JOPLIN AREA
Transportation Study Organization

POLICY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020
1:30PM, 5TH FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mr. Hertzberg called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of July 20, 2020 Minutes – Action Item

A motion was made by Lyndon Lawson and seconded by Robert Lolley to approve the July 20, 2020 meeting minutes. All members voted in favor.

Shirley Ives discussed transit issues for residents at the senior housing complex at 5th and Ozark in Joplin. The trolley and MAPS drivers are excellent, but the stops make it difficult to travel safely between essential stores like Target and Walmart on 7th Street. There are long walks to stops that are difficult with walkers and wheelchairs.

The long-term transit plan has a stop at Ms. Ives's housing complex but will not be completed for 3-5 years.

II. New and Unfinished Business

a. FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program – Action Item

The UPWP has been reviewed in stages but is now ready for final approval. Joplin City Council approved the CPG agreement for this amount, and it will be eligible for signing by t he City manager on September 21, 2020. JATSO may need to approve an amendment later for the ADA Transition Plan and an additional payment for aerial photography. The biggest change is on Page 10. JATSO has allocated funds to do an active transportation assessment that includes education and engagement in the community. The consultant will evaluate the on-road network and help us make connections that are missing in the system.

A motion was made by Lyndon Lawson and seconded by Robert Lolley to approve the FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program. All members voted in favor.

b. Joplin Regional Airport Update – Steve Stockam

Mr. Stockam stated that the airline industry is going through a down time, laying off 70-75%. The key issue is that at the end of September for payroll protection. They have been working

through congress and trying to get extension or next round of funding. Most airports are going to see a reduction of service beginning around the 1st of October through November. Service will not stop, the last three weeks we have started seeing customer pickup.

c. MoDOT Financial Update – Frank Miller

Revenue from the gas tax is down but has less of a negative trend than MoDOT anticipated. Since July, gas tax revenues have been steadily recovering and increased motor vehicle sales tax revenue is compensating for the loss. Projects scheduled to let in August will proceed as normal. In November and December MoDOT will reassess and move forward.

d. MTP Update Progress – Taylor Cunningham

The first public meeting was held as a virtual open house from August 20th to August 30th. There were 289 unique website visits and 262 comments on the posters. Hard copies were available for people didn't have on-line access. The consultant stated that it was 10 times more than they expected to visit and comment.

There are six (6) sections to the MTP and the first draft of Section 3 and 4 will be completed for review tomorrow. Everything is still on schedule and will be a much more useable plan with more visual elements. JATSO will continue the rolling review process as chapters come in with Federal Highway, FTA, and our partners at MoDOT.

Mr. Hertzberg asked if there were any comments or questions on the MTP update. There were not.

III. Member Updates

City of Joplin	David Hertzberg, Troy Bolander, Taylor Cunningham, Robert Lolley, Lynden Lawson
MoDOT Southwest	Frank Miller, Dave Taylor
HSTCC	Carol Meyer
One Joplin	A. Micklethwaite
Guests	Shirly Ives, Private Citizen
	Darin McCann, KODE/KSN
	Hunter Miller, KOAM/FOX 14

IV. Adjourn

A motion was made by Lyndon Lawson and seconded by Steve Stockam to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor.