

CATSO Technical Committee Meeting

May 1, 2013

Members Present:

Steve Engelbrecht
Thad Yonke
Derin Campbell
Tim Teddy
Mitch Skov
Drew Brooks
Scott Bitterman
Dave Nichols
Jim Joy

MoDOT—Central District
Boone County—Planning
Boone County— Public Works
City of Columbia— Community Development
City of Columbia— Community Development
City of Columbia— Transit
City of Columbia— Public Works
City of Columbia – Public Works
University of Missouri (Ex-Officio)

Members Absent:

Bill Robinett
Mike Schupp
Angie Hoecker

MoDOT— Multi-Modal Operations
MoDOT—Central District
MoDOT – Central Office Planning

Others Present:

Rachel Bacon
Steve Schultz

City of Columbia— Community Development
SKW Engineers

Item 1: Review and Approval of Agenda

Mr. Teddy called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Mr. Teddy asked for the members to go around and state their name and organization for the minutes. Mr. Teddy asked for adjustments to the agenda. There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Mr. Yonke made a motion to approve the agenda.

Mr. Skov seconded the motion.

Unanimous voice vote for approval was given.

Item 2: Review and Approval of the February 6, 2013 meeting minutes

Mr. Teddy asked if there were any errors or omissions in the minutes or if they were acceptable as prepared. There were no adjustments to the minutes.

Mr. Yonke made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Brooks seconded the motion.

Unanimous voice vote for approval was given.

Item 3: FY2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments- Review

Mr. Skov presented TIP amendments for review by the Technical Committee. He said most of the amendments were MoDOT amendments. He said six of the MoDOT projects had budget amendments without changes in scope, and a second MoDOT project was moving from the scoping section to the payment/construction section. He said there were also amendments to the City Streets, Sidewalk and GetAbout sections, as described in detail in the packet. He said the amendments were generally housekeeping amendments. As an example, he cited the project amendment in the Enhancements section. He said the budget for College Avenue pedestrian improvements, including a landscaped median and two crosswalks, had a budget revision due to a change in the cost estimates.

Mr. Skov asked if the Committee had any specific questions about any of the amendments.

There were no specific questions regarding any of the proposed TIP amendments for review.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to send the amendments forward for review by the Coordinating Committee with a recommendation of approval.

Mr. Yonke seconded the motion.

Unanimous voice vote was given.

Item 4: 2030 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendments Review

Mr. Teddy said as the Committee was aware, CATSO was behind on the 2030 Long-Range Transportation Plan update. He said an action plan to finish the plan was developed and provided to the Committee.

Mr. Skov said the action plan could be discussed under item 5, the LRTP status update.

Mr. Skov said the Committee had been provided with information on a LRTP amendment which needed to be made prior to May 22. The project was a change to the Scott Blvd. extension project already listed in the LRTP. He said Federal Highway representatives had asked that the LRTP be amended to include the Scott Boulevard extension with the illustrative Interstate 70 interchange. He said as currently listed in the LRTP, the project did not include the interchange. He said no funding was identified for the interchange, but the environmental review (environmental assessment study and access justification report) was complete, prompting the request by FHWA. He said it was a minor amendment, but would

go through the same process as a formal amendment. He said a public hearing would be held at the May 16 Coordinating Committee meeting.

Mr. Skov described the amendment. He said the project scope and cost had been expanded since first being listed in the LRTP. He said the amendment would be housekeeping related. He said the project would be listed as illustrative (unfunded) at \$68,000,000 and that the \$8,000,000 previously listed for the project in the City of Columbia Long-Range projects listing was correspondingly removed. He said the TIP had previously been amended to show this change as well. He said the project timeline extended beyond the TIP horizon, so the narrative for the project indicated the project was illustrative. He said the project would likely have to be a ballot issue to be funded.

The committee discussed illustrative versus fiscally constrained project listings, and how Federal Highway wanted to portray illustrative projects.

Mr. Bitterman made a motion to forward the 2030 Scott Blvd. extension project amendment to the Coordinating Committee with a recommendation of approval.

Mr. Yonke seconded the motion.

Unanimous voice vote was given.

Item 5: 2030 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update

Mr. Skov said the action plan put together by staff would set a course of action to finish the plan update. He said CATSO staff had met with Federal Highway and MoDOT representatives the day before, and all parties were on the same page. Mr. Skov said the plan was running behind due to the lateness of the 2010 Census Transportation Planning Package. He said the current LRTP plan would expire on May 22, and be out of compliance until the plan update was finished, likely in December of 2013. He said the plan expiration would not affect projects already listed in the TIP and the LRTP-- that as long as a project was listed in the present LRTP then TIP amendments were allowable. He said if any of the organizations anticipated the need to add a project to the TIP which was not in the current LRTP, to let staff know as soon as possible so LRTP could be amended.

Mr. Skov said doing the LRTP and TIP amendments now would mitigate the impact of the plan exploration, and that TIP amendments would still be possible. He said Mr. Teddy would send a formal letter to FHWA and submit the action plan, and FHWA would send a letter back agreeing to the proposed schedule.

Mr. Engelbrecht inquired as to whether MoDOT Local Public Agency (LPA) division staff had provided CATSO staff with information about the Surface Transportation funding available to CATSO.

Mr. Skov replied in the affirmative. He said CATSO had roughly \$2.2 million available, most programmed. He said the annual allocation was around \$369,000. He said the Burnam Road project was an example of this funding.

Mr. Skov asked the Committee if they were comfortable with the proposed schedule.

Mr. Bitterman asked for more information about the model. He asked if it was in TransCAD.

Mr. Skov affirmed the model was used in TransCAD software. He said the model was based upon land use. He said development was allocated by TAZ (transportation analysis zone) geographies. He said CATSO had sent the correct TAZ boundaries to the Census Bureau in 2011. He said once the Census Transportation Planning Package was available, likely in May, the model update would then be ready in roughly 18 months. At that point the LRTP would be updated again.

Mr. Skov said they were also using the Urban Sim software, which allowed for automated allocation of data to TAZs, versus manual allocation.

Mr. Yonke asked if there was field checking, calibrating and other quality control measures after the allocation.

Mr. Skov answered in the affirmative. He said that was one of the reasons the modeling was time consuming.

Mr. Skov said they did not need formal action if the Committee was comfortable with the schedule.

There was general consensus on the LRTP update schedule.

Item 6: Stadium and Old Highway 63 Project Cost Share Application

Mr. Bitterman said the City would like a letter of support from CATSO. He said the City Public Works Department is pursuing a Cost-Share arrangement with MoDOT for improvements at the intersection of Stadium Boulevard and Old 63. He said that currently, this signalized intersection has no marked crosswalks or pedestrian signals. The proposed project includes adding pedestrian facilities and beautification of the intersection, as well as capacity improvements.

Mr. Yonke said he thought it was a good project.

Mr. Engelbrecht asked if the funds would be available July 15, and if they anticipated needing right of way (ROW).

Mr. Bitterman said yes, July, and that they anticipated some ROW by the Break Time.

Mr. Teddy said he did not think the TIP or LRTP would need to be updated for this project.

Mr. Engelbrecht answered that an amendment would not be needed.

Mr. Yonke moved that CATSO recommend support for the project in the form of a letter.

Mr. Brooks seconded the motion.

Unanimous voice vote for support was given.

Item 7: Other Business

Mr. Engelbrecht discussed the availability of Tiger Grant funds. He said the application deadline was in July of 2013.

The Committee discussed the types of projects which may be submitted for the funding, and the funding amounts for urban vs. rural projects.

Mr. Campbell said he had recently attended the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) conference in Iowa. He said there had been discussion on categorical exclusion (CE) language in the TEA-21 Transportation Bill. He said it would likely be revisited, He said NACE's position was for CE approval for projects under 5 million.

Item 8: Public Comment

Mr. Teddy asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

Item 9: Adjourn

Mr. Yonke moved to adjourn.

Mr. Skov seconded the motion.

Unanimous voice vote was given.

Meeting adjourned at 1:59 PM.