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Agenda
Technical Committee Meeting

DATE: Thursday, January 10th, 2019

TIME: 10:30 to Noon

A. **LOCATION:** Rosecrans Memorial Airport 100b NW Rosecrans Rd, St Joseph, MO 64503

OPENING REPORTS

- A. Roll Call of Voting Members
- B. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting September 8th, 2018

I. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Safety Targets
No Action Needed: FYI
- B. TIP Call for Projects
No Action Needed: FYI
- C. Survey Results
No Action Needed: FYI
- D. Project Prioritization for MTP
No Action Needed: FYI
- E. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
Action Needed: Approval

II. MISCELLANEOUS

- B. Opportunity for Public Comments and Questions
- C. Next Meeting: March 14th, 2019 at Streets Department 2316 S. Third St., 64501

III. OTHER/ADJORNMENT

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ST. JOSEPH AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Technical Committee

303 E St. St. Joseph St, Wathena, KS 66090

November 8, 2018

Voting Members Present:

Shannon Kusilek, Chairperson	MoDOT-NW
Mike Henderson	MoDOT-NW
Brady McKinley, Vice Chair	City of St. Joseph
Caitlin Zibers	SJATSO
Chance Long	SJATSO
Nic Hutchinson	City of St. Joseph
Scott Gatewood	City of St. Joseph
Keven Schneider	City of St. Joseph
David Frazier	City of St. Joseph

Staff:

Caitlin Zibers	MPO Staff
Chance Long	MPO Staff

Other:

Mary Gaston	Transit General Manager
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OPENING REPORTS

Roll Call of Voting Members. A quorum was present. Chair Shannon Kusilek called the meeting to order. Shannon welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Approval of minutes. Mike Henderson motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting and Brady McKinley seconded. Minutes from the Technical Committee Meeting on September 27, 2018 were **unanimously approved**.

NEW BUSINESS

UPWP Approval: The Unified Planning Work Program was available at the meeting for committee members. The draft listed the work that is planned, priorities are outlined and state and local funding broken down. Any work performed by the MPO has to be listed in the UPWP. The UPWP was released for public comment, reviewed by state DOTs and federal partners. Shannon Kusilek made the motion to approve the UPWP and submit to the Coordinating Committee. Nic Hutchinson seconded. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

Title VI Plan Update: All recipients of Federal funds are obligated to comply with various civil right requirements, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The information presented outlines how the MPO complies with these requirements. Title VI Programs are updated every 3 years. Nic Hutchinson motioned to approve the Title VI Plan Update and submit to the

Coordinating Committee and Brady McKinley seconded. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

MTP Update: Survey results and comments are available and mapped on the MPO website. 401 people were surveyed and the results are statically valid only at the metropolitan level. Qualifying questions were added to get detailed answers for a more productive survey. No action needed.

Quarter 3 Newsletter: This issue covers several topics. Locally, several improvements have recently been completed at St. Joseph Transit. The roof on the administration building has been replace, a new bus wash installed, concrete projects have been completed at the Administration Building and Angelique Transfer Station and ADA upgrades to 20 bus stops are nearly finished. There were also 3 local applications submitted for the 2018 TAP call for projects.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Opportunity for Public Comment/Questions
- B. Multiple meetings are ongoing with stakeholders regarding the I-229 corridor study. Alternatives are being developed to identify the best solution.
- C. Next Meeting: January 10, 2019, 10:30, Rosecrans Memorial Airport, 100b NW Rosecrans Rd., St. Joseph, MO 64503

ADJOURN: Mike Henderson motioned to adjourn the meeting. David Frazier seconded the motioned and the meeting was adjourned.



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Safety Targets

Safety targets need to be reestablished by the end of February 2019; however, we are still waiting on data from KDOT. Generally, the data as of now is showing a trend up in fatalities. Our 2018 target was to reduce fatalities to 7, however this year we are well above that near 11 (pending final reports and KDOT data). Similarly, serious injuries remain high.

KDOT's goals range from a 0-2% decrease, whereas MoDOT's goals are higher than last year at 9% to account for the increase of last year's numbers. As a reminder we have the option to simply adopt the state's respective goals or establish our own. We hope to have the data from the DOT within the next week or two and be able to provide a better analysis of numbers in the February Work Session.



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TIP Call for Projects

It's time to begin the TIP update process. A call for projects will be sent out to all project sponsors on Thursday 10, 2018. Remember that any updates to scope or financials will need to be included in the update, as well as new projects. The process is outlined on the website on <http://stjoempo.org/transportation-improvement-program-tip/>. All submittals should be sent through the google form process, not emailed directly to staff. If you require assistance, feel free to contact staff at 816-236-1471. A schedule for the update is below, and is subject to change:

January 10 th	Call for Projects
January 24 th	Last Day to Submit Projects
Feb 7 th – March 14 th	35-day Review Period with DOTs and ONEDOT
March 14 th	Technical Committee 1 st look and Comments on TIP
March 28 th	Coordinating Committee 1 st look and Comments on TIP
April 22 nd – May 6 th	Public Release for Comments (14 days per PPP)
May 9 th	Technical Meeting to Approve TIP
May 23 rd	Coordinating Meeting to Approve TIP
May 24 th	Submittal to DOTs
July 1 st *	If approved by Governors and ONEDOT, TIP becomes effecting

*Note that in previous years there is a delay for approval from the governors and ONEDOT, meaning the TIP isn't normally approved until after July 1st



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Survey Results

Major takeaways from comparing survey results with 2040 MTP goals

- Continued support for safety as the highest priority, as shown by many of the metrics in the comment bubbles below. Typically, the means identified are infrastructure-based: more mode-separated paths (sidewalks, bike lanes), better network connectivity among more vulnerable travelers (pedestrians & cyclists), and improved roadway design.
- Potential to restructure the “Transportation / Land Use” Goal Area into “Community Development,” including reworking some of the strategies to suit.
- In terms of transit, the “Accessibility” Goal Area could be enhanced by reflecting the importance survey respondents placed on expanded service hours and improved bus stop infrastructure and sidewalk connections.
- There was more support for focusing transportation funding on better preserving and maintaining the existing roadway network than expanding roadway capacity, consistent with other survey results that prioritized system maintenance.
- Transportation-related tax revenue gained more support by survey participants than other potential funding sources. Of the potential funding options, state and local gas tax options received the greatest number of “very supportive” survey participants.

2040 MTP GOALS		
Area	Goal	Strategies
Safety	<i>Provide a safer transportation system that balances the travel needs of all users, including the general public and area businesses</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve travel safety within the region by prioritizing transportation improvements that reduce fatalities and serious injuries. 2. Incorporate Complete Streets principles into project designs to accommodate all users of all abilities. 3. Reduce modal conflicts to enhance safety in the movement of people and goods. 4. Utilize innovative design strategies to reduce crash exposure and improve flow along major road segments and intersections.

<p>Economic Vitality</p>	<p><i>Ensure the St. Joseph metropolitan area's economic growth and competitiveness by providing a safe, secure, reliable and efficient transportation system.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve the operating efficiency of the existing infrastructure and transportation assets. 2. Reduce travel time, delays and traffic hazards. 3. Reduce the amount of vehicle miles traveled on congested roads. 4. Foster strategies that reduce the growth in peak period travel.
<p>Regionalism</p>	<p><i>Support local and regional transportation and land use planning needs.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote the efficient movement of people and goods by linking the various modes of transportation. 2. Promote connections between transportation modes that support the effective shipment of freight. 3. Preserve and develop corridors for future transportation systems. 4. Ensure compatibility with the transportation facilities of adjacent municipalities and counties. 5. Support statewide transportation initiatives that affect the St. Joseph Metropolitan area. 6. Utilize mutual aid agreements to help address transportation needs
<p>Accessibility</p>	<p><i>Promote alternative transportation options for area residents and employees that are reliable and accessible to all users</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhance transit services by providing more reliable service, improved passenger information and additional routes to communities outside of the city core. 2. Establish regional transit services by providing intra-regional service to metropolitan area communities and interregional service to areas outside of the metropolitan area. 3. Encourage the development of Complete Streets and accommodate the transportation needs of all users including vehicular traffic, transit, bikes and pedestrians. 4. Strengthen bicycle and pedestrian access to roadways and transit facilities. 5. Promote transit service to major activity and employment centers. 6. Place a high priority on serving the needs of transportation disadvantaged persons, including the elderly and low-income residents.
<p>Funding</p>	<p><i>Develop innovative funding sources and strategies for transportation improvements.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure adequate funding to preserve and maintain the integrity of the existing transportation infrastructure. 2. Develop transportation investment decisions that maximize the full benefits of the system while considering the full costs. 3. Give priority to funding those transportation needs identified in state, regional and local transportation system plans. 4. Consider the funding implications of federal and state actions on the regional transportation system and services. 5. Promote public/private partnerships in addressing transportation needs.

Transportation / Land Use	<i>Improve transportation and land use coordination.</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen the connection between land use and transportation planning to develop a more efficient transportation system. 2. Encourage the concentration of employment and activity sites within transit corridors to maximize transportation efficiency. 3. Emphasize the importance of access management in preserving corridor capacity and enhancing travel safety. 4. Focus transportation system improvements to support and promote tourism.
Environmental Protection	<i>Protect the environment, promote energy conservation, increase safety and improve the quality of life.</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Avoid disproportionate adverse impacts on low income and minority communities 2. Support alternative transportation modes to improve air quality and community health. 3. Encourage use of alternative fuels and technologies in motor vehicle, fleet and transit application. 4. Preserve and enhance scenic views of and access to historic, cultural and other attractive features. 5. Minimize impacts to the environment by avoiding sensitive environmental features or by identifying relevant mitigation measures early in corridor development.
System Management	<i>Preserve and maintain the existing transportation system.</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage new programs designed to preserve and maintain the regional infrastructure 2. Utilize Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) measures to maximize existing transportation system resources. 3. Utilize transportation system management (TSM) improvements when more cost effective than facility expansion. 4. Manage access along corridors to preserve corridor capacity and travel safety.
Public Involvement	<i>Support community involvement in the transportation planning process.</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inform the public about transportation issues in a clear and concise manner. 2. Involve the public in a number of ways —early and often —to encourage their participation in the planning process. 3. Conduct the plan in an inclusive manner to ensure the process is fair and open to all individuals. 4. Ensure that plans respond to the diversity of community needs. 5. Encourage local government agencies to formally adopt the MTP recommendations.

Other notes:

- Safety
 - People felt uncomfortable/unsafe biking on roadways in the east and south ends of St. Joseph. The main improvements brought forward to make them feel safer included separated or buffered bike lanes, dedicated bike lines, and increased education of drivers.
 - People felt uncomfortable/unsafe biking on shared use paths or trails in Elwood and downtown St. Joseph. The main suggestions for improved safety were additional lighting along trails and better sight lines (for example, by clearing brush).
 - People felt uncomfortable/unsafe walking on roadways in downtown St. Joseph and the south end. The main suggestions for improved safety were increased visibility and the

construction of new sidewalks. New sidewalks were desired in the east and south ends of St. Joseph and downtown St. Joseph, as well as Country Club Village.

- People felt uncomfortable/unsafe biking on shared use paths or trails in downtown St. Joseph and the south end. The main suggestions for improved safety were increased visibility and the construction of new sidewalks, Places that respondents felt were lacking connections were the south and east ends of St. Joseph and downtown St. Joseph.



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Project Prioritization

As part of the 2045 MTP update, fiscally constrained projects need to be prioritized. Attached is a list of projects as they were included in the MTP, including the projects that have been updated since the last update. We will be spending February's Technical Work Session going in depth for prioritization. Today we would like to just review the current listing and get feedback from members. Remember these projects are only what are federally funded or regionally significant.

See PowerPoint handout.



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Elections and Appointments

It is time for electing a new chair and vice chair. An election committee discussed nominations in December and have nominated Brady McKinley as Chair and Mike Henderson as Vice Chair. We will be voting at the January technical meeting for approval, which the Coordinating committee will approve. Staff also recommends a membership update based on attendance and has asked the respective member communities to appoint new members. The membership will be a two-year period ending at the end of 2020. The proposed voting membership is as stands:

St. Joseph – 10 spots

Andy Clements, Director of Public Works & Transportation

Brady McKinley, Assistant Director of Public Works & Transportation (Nominated for Chair)

Reed Schwartzkopf, City Engineer

Abe Forney, Aviation General Manager

Chance Long, Transportation Planner

Caitlin Zibers, Transportation Planner

Scott Gatewood, Traffic Supervisor

Julie Noel, Parks and Recreation Special Event & Communication Coordinator

Keven Schneider, Superintendent of Streets & Sewers

Nic Hutchinson, City Planner

MoDOT – 2 Spots

Shannon Kusilek, District Planning Manager

Mike Henderson, Transportation Planning Specialist (Nominated for Vice Chair)

KDOT -

Allison Smith, Environmental Coordinator/MPO Liaison

Andrew County

Jim Galthberth, Road and Bridge *Pending Confirmation

Buchanan County

Marcus Lawson, GIS Coordinator *Pending Confirmation

City of Elwood

Bobby Hall, Streets Superintendent *Pending Confirmation

City of Savannah

Mike Malhiwsky, Public Works Director

City of Wathena

Tim Smith, Streets Superintendent *Pending Confirmation

Country Club Village

Larry Sparks, Building Inspector