

Franklin County Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting attended by:	Members: Presiding Commissioner Tim Brinker, Ed Fischer, John Nilges, Steve Roth, Kathleen Trentmann, Judy Wagner, Ron Williams and Jonathan Zimmermann. Non-members: Jason Ivie and Jason Weggemann.
Absent from meeting:	Travis Dierker, Harold Englert, Bill Evans, Nick Grube, Richard Ray, Robert Schaffer and Kirby Scheer.
Date:	May 16, 2019
Time:	10:00 am
Meeting Recap:	
<p>Jonathan Zimmermann called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. Roll call was taken by Jonathan.</p> <p>The minutes from the March 21, 2019 were approved. Motion made by John Nilges and 2nd motion by Presiding Commissioner Tim Brinker. All were in favor.</p> <p>Unfinished business: None reported.</p> <p>Report by Presiding Commissioner Tim Brinker: Nothing to report.</p> <p>Report by Judy Wagner, MoDOT Area Engineer: Judy provided everyone with a copy of the MoDOT Franklin County Projects, as of May 1, 2019. In regards to the Route 47 Project, Judy stated that once they receive a letter of commitment from Franklin County Commissioners, MoDOT will move forward with the environmental process. MoDOT will then do an RES (Request for Environmental Service).</p> <p>Report by Ron Williams, Highway Administrator: Ron stated that all of the entities should have received an email in regards to the County going out for a salt bid, and asking those entities if they wanted to be a part of this request and if so, what quantity. Ron stated that we would be going out for bid in June. Ron also stated that right now we are fighting the floods. On Shawnee Ford Bridge, the foundation is in and they are starting on the piers. Fiddle Creek, we took bids and Ron is currently working on the packet to submit to MoDOT. The County's paving projects have started and Schoenberg Road in coordination.</p> <p>East West Gateway TIP Applications/Grants: Ron stated that there were seven projects from Franklin County and of those seven, six were in TIP and recommended for funding. The six that were included are: Hendricks Road Bridge – Franklin County, Westlink Drive - Washington, N. Oak Street – Union, Missouri Route N – Pacific and E. Springfield Road – Oak Grove Village. The one that was not approved was Union South Oak, which had a score of 87. Steve Roth had a question in regards to CMAQ, and that if Pacific has a project that they think might qualify, are there any suggestions to find out what they should do. Ron suggested that Steve put in a call to Jason Lange at East West Gateway and ask for this guidance before going to the trouble of starting any paperwork.</p> <p>East West Gateway Connected 2045 Update: The draft update is out. It was done in-house by East West Gateway. Ron's issue is the long range projects, that they do not look in our favor. Presiding Commissioner Tim Brinker asked what outside of the Route 47 Project was there. Judy and Ron both stated that there are three major projects for Franklin County, the Route 47 Project, Route 50 Project and Route 100 Realignment. Also included in the update is a corridor study for I-44 through Franklin County. Judy stated that we MUST make sure that these three projects stay on the list and not slip off. Jonathan asked if we, the Franklin County Transportation Committee, should send some type of correspondence now to have the projects bumped to a funded project. Judy suggested yes. A motion was made by Tim Brinker and seconded by Steve Roth (all in favor) for the Franklin County Commissioners on behalf of the Franklin County Transportation Committee to draft and send a letter in regards to this matter to Jim Wild. Judy also suggested that we could go online and comment. Judy also suggested that we send our letter and/or comment by June 1, 2019. Presiding Commissioner Tim Brinker asked for input on the letter. It was suggested to him by the committee that our letter include and focus on the crash rate, safety and reference the completed study (for Route 47). Jason</p>	

Weggemann of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office was in attendance and stated that Franklin County is #3 in the State for fatalities for 2019, of which 12 so far this year. Steve Roth mentioned Judy Wagner's upcoming retirement and how much she has done for this committee and how much the committee appreciates her input and dedication. Steve asked about Judy's replacement. Judy's hopes are that her replacement will be in by August 1, 2019, but that there are no guarantees. Steve asked if Judy's replacement would be attending the Franklin County Transportation Committee Meetings and Judy said yes.

Route 47: Discussion was held, and it was decided that it would be best for all correspondence and documentation that is going out, be coming from Franklin County only. Franklin County will coordinate with all of the entities that are participating. In the last meeting with Lochmueller Group, the committee was able to ask questions and gain knowledge for the collective group. An administrative meeting is the next step to discuss the finances. June 19, 2019 is the next committee meeting for the Route 47 Project. MoDOT will begin the process of getting an agreement accomplished once they have our letter of commitment.

2019 Franklin County Transportation Grant Applications: The Grant Application was emailed out with the agenda. Ron went over the specifics of what is needed when submitted a grant request and what is needed when asking for reimbursement. The deadline to submit a 2019 Grant Application is June 28, 2019 at 4:30 PM. John Nilges asked when they put the required signage up, how long does it have to be up. Ron suggested that when they start the project, to put them sign up then, and take it down when project is complete. The Commission Order did not have a specific time period. Presiding Commissioner Tim Brinker asked the committee to keep in mind that funds from the Transportation Committee may come into play where the Route 47 Project is concerned and that committee may be asking this committee for an allowance. Steve Roth asked if the \$10,000 per entity for the ADA Transition was budgeted. Yes, as shown in the financial spreadsheet. It was reiterated that the timeframe to complete the ADA Transition and request reimbursement, is three years. Ron mentioned that as soon as we had final audited numbers for the previous year's total sales tax collected, we would update the spreadsheet.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, July 18, 2019. Everyone was good with the date. Presiding Commission Brinker will not be present.

At 10:53, a motion was made by Presiding Commissioner Brinker to adjourn the meeting and there was a second by Steve Roth. All were in favor.

NEXT MEETING: July 18, 2019