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Memo to: Board of Directors

From: Staff

Subject: Amend the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program to include element 2.10 MoDOT Traffic Engineering Assistance Program

Date: January 14, 2020

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) has requested that East-West Gateway amend the FY 2020 UPWP to include element 2.10: MoDOT Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP) for the competitively selected projects within our region. The project recipient is the City of Ballwin. The TEAP will fund up to 80% of the cost of the projects, up to $8,000 per project and the local project sponsors will provide the matching funds. The total element is estimated at $10,000. The amended work element is attached.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the FY 2020 UPWP be amended to include element 2.10: MoDOT Traffic Engineering Assistance Program for a total of $10,000

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MODOT TRAFFIC ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
2.10

Activities:

1. Provide engineering assistance to local public agencies to study traffic safety or operational issues.

   a. City of Ballwin – Stop sign assessment

Products/Outcomes:

A. Reports on studies conducted for City of Ballwin *(June 2020).*

Estimated Costs:

		City of Ballwin
Federal:		
FHWA	MoDOT	$8,000
	Subtotal	$8,000
Local:		
	Local Jurisdiction	$2,000
	Subtotal	$2,000
	TOTAL	$10,000

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MINUTES
EAST-WEST GATEWAY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 29, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Council offices on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Members in Attendance
Steve Ehlmann, *Vice-Chair*, County Executive, St. Charles County, MO
Robert Elmore, *2nd Vice-Chair*, Chairman, Monroe County, IL Board
Tim Brinker, Presiding Commissioner, Franklin County, MO
Dennis Gannon, County Executive, Jefferson County, MO
Lyda Krewson, Mayor, City of St. Louis, MO
Dr. Sam Page, County Executive, St. Louis County, MO
Kurt Prenzler, Chairman, Madison County, IL Board
Barbara Geisman, Regional Citizen, City of St. Louis, MO
Bill Grogan, Regional Citizen, St. Clair County, IL
Reggie Jones, Mayor, City of Dellwood, St. Louis County, MO
Richard Kellett, Regjonal Citizen, St. Louis County
James Knowles III, Mayor, City of Ferguson, MO
John A. Laker, Regional Citizen, St. Clair County, IL
Cheryl Maguire, Mayor, City of Wood River; Vice President, SW IL Council of Mayors
Roy Mosley, Board Member, St. Clair County, IL
Lewis Reed, President Board of Aldermen, City of St. Louis
John White, Councilman, St. Charles County, MO
Ron Williams, Regional Citizen, Madison County, IL
Holly Bieneman, IDOT
Tom Blair, MoDOT
Taulby Roach, President, Bi-State Development

Members Absent
Mark Kern, *Chair*, Chairman, St. Clair County Board, IL Board
Ron Counts, Jefferson County, MO
Robert Eastern III, Mayor, City of East St. Louis, IL
Mark Kupsky, Mayor, City of Fairview Heights, IL; President, SW IL Council of Mayors
Erika Kennett, State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Opportunity
Herb Simmons, President, SW IL Metropolitan and Regional Planning Commission
Michael Walters, Regional Citizen, Madison County, IL

Others in Attendance
Maurice Falls, St. Louis City, MO
Paul Hampel, St. Louis County, MO
Kevin Jemison, IDOT
Scott Ogilvie, City of St. Louis, MO

EWGCOG Staff:

Jim Wild, Christian Allen, Staci Alvarez, Jerry Blair, Dale Chambers, Joyce Collins-Catling, Gregg Favre, Ben Fleschert, Brenden Giblin, Larry Grither, Gena Jain, Frank Johnson, Peter Koeppel, Jason Lange, Carol Lawrence, Mary Grace Lewandowski, Maureen McCarthy, Marcie Meystrik, Rachael Pawlak, Sonya Pointer, Amir Poorfakhrael, John Posey, Mary Rocchio, Josh Schwenk, Himmer Soberanis, Melissa Theiss, Christine Thomas, Jennifer Vuitel, Derek Wetherell, Michael Wohlstadter, Aaron Young

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Mr. Ehlmann, Vice-Chairman. The Vice-Chair welcomed new member Ron Williams (Regional Citizen, Madison County, IL) to the board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 30, 2019 AND NOVEMBER 13, 2019

Motion approving the October 30, 2019 and November 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes made by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Kellett. Motion carried, all voting aye.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Where We Stand 8th Edition Update #3: Per Capita Income
John Posey, EWGCOG, presented the Where We Stand 8th Edition Update #3 focusing on per capita income. He noted that this update primarily focuses on regional trends in levels as it compares to peer major metropolitan areas/regions as well as national areas. He briefly discussed decade by decade changes over the last 50 years, different era movements including the dot com crash and housing bubble, population growth, and areas that fell below the national average. He noted that St. Louis is has done better than a lot of peer and national regions, especially during the recession and other turbulent economical periods. Mr. Posey pointed out the resilience and strength of the region, and mentioned there's a phenomenal amount of funds funneled to other regions mostly due to more productive and innovative workforce, in addition to federal and political manipulations including technical industry competition and anti-competitive practices. He also noted that there is an interactive on-line application available on the EWGCOG website that gives a customizable view of where the region stands.

FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Development
Jason Lange, EWGCOG, gave an update on the development of the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development. He discussed the process for soliciting, receiving, and reviewing STP-S and CMAQ applications, completed activities including project development workshops, project review workshops, and open houses as well as the timelines and schedules for final STP-S and CMAQ application submittals. He noted that local program recommendations will be reviewed by the TPC early May and presented to the boards for review at the May meetings. The draft TIP is expected to be presented to the Board in June with the final draft presented for Board approval in August.

St. Louis Lambert International Airport
Jim Wild, EWGCOG, stated that at the January 21 Executive Advisory Committee (EAC) meeting, the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis requested that the Board of Directors have a discussion regarding the disposition of the study of St. Louis Lambert International Airport. Extensive conversation took place by Mr. Reed, President of Board of Aldermen, Dr. Page, St. Louis County Executive, Ms. Krewson, St. Louis City Mayor, as well as input from both Mr. Knowles, Mayor of the City of Ferguson and Mr. Brinker, Presiding Commissioner of Franklin County. At the conclusion of the discussions and based on consensus of the Board, Chairman Ehlmann announced that staff would work on a potential study scope for the February Board meeting. Mr. Wild noted that he will have staff develop a survey to gather feedback for use on developing the study scope.

ACTION ITEMS

Election of Board Officers for 2020
Jim Wild, EWGCOG, presented the following recommendations from the Nominating Committee for the 2020 EWGCOG Board of Directors:

Chairman:	Mr. Steve Ehlmann, County Executive, St. Charles County, MO
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. Kurt Prenzler, Chairman, Madison County, IL
2nd Vice- Chairman:	Ms. Lyda Krewson, Mayor, City of St. Louis, MO

Motion approving the recommendations was made by Mr. Reed seconded by Mr. Kellett. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Contract to Perform Audit Services
Staci Alvarez, EWGCOG, informed the board that the Council is in the process of beginning it's audit process, per requirement, and is seeking to enter into contract with Kerber, Eck and Braeckel (KEB) as consultants to perform auditing services. She noted that the audit is expected to begin in late April/early May. Staff recommends the authorization to enter into an agreement with KEB.

Motion approving the recommendation was made by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Reed. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Amend the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program to include element 2.10 MoDOT Traffic Engineering Assistance Program
Josh Schwenk, EWGOG, explained to the board that element 2.10 MoDOT Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP) is a competitive funding program. The TEAP will fund project recipients up to 80% of the cost of the engineering projects with local project sponsors providing matching funds. He pointed out that the City of Ballwin was the sole project recipient for FY 2020 estimated at $10,000 whereby MoDOT would fund up to $8,000. Staff is recommending to amend the FY 2020 UPWP to include element 2.10.

Motion approving the recommendation was made by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Reed. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Modification to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program, Connected2045, and the Related Air Quality Conformity Determination – Section 5310 Program
Melissa Theiss, EWGCOG, informed the board that EWGCOG initiated a solicitation on August 29, 2019 for projects seeking Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310). She briefed the board on how this provides funding to address the mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services, and expanding/enhancing the available transportation options. Section 5310 funds are apportioned to the St. Louis, MO-IL Urbanized Area (UZA) with approximately $3.1 million available for this solicitation in FY 2019 and estimated FY 2020 funds. IDOT has not announced when their next solicitation will occur but is expected in early 2020; once IDOT approves CVP programs, those projects will be amended to the TIP. Ms. Theiss pointed out that a public comment period was open from December 13, 2019 to January 13, 2020 where one comment was received in support of Bi-State Development's Metro Connections Pilot Program. Staff recommends the modifications adding all 23 projects totaling $3,186,000 as well authorization to include projects on the contingency list.

Motion approving the recommendation was made by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Laker. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Mid-year Air Quality Conformity Determination and Documentation for the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program and related amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Connected2045, and amendments to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program
Jason Lange, EWGCOG, presented IDOT's amendment to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He reminded the board that the Governor of Illinois signed the Rebuild Illinois capital plan in June 2019, but had not released IDOT's program prior to Board approval of the TIP in August 2019. The IDOT program was not released until October 21, 2019 and IDOT is requesting to add 67 projects totaling $800.6 million; 45 are new projects and 22 are reprogrammed projects from the FY 2019-2022 TIP. Mr. Lange briefly highlighted the Air Quality Conformity Determination document, proposed amendments, and public participation period (January 14 through February 13). He pointed out that the Air Quality Conformity Determination document is available for review and download on the Council's website.

Motion approving the recommendations was made by Ms. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Elmore. Motion carried, all voting aye.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Wild introduced new staff member Gregg Favre as the new STARRS Director, replacing Nick Gragnani who retired at the end of 2019.

Chairman Ehlmann noted that this would be the last meeting for Mr. Counts who be rotating off the board.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Wild
Secretary, Board of Director