

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

**Monday, August 31, 2020 at 8:00 AM  
Minutes**

**Present:** Craig Mueller, Stephen O'Connor, Bill Straatmann, Mayor Lucy, L.B. Eckelkamp, Tim Brinker, John Nilges

**Absent:** Ed Fischer, Ray Frankenberg II, Bob Engemann, Joe Holtmeier, Danny Cassette, Bill Miller, Steve Sullentrup,

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

Approval of the minutes from 06-29-20 & 07-27-20

- 1. Amtrak- Craig Mueller-**Last week was the MOPAC meeting. No real new news. They did pass a budget of eight million dollars, which probably does not cover their costs. It certainly does not cover the arrears for the program. It does show commitment in moving forward in the light of the current budget situation. Covid numbers for Amtrak are as what you would expect. In April they were down 95% on the River Runner. They have seen some stabilization recently in July. They are working on a Return on Investment Study that should hit the ground in October. It looks to be a really in depth look at what kind of impact that rail has in the State of Missouri. They are using for funding purposes. Some groups along the path for the rail runner have invested in some advertising dollars that is lead up by Hermann for bikes and rail. Four new cars will be arriving soon.
- 2. Highway 47/Missouri River Bridge-Stephen O'Connor-**As you all know the bridge project is complete. The trail was opened last week. They are having some problems on the Warren County side with people driving down the trail. We are going to try and sign it to deal with the problem. The trailers were removed last week.  
**John Nilges-**I met with the sub-contractor, Ballman Excavating, there is going to be a small pad of gravel but the rest will be seeded and strawed this week. The Riverfront Trail paving was completed Friday afternoon. Parking lot was paved. It still remains closed due to the concrete pads needing to be poured this week with the benches being restored after that. It's moving fast but we still do ask that people stay off of it. The schedule is moving so fast we don't know when construction equipment will be on site. We are well ahead of schedule. City staff, the parks and streets departments, did most of the work.  
As far as the lighting goes, it is just kind of sitting there. Gerschner Electric is the contractor for the lights. They are having some technical difficulties and the supplier of the lighting system and the manufacturer are trying to figure out who is responsible for the lighting. There is a voltage issue going on. The manufacturer won't come to Missouri because of COVID and Gerschner will not put a barge on the river until they come to town. There is a 14 day testing period that MoDOT has in their contracts that all lighting must work for 14 days in order to accept as complete by the City.
- 3. Highway 47 Corridor Committee-Tim Brinker-**We are still jumping through some hurtles in the process but moving forward as far as the Union expressway goes. We are going to move ahead with the round-a-bout.

4. **Franklin County Transportation Committee-John Nilges**-We have not met since our last meeting. Our next meeting is October 8<sup>th</sup>. We will probably discuss a grant that the City has applied for.
5. **MoDOT Northeast District-Warren County**-We are going to try signs for the people that are going down under the bridge on the trail to try to keep them out. That will be our first step.
6. **Washington Special Road District-Darren Lamb**- No new report.
7. **Old Hwy 100 Bridge-Tim Brinker**-I just got back the estimates on Friday for replacing the bridge. Total construction costs are \$2,271,000.00, 10% contingency is \$227,000 so the STP total would be around \$2,500,000.00. Of that we are trying to get a federal share of 80% of that so that would be \$2,000,000 itself would be a local share of \$500,000. We are truly trying to establish ownership of that bridge. We have all the transfer documents of Old Hwy 100 from MoDOT to the County but there is nothing in there that shows the transfer of that bridge. Before we get money from anybody we need to establish ownership of that bridge. It is 250 ft. of three spans is what they are measuring. The current weight limit is 16 tons. And built in 1939.  
**Bill Straatmann**-What about from the bridge to the new school?  
**Tim Brinker**-We need to get the big chunk done first. If not next year, it will be the following year.  
**Bill Straatmann**-Do you see a traffic light where St. Johns Road meets Hwy 100?  
**Tim Brinker**-I can't imagine there not being one.  
**Stephen O'Connor**-MoDOT is in the midst of doing a traffic study for that location.
8. **Airport-John Nilges**- The hangar project is on track. Located between the taxi way and the most northern hangar. It is a modular type system so as hangar funding becomes available we can just extend them to the southeast. That area is actually higher than the surrounding ground because of the old taxi way that was there. MoDOT has agreed that this is a 90/10 grant.  
**Darren Lamb**-The Airport Layout Plan has finally been approved!
9. **Team Track-Darren Lamb**-No Report
10. **East-West Parkway**-We did approve the grading project for the second phase of Riverbend Estates. It extends High Street over the first drainage ditch. We will be across the creek.
11. **Public Transportation-Cory Schmitt**-Not present.
12. **Other Business**
13. **Adjournment**  
**Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed without dissent.**