd Vice-Chair; Mayor, City of St. Louis
Charlie Dooley, County Executive, St. Louis County
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Richard Kellett, Regional Citizen, St. Louis County
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Roy Mosley, Board Member, St. Clair County
Alvin Parks, Jr., Mayor, City of East St. Louis
Thomas Schneider, Mayor of Florissant
Dave Stoecklin, Regional Citizen, Madison County, IL
Jim Vernier, Mayor, Village of Shiloh; President, SW IL Council of Mayors
Ken Waller, County Executive, Jefferson County
John White, Councilman, St. Charles County

Members Absent

John Hamm, III, Mayor, City of Madison; President, Southwestern Illinois Planning Commission
Edie Koch, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Rich Magee, Mayor, City of Glendale; President, St. Louis County Municipal League
John Miller, Mayor, City of Collinsville; Vice-President, SW IL Council of Mayors
Jack Minner, Board Member, Madison County
Doug Nelson, Missouri Office of Administration
John Nations, Metro
Brandon Perry, Regional Citizen, City of St. Louis
James Pulley, Regional Citizen, St. Clair County
Lewis Reed, President, Board of Aldermen, City of St. Louis
Delbert Wittenauer, Chairman, Monroe County Board

Others in Attendance

Tracy Beidelman, Metro
Stephen Gregali, City of St. Louis
Bill Schnell, MoDOT
Chip Casteel, St. Louis RCGA
Jim Terry – Highway W/MM Task Force
Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration

Others in Attendance, cont'd

Gary Elmestad, St. Charles County

Jill Emerick, URS

Shawn Archibald, One Curve at a Time

Cynde Poliak, One Curve at a Time

Brian Loesel, Office of County Executive Steve Ehlmann

Council Staff: Ed Hillhouse, Jim Wild, Nick Gragnani, Jerry Blair, Steve Nagle, John Posey, DJ Wilson, Paul Hubbman, Wayne Flesch, Kevin Triggs, Mike Coulson, Ross Friedman, Aaron Young, Anna Musial, Peter Koeppel, Shay Steelman, Gyanesh Lama, Ben Fleschert, Mary Rocchio, Matt Green, Alexis McGrail, Himmer Soberanis, Karen Kunkel

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ehlmann, Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2012 and MAY 16, 2012 MEETINGS

Motion was made by Mr. Griesheimer, seconded by Mr. Waller, to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2012 and May 16, 2012 meetings. Motion carried, all voting aye.

INTRODUCTION

Mr. Dunstan introduced new Board member David Stoecklin, Regional Citizen for Madison County. Mr. Dooley introduced new Board member Thomas Schneider, Mayor of Florissant and President of the St. Louis County Municipal League.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Blue Ribbon Citizens Committee on Missouri's Transportation Needs

Ed Hillhouse, EWG, reported that the Blue Ribbon Citizens Committee, which was formed by the Missouri Speaker of the House to analyze transportation needs across the state through public input, held its first public meeting at MoDOT on May 24. MoDOT, Metro and East-West Gateway made presentations describing regional conditions and needs. He summarized the locally owned bridge and pavement needs that were identified, the associated repair costs, available funding, and projected shortfalls. He also summarized the funding availability and shortfalls associated with local roadway safety and operations needs. Mr. Hillhouse advised that staff would prepare and present a comparable report identifying needs and costs for the Illinois portion of the region at next month's meeting.

Additional discussion followed in which staff responded to questions from the Board regarding whether the Committee would address ways to improve funding.

Draft FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Air Quality Conformity Determination

Jim Wild, EWG, summarized the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), updated annually, which allocates federal funds to local transportation projects across the region. He summarized the process used by staff to develop a recommended program of projects. He advised that the total program contains 721 projects totaling about \$2.14 billion, and he briefly summarized the projects contained in the IDOT, MoDOT, transit and local programs. He also summarized the Air Quality Conformity Determination, which demonstrates that projects contained in the TIP will meet all air quality thresholds established by state and federal law. He advised that a series of public meetings

are planned over the next month throughout the region to receive public input prior to approval and adoption by the Board in July.

Mr. Wild, EWG, and Ed Hassinger, MoDOT, in response to inquiry from Mr. Ehlmann, explained the sponsorship eligibility of Parkway School District to use CMAQ funds to purchase compressed natural gas buses.

The Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan

Mr. Wild, EWG, summarized the plan, a requirement of SAFETEA LU, which is a regional plan created to establish priorities and is used to help guide investment of limited resources funded under FTA Sections 5310 (Elderly and Disabled), 5316 (JARC), and 5317 (New Freedom) programs. The plan must identify services available to, and needs of, individuals with disabilities and provide strategies to meet local needs and provide a competitive project selection process. He advised that the plan will be going out for public comment along with the TIP and would be presented to the Board for approval and adoption in July.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution to Modify Signatory Authorization on EWG Bank Accounts

Mr. Hillhouse summarized staff's request that the Banking Resolution be modified to authorize signers on the accounts based on their position at the Council.

Motion was made by Mr. Dooley, seconded by Mr. Parks. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2012 and 2013 Unified Planning Work Programs to add one project

Mr. Hillhouse summarized staff's request to amend the 2012 and 2013 work programs to include a work element for the independent review of the Poplar Street Bridge / I-55 / I-70 interchange project.

Motion was made by Mr. Dooley, seconded by Mr. Kellett. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Modification of the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Metropolitan Transportation Plan - RTP 2040, and the related Air Quality Conformity Determination to add one project and modify one project – Requested by the Missouri Department of Transportation

Mr. Hillhouse, EWG, summarized MoDOT's request to revise the FY 2012-2015 TIP, RTP 2040 and related Air Quality Conformity Determination to add and/or modify the following projects:

TIP #	Action	Description
5730-12	Add	Multi-County / Bridges at various locations - Improve guardrail on divided highways medians
5718A-12	Add	St. Louis City / I-70 south of Washington Ave to MLK Bridge – Design new interchange and city street improvements [scoping only]
6063A-12	Add	Multi-County / MO 47 over Missouri River – design replacement bridge [scoping only]
4774-08	Modify	Multi-County / I-64 to 1 mile east of Missouri River – Construct new westbound Boone Bridge (with one additional through lane)

TIP #	Action	Description
5523C-12	Modify	Jefferson County / MO 30 at Dillon Rd., Caroline Dr., and Delores Dr. – Geometric improvements
5523F-12	Modify	Multi-County / MO 30 – MO 141 to MO B – Signing, guardrail and tree trimming
5306B-12	Modify	St. Louis County / MO 340 - MO 100 to I 64 – Resurfacing
4411S-11	Modify	St. Louis County / MO 109 – south of MO 100 to Meramec River - Resurfacing

Motion was made by Mr. Griesheimer, seconded by Mr. Waller. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Modification of the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Metropolitan Transportation Plan - RTP 2040, and the related Air Quality Conformity Determination to modify one project – Requested by the Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Hillhouse summarized IDOT's request to amend the FY 2012-2015 TIP, RTP 2040 and related Air Quality Conformity Determination to add and/or modify the following projects:

TIP #	Action	Description
5483-13	Modify	St. Clair County – US 50 – 0.2 miles east of IL 158 to 0.2 miles west of Rieder Road – Resurfacing
5663-12	Add	Madison County – Alton Regional Multimodal Transportation Center – Construct bus transfer center, upgrade Golf Road, Barons Commerce Parkway and construct roads in Wadlow Town Center
5666A-12	Add	St. Clair County - Central School District 104 sidewalks – Construct, replace or repair sidewalk at various locations near schools
5666B-12	Add	St. Clair County – IL 15 – Construct, replace or repair sidewalk at Urbanna Drive in Freeburg
5666C-12	Add	St. Clair County – Signal Hill School District – Construct, replace or repair sidewalk near schools
5666D-12	Add	St. Clair County – Infrastructure improvements – Traffic lights or signs at various locations in Mascoutah
5666E-12	Add	St. Clair County - Infrastructure improvements – New or improved signage at various locations in Mascoutah
5666F-12	Add	St. Clair County – Infrastructure improvements – Construct, replace or repair sidewalk at various locations in Mascoutah
5666G-12	Add	St. Clair County – Smithton CCSD 130 – Construct, replace or repair sidewalk in Smithton
5666H-12	Add	Monroe County – Waterloo – Bellefontaine Dr. and Market St. – Construct, replace or repair sidewalks
5666I-12	Add	Monroe County – Waterloo – Bellefontaine Dr. and Market St. – Install new or improved signage
5666J-12	Add	Madison County – Twin Echo Elementary School – Carl St.- S. Morrison Rd to Echo Dr. – Construct, replace or repair sidewalks
5666K-12	Add	Madison County – Liberty Middle School – District Dr. – Governor's Parkway to Goshen Rd. – Construct, replace or repair sidewalks
5666L-12	Add	Madison County – Edwardsville - District Dr. – Governor's Parkway to Goshen Rd. – Install, enhance or repair sidewalks
5666M-12	Add	Madison County – Troxler Ave. – Build off road walking/bicycle paths in Highland
5666N-12	Add	Madison County – South Roxana – Herbert St., Missouri Ave., School St. – Construct, repair or replace sidewalks
5666O-12	Add	Madison County – South Roxana – Install new or improved signage at various locations
5664A-12	Add	Madison County – Challenge Unlimited vehicle acquisition – 2 super medium duty paratransit vehicles with lift
5664B-12	Add	St. Clair County – Foundation for Autism Services - vehicle acquisition – one medium duty paratransit vehicle with lift
5664D-12	Add	St. Clair County – The Illinois Center for Autism - vehicle acquisition – one light duty paratransit vehicle with lift
5664E-12	Add	Madison County – Main Street Community Center – one light duty paratransit vehicle with lift
5664F-12	Add	St. Clair County – Rotary Club of O'Fallon – one medium duty paratransit vehicle with lift

TIP #	Action	Description
5664G-12	Add	St. Clair County – St. Clair Assoc. Vocational Enterprises – one medium duty paratransit vehicle with lift and one light duty paratransit vehicle with lift
5664H-12	Add	St. Clair County – St. Clair County Transit District – two super medium duty paratransit vehicle with lift

Motion was made by Mr. Kellett, seconded by Mr. Slay. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Regional Security Expenditures

Nick Gragnani, STARRS, summarized staff's request for the following expenditures. They total \$483,019 and will be funded from the UASI, Port Security, and HSRSS grant programs.

Action	Description	Amount
Purchase	Traube Tents and Structures – rapid deployment inflatable shelter with fluorescent lighting and four HVAC units	\$24,795
Purchase	Bound Tree Medical – SMART Triage System	\$122,290
Purchase	Zoll Medical Corporation – two heart monitors	\$22,819
Purchase	Leo M. Ellebracht – Western Shelter System	\$29,995
Purchase	Gibson & Barnes – 12 helmets with integrated communications system	\$18,120
Purchase	Private entity sub-award – security improvements	\$250,000
Purchase	Larry and Susie Church -Lease of storage facility in Herculanum, MO	\$15,000

Motion was made by Mr. Griesheimer, seconded by Mr. Waller. Motion carried, all voting aye.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Waller introduced Shawn Archibald, One Curve at Time, Org.

Mr. Ehlmann introduced his summer intern, Brian Loesel.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Vernier, seconded by Mr. Parks, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Ed Hillhouse
Secretary, Board of Directors