

Technical Committee Meeting Agenda, September 19, 2007
Missouri State University Plaster Student Union Room 317 (Third Floor)

Call to Order 1:30 PM

I. Administration

A. Approval of Technical Committee Meeting Agenda

(2 minutes/Smith)

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

B. Approval of July 18, 2007 Meeting Minutes Tab 1

(2 minutes/Smith)

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

C. Approval of August 1, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes Tab 1

(2 minutes/Smith)

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

D. Public Comment Period

(3 minutes/Smith)

Individuals requesting to speak are requested to state their name and organization (if any) that they represent before making comments. Individuals and organizations have up to three minutes to address the Technical Committee.

E. Executive Director's Report

(3 minutes/Rudge)

Dan Rudge will provide a review of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) staff activities since the July Technical Committee meeting.

II. New Business

A. Memorandum of Understanding for Railroad Grade Separation..... Tab 2

(15 minutes/McPherson)

Over the last few years, the City of Springfield and local railroad companies have been working on a Railroad Relocation and Grade Separation study. That study has been completed and the next phase of the project is to develop an action plan to complete grade separations on Chestnut Expressway, Division Street, and Cherry Street. The Memorandum of Understanding is requesting that representatives of the Ozarks Transportation Organization be a part of a steering committee that helps develop the action plan and works with the other planning partners signing the MOU to find ways to make the project a reality.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHETHER OR NOT THE OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION SHOULD ENTER INTO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

B. Expenditure of On-System Bridge Funds Tab 3
(10 minutes/Edwards)

The Ozarks Transportation Organization receives an annual allocation of On-System Bridge funds (BRM) from the Missouri Department of Transportation. Since these funds are not distributed by formula, it is up to the Board of Directors to decide how the funds should be allocated. The Board would like the Technical Committee to make a recommendation on how these funds should be spent. (Materials Attached.)

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON HOW THE BRM ALLOCATION SHOULD BE SPENT. IF A RECOMMENDATION IS MADE THE TIP WILL NEED TO BE AMENDED. THE MOTION SHOULD THEN INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: THAT STAFF PREPARE A PRESS RELEASE PURSUANT TO THE MPO'S PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS SO THAT A 15 DAY PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD FOR THE TIP AMENDMENT FOR BRM FUNDS ALLOCATION CAN BE CONDUCTED, AND COMMENTS RECEIVED, PRIOR TO THE OCTOBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

C. Revisions To The Priority Corridors Document Tab 4
(20 minutes/Rudge)

At their August 2007 meeting, the Board of Directors took action to add expansion of the US 65 corridor to the list of the region's Top Five Priority Projects. This project replaced the North-South Corridor Study that is considered to be complete. The Board also requested that the preferred alternative that was recommended in the North-South Corridor Study appear on the list of High Priority Corridors. As a result, the Technical Committee was tasked to revisit and revise the High Priority Corridors document. This list is used by MoDOT to help identify scoping projects and by our legislative delegation to determine what projects should be considered for priority funding designation. (Materials Attached.)

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON MODIFICATIONS TO THE PRIORITY CORRIDORS DOCUMENT.

D. Nixa TIP Amendments..... Tab 5
(10 minutes/Bingle)

At the last Technical Committee and Board of Directors meetings, OTO staff briefed planning partners on the new requirements USDOT has implemented in which STP fund balances may not exceed 3 years of annual allocations. Since OTO suballocates STP-Urban funds to urbanized area jurisdictions, this means each jurisdiction must meet this requirement individually. The City of Nixa has requested that the TIP be amended to delete some of their listed projects, add new ones, and reprogram others so that they can meet the deadline for allocating STP-Urban funds. (Materials Attached.)

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON NIXA'S TIP AMENDMENT REQUEST. IF A RECOMMENDATION IS MADE TO AMEND THE TIP THE MOTION SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: THAT STAFF PREPARE A PRESS RELEASE PURSUANT TO THE MPO'S PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS SO THAT A 15 DAY PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD FOR THE TIP AMENDMENTS RELATED TO NIXA'S STP URBAN FUNDS ALLOCATION CAN BE CONDUCTED, AND COMMENTS RECEIVED, PRIOR TO THE OCTOBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

E. Statewide Rideshare Week Discussion

(10 minutes/Longpine)

MoDOT and its planning partners are coordinating a statewide rideshare promotion week. Since the OTO serves as the regional rideshare agency, the OTO will be participating in this promotion. Natasha Longpine of the OTO staff will provide an overview of the program and how the OTO and member agencies can be involved in this program.

THIS AGENDA ITEM IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

III. Other Business

A. Technical Committee Member Announcements

(5 minutes/Technical Committee Members)

Members are encouraged to announce transportation events being scheduled that may be of interest to MPO Technical Committee members.

B. Transportation Issues For Technical Committee Member Review

(5 minutes/Technical Committee Members)

Members are encouraged to raise transportation issues or concerns that they have for future agenda items or later in-depth discussion by the MPO Technical Committee.

C. Information Items Tab 6

(Articles attached.)

IV. Adjournment

Targeted for 3:30 P.M. Next Technical Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at 1:30 PM at the Missouri State University Plaster Student Union.

Attachments and Enclosure

Pc: David Coonrod, MPO Chair, Greene County Presiding Commissioner
Marc Thornsberry, City of Springfield Mayor's Designee
Stacy Burks, Senator Bond's Office
David Rauch, Senator McCaskill's Office
Steve McIntosh, Congressmen Blunt's Office
Area News Media