



BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 7, 2014
10:00 a.m.
Ozarks Transportation Organization
Holland Building – Suite 212
205 Park Central East, Springfield, Missouri

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Josh Bird | David Hutchison |
| David Brock | Frank Miller |
| Randy Brown | Jeremy Parsons |

STAFF PRESENT

Natasha Longpine

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am.

1. MINUTES

The minutes from the March 5, 2014 meeting were approved with a motion by David Brock and a second by David Hutchison.

2. TRANSPORTATION INPUT INITIATIVE

Ms. Longpine reviewed the timeline of the Transportation Input Initiative, which is the development of a project list for the possibility there may be a new funding source for MoDOT. In this case, the voters will be deciding on a transportation sales and use tax. Ms. Longpine informed the committee that the list being considered in the OTO region include a variety of multi-modal projects. OTO's bike/ped priorities are part of the list. The Route 66 Trail between Strafford and Springfield is listed, as is a section of Jordan Creek Trail between Main and Campbell, Wilson's Creek Trail by Rutledge Wilson, and a sidepath along ZZ by the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. Other multi-modal projects include CU transit, the airport, and a railroad crossing on MM in Republic. Several of the roadway projects will also include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

3. ENHANCEMENT APPLICATION

Ms. Longpine explained to the Committee that with the changes to the Enhancements program via MAP-21, it was time to review the application for enhancement-type projects. The new program, Transportation Alternatives Program, changes eligibility of applicants and project types. Ms.



Longpine presented the Committee with options for changing the existing application, a copy of the current application instructions and funding score sheet, and updates to the existing application based upon the new MAP-21 legislation.

Discussion started with a proposal by David Brock for a maximum award amount of \$250,000, with no minimum for non-infrastructure projects, but a \$40,000 minimum. David Hutchison moved to accept this proposal, David Brock seconded, and the motion passed.

David Brock also suggested paring down the number of eligible activities. From the eligible activities listed, the following remain:

1. Transportation Alternatives as defined in 23 U.S.C. 101(a)(29) (MAP-21 §1103):
 - A. Construction, planning, and design of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other nonmotorized forms of transportation, including sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian and bicycle signals, traffic calming techniques, lighting and other safety-related infrastructure, and transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 et seq.).
 - B. Construction, planning, and design of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs.
 - C. Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other nonmotorized transportation users.

3. The safe routes to school program eligible projects and activities listed at section 1404(f) of the SAFETEA-LU:
 - A. [Infrastructure-related projects](#).
 - B. [Noninfrastructure-related activities](#).
 - C. Safe Routes to School coordinator.

The rest was considered not eligible for local award:

1. Transportation Alternatives as defined in 23 U.S.C. 101(a)(29) (MAP-21 §1103):
 - D. Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas.
 - E. Community improvement activities, which include but are not limited to:
 - i. inventory, control, or removal of outdoor advertising;
 - ii. historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities;
 - iii. vegetation management practices in transportation rights-of-way to improve roadway safety, prevent against invasive species, and provide erosion control; and
 - iv. archaeological activities relating to impacts from implementation of a transportation project eligible under title 23.
 - F. Any environmental mitigation activity, including pollution prevention and pollution abatement activities and mitigation to-



- i. address stormwater management, control, and water pollution prevention or abatement related to highway construction or due to highway runoff, including activities described in sections 133(b)(11), 328(a), and 329 of title 23; or
 - ii. reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality or to restore and maintain connectivity among terrestrial or aquatic habitats.
2. The [recreational trails program](#) under section 206 of title 23.
4. Planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways.

David Brock moved to accept these limitations and Randy Brown seconded. The motion carried.

Further discussion ensued regarding how to score infrastructure versus non-infrastructure projects. The committee reviewed the funding score sheet from the existing application. It was proposed that items F.4 through F.6 be excluded and that G be changed to only reflect one the of the top two OTO LRTP Project Priorities. Other additions were for points assigned based on a NEW sidewalk or along a link corridor as defined on the OTO bike/ped map. There was a thought that there should be a rebuilding credit for meeting an ADA concern. The committee also wanted to maintain credit for a community having a local plan and for a school connection. It was requested that staff incorporate these recommendations for a review draft.

5. ADJOURN

Before adjournment, Ms. Longpine provided a draft sign plan for the Queen City Bike Route. Staff asked for comments for discussion at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2014 at 10:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am with a motion by Randy Brown and a second by David Hutchison.