Minutes

JOPLIN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY ORGANIZATION
POLICY BOARD
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016
1:30 P.M.

Meeting Called To Order
Old Business

Review and approval of the December 16, 2015 minutes – *Action Item*

Mr. Heatherly asked for clarification regarding which funding Mr. Lolley's funding came from. Ms. Cunningham said that she clarified with MoDOT and FTA staff that Mr. Lolley was paid out of 5307 funds. Mr. Heatherly requested that minutes be typed as summaries rather than verbatim transcripts. Motion made by Mr. Lawver and seconded by Mr. Stockham.

2036 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – *Action Item*

Ms. Cunningham gave a brief overview of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and its Executive Summary. The consultant – CJW Transportation Engineering Consultants – was present to answer any questions from the Board. The previous plan expired, it was important to approve the 2036 MTP as soon as the board had reviewed it. No questions were asked by the Board members or meeting attendees. Mr. Lawver made a motion to approve the 2036 MTP; Mr. Hertzberg seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting "Aye."

2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Cunningham gave an update on the 2016-2019 TIP. Comments had been received by the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and the Missouri Department of Transportation. A draft TIP will be sent to members for review within the next month, with the possibility of a special meeting in April to approve the TIP.

New Business

Review of proposed planning activities for FY 2016

JATSO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Ms. Cunningham explained that there is an excess balance of Certified Planning Grant Funds for JATSO. After hearing from numerous local public agencies and dozens of citizens, JATSO members decided that an update of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was a priority project for these planning funds. This plan would include a prioritized project list.

JATSO Sidewalk Inventory

Mr. Salisbury stated that the City of Joplin needed to have a sidewalk inventory completed in order to plan for ADA transition. Ms. Cunningham noted that there has already been some sidewalk inventory happening in the disaster area. This inventory will be done in conjunction with the bicycle and pedestrian plan update although it will be a separate document. An RFQ is

being developed by Joplin staff that will be sent to the board to review before it is put out for bid. CPG planning funds require a 20% match; because this work would be done for the entire metropolitan planning area, the participating jurisdictions would need to split the required match. The input of other interest groups, such as the Joplin Trails Coalition will be an important component of these plans.

The JATSO Policy Board requested to see a preliminary scope at the April meeting. Ms. Cunningham stated that a consultant would be procured before the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Salisbury said that a sign inventory would also be included with the sidewalk inventory. Mr. Miller and Ms. Cunningham reminded the board that this would be done for the entire JATSO area – not just the City of Joplin. Mr. Salisbury stated that he would like a GPS station and rovers included in the scope of this project to develop the inventory. Mr. Francis emphasized that he would like to see an interactive GIS system with the inventory on it.

The subcommittee will continue to work on the FRQ and will come back to the next meeting with a draft RFQ/scope of services; it will be sent to board members ahead of the meeting for review.

City of Joplin Comprehensive Plan Update (Phase II)

The City updated its Comprehensive Plan in 2012 after the tornado, but the Zoning Code was not updated along with it. The Federal Highway Administration approved the use of CPG planning funds to update the zoning code as phase II of the Comprehensive Plan.

Other Business

Four States Clean Air Alliance Update

The FSCAA is a subcommittee of the Jasper and Newton County Environmental Task Force. This group takes on the challenge of ground level ozone. Six months ago, FSCAA applied to join the EPA Ozone Advance Program. This program is designed to help communities stay in attainment for ground level ozone. FSCAA was accepted and now has to develop a Path Forward document, which is similar to the Clean Air Action Program that was already developed. The Path Forward document should be approved at the March meeting of the FSCAA. After it is approved by the Jasper/Newton County Environmental Task Force, it will be brought back to JATSO.

Adjournment

Mr. Lawver requested that a template or procedure for the jurisdictions within JATSO using CPG planning funds.

Mr. Lolley informed the group that the federal government is now enforcing ADA compliance for websites and advised JATSO to check their website for compliance.

Mr. Salisbury brought up the balance of STP funds and the need to determine how JATSO would allocate and spend the existing balance. JATSO members are going to submit possible projects to Ms. Cunningham for potential use of STP funds. These projects will be considered by a subcommittee for approval.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.