

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

**Monday, November 25, 2019, 2019 at 8:00 AM  
Minutes**

**Present:** Craig Mueller, Ed Fischer, Stephen O'Connor, Ray Frankenberg, Bill Straatmann, Mayor Lucy, Joe Holtmeier, Danny Cassette, Tim Brinker, Steve Sullentrup, John Nilges

**Absent:** Bob Engemann, L.B Eckelkamp, Bill Miller

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

**Approval of the minutes from October 28, 2019. Motion made, seconded and passed without dissent.**

1. **Amtrak-Craig Mueller**-October reports were in the packet. Tourism committee said that Amtrak has really been on time. Will include reports in monthly packets.
  - **John Nilges**-People still crossing over the tracks. Working with the police department to keep control on this.
  - Some issues with a couple of light banks. They need to schedule a barge to get up there and repair it. Darren and I saw it about 6 weeks ago and they looked good. Still in the testing stage. After three years, the lights belong to the City so we will be responsible for them and it will not be a quick fix. They are programmed to turn off at midnight except for New Year's Eve. Walkway lights will be on all the time.
2. **Highway 47/Missouri River Bridge-Stephen O'Connor**-Water still too high. Project will not be completed this year. Waiting on the river to drop. Fourteen is the magic number we need to be at.
3. **Highway 47 Corridor Committee-Tim Brinker**-Application is in the process. Cochran has been working on it.
4. **Franklin County Transportation Committee**-No report
5. **MoDOT Northeast District-Warren County**-Getting bicycle signs up along Hwy 47
6. **Washington Special Road District-Ed Fischer**-We are surprised and disappointed that the paper would print the article they did. I got the feeling that people believe we are sitting on a pot of money which is not true. The numbers were so different I had to find out how it was broke down. The breakdown is of the money that is collected is 25% goes back to the City, 20% goes to the County and then the Special Road District comes in. We had a meeting and the facts are that every month the money is put in our account over at the County. There is money sitting in that account in the amount of about \$600k for the City and there have been no withdraws for three years up until recently. In my opinion the City of Washington needs us.

**Darren Lamb**-We had a meeting with the Special Road District and their attorney. Ed is right when he said that there needs to be come clarification to where the money goes. It is a very convoluted formula on where these funds go. The difference is that \$745k that was collected in 2018. Since 2000 when Franklin County became a first class county, there is legislation on the books that says that any tax that is collected off the property tax automatically comes out and 25% of that goes to the City. That is the pot of money

that Ed was just talking about. Last year it was about \$166k that was collected and set aside just for 2018. That money gets set aside whether there is a SRD or not. The money does not come from them. If the SRD were dissolved tomorrow, that money would still be coming into the City because of the legislation that is in place. Shortly after 2000, according to Mark Piontek; Jim Briggs, Mark Piontek met with Mark Vincent, legal council for SRD and discussed how they wanted to get the money disbursed and that is when the treasurer set up that separate account to go ahead and put that money in there. That is how it was conveyed to me. ED is right when he said that there is \$660k in the account but we do have that budgeted for projects down the road. What our goal was to work with the SRD. We are still trying to set up a meeting to discuss this. Out of those funds, 90% of that money that goes to the SRD still comes from property owners within the City limits. That is 90% of their budget. Our argument, as we move forward, Hopefully we can develop a mutual agreement that there is some revenue sharing that needs to take place. If they are collecting 90% of the revenue from property owners within the City limits we think that some of that money should possible come back to the City for transportation projects that we have. These are the things we want to discuss in the near future. Just to walk you through that formula, let's say we have \$750k, they have to determine how much of that comes from the City and once they determine that, that is where they get the 25% and that money gets set aside. The County then gets 20% of that total. SO that comes off. So they were left with about \$462k and we would like to see some of that come back because it is collected from property owners within City limits.

7. **Airport-John Nilges**-We went for Request for Qualifications and received three that we are reviewing for the consultant for the airport. We also received approval for a snow plow blade for the tractor we have there. We are at 100% with hangars occupancy. We are actively trying to get that conversation going on hangar construction in building that fund up. We do get a \$150k entitlement money each year that we can use for a capital project from the FAA and MoDOT. CMT is pulling together some numbers on building a new hangar. ALP is on its final review.
7. **Team Track-Darren Lamb**-No Report
8. **East-West Parkway-John Nilges**-Report/Map Attached
9. **Public Transportation-Cory Schmitt**-No report
10. **Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed without dissent.**