

**Washington Area Highway Transportation Committee Meeting
Council Chambers of City Hall
405 Jefferson Street
Washington, Missouri 63090**

**Monday, October 28, 2019, 2019 at 9:00 AM
Minutes**

Present: Craig Mueller, Ed Fischer, Stephen O'Connor, Ray Frankenberg, Bill Straatmann, Mayor Lucy, Bill Miller, Tim Brinker, Steve Sullentrup, John Nilges

Absent: Bob Engemann, Joe Holtmeier, Danny Cassette, L.B. Eckelkamp

Chairman Bill Straatmann opened the meeting with a roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the minutes from September 30, 2019. Motion made, seconded and passed without dissent.

1. Amtrak-Craig Mueller

- Mor-Pac Meeting on October 16th
- Aaron Greisheimer will be taking over some of his father's role in transportation with regards to the state
- 500 to 600 people each month
- Overall Amtrak statewide down by 10% due to flooding
- Working on increase in ticket prices
- New passenger cars to arrive in 2021
- Lots of delays due to UPRR-representative not in attendance
- Amtrak is to take precedence over UPRR
- Federal legislation to help trains stay on time
- Monthly report to follow in packet

2. Highway 47/Missouri River Bridge-Stephen O'Connor

- Asphalt work is done on 47
- Water is still up
- Moved finish date to December 17

3. Highway 47 Corridor Committee-Tim Brinker

- Discussions progressing
- Preliminary layout on a map is there
- Going to be a dual lane round-about design
- The modeling it will be able to handle traffic today and further decades to come
- Requested MoDOT's approval

4. Franklin County Transportation Committee-Tim Brinker

- Discussed current round of transportation grants
- \$325,000 available
- We did not put in application due to cap, we have met that
- Front Street-ADA Transition plan in place
- Leverage to get STP projects done

5. MoDOT Northeast District-Warren County-No Report

- No report

6. Airport-John Nilges

- RFQ for Consultant out
- Due November 14 for the next five years
- Waiting on river to go down to move rock to the airport
- Katy Trail connection
 - No committee actively working on this
 - Looking at all our options-August Bottom Road
 - Most bicyclist not comfortable on Hwy 47
 - Have to get new bridge done first
 - No funding from MoDOT as this point
 - ROUTES Program may help
 - Kevin Kreite was to form committee?
 - Ralph Femmer-Trail Net
 - Needs to identify bike trail along 47
 - We will putting signs & sidewalk along 47

7. Team Track-Darren Lamb-No Report

8. East-West Parkway-John Nilges-No report

9. Public Transportation-Cory Schmitt-No report

10. Other Business-Special Road District-

- **Ed Fischer**
 - Continually good working relationship with the City
 - There is not a double tax
 - Everybody pays the same tax
 - No one gets paid on the SRD Board
 - Pottery Road handles a lot of traffic
 - Plows snow on the end of Pottery Road
 - Whether or not to keep SRD should be up to the voters
 - We donate a lot to the City-not every year but when we can
 - Built salt shed for the City

Steve Sullentrup-What roads do the SRD take care of?

List attached.

Bernie Westhoelter-Snowplowing on Steutermann Road-Stops at the beginning of the County line.

Steve Sullentrup-What kind equipment do you have for snow removal?

Bernie Westhoelter-1 large truck, 2 smaller trucks and 1 backhoe.

Our shop is off of Clay Street. We maintain the property.

Bill Straatmann-Have you had any complaints?

Bernie Westhoelter-This happened a few years back. I received overwhelming praise for the SRD. The people were grateful to keep their roads passible during the bad weather.

The county road starts at Jim Peters place.

Darren Lamb-We recently requested funds from the SRD. According to our attorney we can request up to 25% of their funds. They receive both personal property and real property and that is how they receive their funds.

Revenue Rec'd to SRD.

2016-\$710,185	property owners within City limits \$640,646	Out of City Limits- \$69538
2017-\$734,628	\$659,141	\$75,487
2018-\$745,048	\$667,468	\$77,580

Approximately 90% of the funds that the SRD receives are from property owners within the City limits. We have requested 25% back to the City in the amount of \$547,465. Over that time frame we expended about \$4M in funds for transportation projects. Of that \$4M, \$1.2M have come from City funds. The rest was received through grant funds, \$2.4M STP Grants and maintenance throughout the City.

How do we share these revenue funds? So we would like to start a conversation with the SRD to discuss this.

Dave Riegel-Nothing bad to say about SRD. They do a great job. With our business we have equipment/employees coming in at all times of the night and we have never had a problem.

Ed Fischer-I went to the County to verify this. The people in the city of Washington pay the same tax as anybody else and their money they pay in, 25 % goes back to City, 20% goes to County and we get the rest. This is a property tax.

Steve Sullentrup-Do you have a budget that we can look at?

Ed Fischer-Yes.

Steve Sullentrup-If you could get that to Darren I would appreciate it.

Donny Meyer-I do not know who would take care of the roads better than the SRD.

Leroy Straatmann-We have had no complaints about anything. We went around and got signatures and everyone was happy about being in the SRD. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Mayor Lucy-How long has the SRD been around.

Bernie Westhoelter-1930's.

Leroy Straatmann-We got in around the 70's.

Mayor Lucy-Did the boundary expand when you joined the SRD? So the SRD today, if you went a mile outside you could expand?

Ed Fischer-Yes, we wanted to take over some of Bluff Road but no one wants to take the bull by the horns because we cannot silicate as the SRD. We solicited as residents.

Old Hwy 100 Bridge-John Nilges-

City did some work down there. The bridge is not in the City jurisdiction, it is a County bridge. It is a weight-restricted bridge. Need to get the dialogue started to find out when that bridge is going to be replaced because it is vital getting those concrete trucks in and out especially with the School District getting ready to build out there.

Tim Brinker-The issue being a weight restricted bridge isn't as great right now as it is the road to the east sinking. We budgeted at the County level \$150,000 to do a soils/boring study. If you drive out there you will see that there has been so much asphalt on it that it is almost higher than the guard rail. I brought that up in the budget meeting last Wednesday. If we are going to put in a new bridge we have to make sure that the road stops continuously sinking. There is some confusion on the ownership. We are going to find out from legal who the bridge belongs too. This is all being expedited, the study and the ownership.

Steve Sullentrup-This should be a top priority with the new School District.

We have moved the meeting to 8:00 a.m. again.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed without dissent.