Missouri and Illinois

Joint Transportation Planning Committee Meeting Notes

January 2018

The Missouri and Illinois Joint Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) Meeting was held in the Council offices on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 2:00 pm.

Missouri Members in Attendance

Ron Williams, Franklin County

John Kohler, City of St Louis (proxy for Rich Bradley)

Chris Ehlen, Jefferson County

Mike Henderson, MoDOT

Pat Kelly, Municipal League of Metro St Louis

Jessica Mefford-Miller, Metro

Craig Tajkowski, St Charles County

Amanda Brauer, St Charles County Transit Authority

John Hicks, St Louis County

Grace Kyung, Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Christopher Poehler, Metro

Wesley Stephen, MoDOT

Illinois Members in Attendance

Norm Etling, St Clair County

Tony Erwin, St Clair County Transit District

Mark Gvillo, Madison County

Lora Rensing, IDOT (proxy for Jeffrey Keirn)

John Miller, Madison County TPC

Mark Steyer, Madison County Transit District (proxy for Jerry J Kane)

Aaron Metzger, Monroe County

Kevin Hutchinson, Monroe County TPC (proxy for Tom Smith)

Richard Sauget, Jr, St Clair County TPC

Members Absent

Greg Smith, St Louis Regional Chamber

Maurice Falls, City of St Louis

Others in Attendance

Randy Georgen, St Clair County

Chris Smith, City of Columbia

Curtis Jones, IDOT

Jon Schaller, IDOT

Jeff Taylor, City of O'Fallon, IL

Herb Roach, City of O'Fallon, IL

Troy Turner, City of Collinsville

Jim Mollet, IDOT

Kevin Jemison, IDOT

Daniel Sommer, IDOT

EWGCOG Staff

Anna Musial, Rachael Pawlak, Jason Lange, Jerry Blair, Jim Wild, Peter Koeppel, Paul Hubbman, Melissa Thiess, Sonya Pointer, Larry Grither, Ajdin Hamzagic, Josh Schwenk

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ron Williams, Chair.

ITEMS

Scoring criteria for Surface Transportation Block Grant Program project applications (ACTION ITEM) – Jason Lange discussed comments received on the draft STP criteria since the last TPC meeting and staff responses to those comments. Comments were received from four TPC members on the draft criteria since the last meeting of the TPC. These comments and staff's responses are available in the attached memo.

Lange then discussed additional changes made to the criteria since the last TPC meeting. These include reducing the funding cap from 20% to 15% of available federal funds in Missouri. Adjustments were made to the points for functional class for road and bridge projects. Shared lane markings on bridges was added to the catalog of multimodal improvements. In the traffic flow application, the point for fostering a vibrant downtown core has been replaced with an additional point for job density. In the active transportation criteria, the points for environmental justice were reduced from six to four points for consistency with other project types. These two points were added to the access to community resources criterion. The Project Utilization Index has been replaced by the Population & Employment Index in the active transportation criteria. Additionally, 5 points were moved from industrial site areas to intermodal connections in the freight/economic development criteria. The above changes were made to ensure projects outside the central core remain competitive. Additionally, the transit criteria were modified to operationalize measures of ridership increase and to require a higher ridership increase in order to score the maximum points.

Based on these changes, staff is recommending approval of the proposed criteria. Staff will monitor the evaluation process and will assess the scoring criteria after two STP-S funding rounds as requested by the TPC. Future steps will be to seek approval from the Executive Advisory Committee and Board of Directors at their January meetings. The next application schedule is being developed.

A brief discussion followed where one TPC member suggested delaying implementation of the new criteria until further modifications were made and a new beta test run. Staff responded that they have made numerous modifications based on member comments and believe they

have developed an objective set of criteria. Beta tests are not particularly useful due to the use of applications submitted under a different set of scoring criteria.

Motion to Approve: Move – Norm Etling, Second – Pat Kelly.

-Motion for Roll-Call Vote: Move – John Hicks, Second – Amanda Brauer. Motion carries.

- Motion carries – All in attendance voting in favor except John Hicks and Amanda Brauer.

Other Business –

Jason Lange announced the next Missouri TPC date is to be determined. The meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, at 2pm at EWG's offices but may change.

Jason Lange announced that the next Illinois TPC date is to be determined.

John Hicks commended staff on their work developing the proposed criteria.

MEETING ADJOURNED