Meeting Minutes

Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization
Policy Board
Thursday, April 21, 2016
1:30 P.M.

Meeting Called to Order

Nick Heatherly brought the meeting to order.
Board Members Present:

- Troy Bolander, *City of Joplin*
- David Hertzberg, *City of Joplin*
- Nick Heatherly, *City of Joplin*
- Steve Stockham, *City of Joplin*
- Dan Salisbury, *City of Joplin*
- Jill Cornett, *HSTCC*
- Frank Miller, *Missouri Department of Transportation*
- Marilyn Ruestman, *Newton County*
- Carl Francis, *City of Webb City*
- Steve Lawver, *City of Carl Junction*

Others Present:

- Taylor Cunningham, *City of Joplin*
- Patrick Tuttle, *City of Joplin*
- Lindsay Dunn, *City of Joplin*
- Rod Harsh*, Save the Low Water Bridge Committee*
- Brandon Louderback, *City of Joplin*

Old Business

Review and approval of March 17, 2016 Minutes – Action Item

A motion was made by Steve Stockham and seconded by Steve Lawver to adopt the minutes of march 17, 2015. The motion passed with all members voting "aye."

New Business

Review and approval of the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program – Action Item.

Rod Harsh from the Save the Low Water Bridge Committee addressed the JATSO Policy Board with comments and questions on the TIP.

Question 1: Why is this lightly traveled "local" street in Newton County a candidate for City of Joplin federal aid roadway funding, and the bridge in the City of Joplin a candidate for Newton County federal aid bridge funding? Are local streets and bridges even eligible for federal aid funding?

> Dan Salisbury: This project is eligible for BRO funding because of its local classification status. The use of federal funds is appropriate for this project.

Question 2: What other project alternatives have been considered for a cost/benefit comparison? This seems like a very expensive project.

Question 3: How does the parkland area and the historic nature of the bridge affect the federal-aid approval process for project location, design and aesthetics?

Question 4: How can we be assured that the proposed new bridge won't cause an increase in flooding?

Question 5: Will the City of Joplin and/or Newton County complete an impact study to determine the negative effects the bridge construction will have on the City Park that the new bridge will be constructed in?

> Dan Salisbury: We are still in the early stages of this project and have only begun the planning process. As the project moves along, there will be numerous public input meetings conducted to engage the citizens and interest groups. As the project continues moving along, we will keep everyone informed. We will add the Save the Low Water Bridge Committee to our e-mail list for upcoming JATSO meetings so as to keep them informed on the progress of this project.

A motion was made by Steve Lawver and seconded by Steve Stockham for the approval of the 2016-2019 TIP. The motion passed with all members voting "aye."

Self-Certification process presentation – *Frank Miller*

Review and approval of the Annual Self-Certification – *Action Item*

Reviewed and signed by Nick Heatherly at the meeting; Frank is taking back for Southwest District Engineer Becky Baltz to sign and will mail the original copy back to Taylor.

A motion was made by Steve Stockham and seconded by Steve Lawver approval of the annual self-certification. The motion passed with all members voting "aye."

2015 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

Taylor explained that the 2015 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects would be going on the website and gave each of the board members a copy of the projects.

Other Business

Proposals for STP Small Urban Funds – *Action Item*

Taylor explained that she had received proposals for the use of STP Small Urban funds from Webb City, Carl Junction, and Joplin.

Steve Lawver presented the project for Carl Junction, which is an additional block of sidewalk from Grimes Street to Miller Street along Z-Highway. This includes storm water work and will cost a total of $350,000.

Carl Francis presented the project for Webb City, which is a sidewalk along D-Highway from Robin Ridge to Stadium Drive. This project will cost $253,000 total and does not include any storm water work.

Dan Salisbury presented two projects for Joplin. First, the design for sidewalks along Main Street from 11th Street to 15th Street, which would cost approximately $150,000. Second, a northbound right turn lane at 32nd Street and Main Street, which would receive the remaining STP urban balance. This project is also included in the TIGER Grant application for 32nd Street Improvements.

Taylor explained that all of these projects would receive funds, with the sidewalk projects being fully funded and the remainder of funds going towards the engineering and right-of-way for the turn lane project.

A motion was made by Steve Stockham and seconded by Carl Francis to approve the proposals for the use of STP Small Urban funds. The motion passed with all members voting "aye."

Discussion of possible changes to STP program – Frank Miller

Frank Miller explained that the STP Small Urban program will likely be dissolving after the FY 2016 amounts are awarded. This money will be put back into MoDOT projects. Dan and Taylor discussed putting together a letter for MoDOT that expressed opposition to this proposal, as well as contacting state representatives.

Draft RFQ for Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan/Sidewalk Inventory – Brandon Louderback

Brandon Louderback presented a summary of the Bike and Pedestrian Plan RFQ. It was established that Webb City and Carl Junction would supply match money on a percentage basis based on the population of their jurisdiction compared to the overall MPO. The City of Joplin will be supplying match for the equipment to be retained after the plan is complete.

Adjournment

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Nick Heatherly, Chairman