

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

**Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> , 2023 at 8:00 AM  
Minutes**

**Present:** Craig Mueller, Stephen O'Connor, Mayor Hagedorn, Joe Holtmeier, Sandy Lucy, L.B. Eckelkamp, Bill Miller, Mike Coulter, Charles Stankovic, Darren Lamb

**Absent:** Ed Fischer, Ray Frankenberg, Bob Engemann, Bill Straatmann, Tim Brinker, Jeff Niemeyer

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

Did not approve minutes from September due to not having quorum. Will approve at meeting in November.

1. **Amtrak- Craig Mueller**-Just a short note, I did put an article in the packet about them putting some funding in the upcoming budget for the State of Missouri that I got some questions about, I don't know what that is, so I looked into it. With regard to future or federal funds that they've applied to identify a third train and directions in Missouri, they have requested to put some money in the budget so that if they are awarded some of those corridors are identified as possible expansion for federal dollars, they put in some matching funds to go ahead and do some studies, things like that going forward. It's preliminary stuff. Other than that, I do have a meeting coming up with the MORPAC group, I think, November first, just in a day or so here. I'll have some more next time. Thank you.
2. **Causeway-Missouri River Bridge Flood Issue**-No report.
3. **Highway 47 Corridor Committee**-No report.
4. **Franklin County Transportation Committee**-Darren Lamb- I did attend the last Franklin County Transportation Committee meeting. They've got the projects lined up for the commission, they still need to approve all the funding that came out of the committee for all the various communities that applied for the funds. We had how much in ours? We had a request on Third?  
**Charles Stankovic**-\$100,000.  
**Darren Lamb**-And that was approved, so we're just waiting for that. Then I also let them know that we're going to go ahead and move. I was appointed to be the primary board member for the City of Washington after John's absence or whatever, but now we're going to move Charles into that position and I'll be on there as an alternative. We got to take that to the Council, I think, at the first meeting in November. Stephen, any other comments that you had from the meeting?  
**Stephen O'Connor**-I don't.
5. **MoDOT 50/50 Grants-Darren Lamb**-This is primarily for the entrance into Oldenburg Industrial Park. The whole reason why it's on there. It's 100% funded, actually, as I think we've reported to you in the past or whatever. Any update on these?  
**Sal Maniaci**-We submitted the comments or the plans to MoDOT for approval. I think we followed up last week and they said that I think comments are required to be back from staff to us by the 31st. Then

we can make changes and then hopefully if there's not too many, go out to bid quickly. We're working on both the internal stuff for the park and Highway 100. Hopefully we'll go out to bid at the same time.

6. **MoDOT Northeast District-Warren County-Joe Gildehaus**-Actually, not a whole lot. We did have a really good meeting. A couple of weeks ago with Missouri Transportation Commission came from the state, which was really good. A lot of it was on 70, up and down as far as that corridor, as far as ramps, that stuff. We did talk about a little bit through Dutzow raising that. That was an issue. But other than that, things are going good.
7. **Washington Special Road District-Ed Fischer**-No report.
8. **Old Hwy 100 Bridge**- No new report.
9. **Airport-Sal Maniaci**-And just briefly, the hangers, the new hangers are up and being occupied. The last item that we have before we close the project is seed and straw, which obviously we're not going to be able to do till spring. So what we're doing is releasing the rest of the funds, starting the reimbursement request with MoDOT for the first big chunk of it and then we'll hold back. I think it's the cost of seed and straw plus 20 % to the contractor. So we won't officially close that out till spring. But as far as airport traffic, September had a total of 636 flights and October so far is down from that. But I think September is just with the weather a nicer month. But I'm assuming we're at 431 flights. So about 200 down from last month. But this is a new tracking system. So I'll see how that compares as we continue to do this.

**Bill Miller**-You still get inquiries about hangar space?

**Sal Maniaci**-Oh, yeah. I mean, there's still over 30 people on the waitlist, even with people moving over. And so then we're talking to potential people who may want to build and lease.

**Bill Miller**-First come, first serve?

**Sal Maniaci**-If there's business usage, they're going to use a lot of gas rather than someone who's going to fly the plane once a year, so they get prioritized differently.

**L.B. Eckelkamp**-You said there's a different way of counting. What's the difference in the way that you count the number of flights in and out?

**Sal Maniaci**-Well, we just have a different software program now from what we had before. We hired an assistant airport manager who has this flight aware software now that we've started utilizing. And beforehand we tried to use, they would actually try and count the flights, but they couldn't get them all. And so it was always a ballpark of exactly. But now we have a flight aware system that tells you exactly how many arrivals and departures are every day. What we can't find out right now is if it's business or recreational, but we've actually asked our airport consultant if they are aware of some software that can tie the flight aware into actual flight path numbers to determine if it's business or not.

**L.B. Eckelkamp**-But the new system is coming up this month with fewer flights. **Sal Maniaci**-We have 431 so far for the month of October and 636 in September. So is that the highest month? That sounds really high, that number.

**Sal Maniaci**-We started the flight aware in September first.

**Bill Miller**-Now you said, you count the flight taking off and landing as two flights or?

**Sal Maniaci**-No. So it counts arrivals and departures. They're not always going to be the same. October 17th. We had 20 arrivals with 23 departures. At least there's more people leaving one day and it could be vice versa switched over. So it's not always equal.

**Bill Miller**-Twenty three in one day, that's pretty high.

**Sal Maniaci**-That was the highest in October. September had actually three days that were 20 and 23. So that's where I'm curious with I'll talk to Kevin if that is I wonder if that's a pattern, if there's a certain something going on, that it's common that there's the same flights coming in because 20 and 23 you see

a couple of times come up over the last two months. Other than that, it's all scattered between four to five, three to three, 13 to 12. So they're not always exactly arrivals and departures.

**L.B. Eckelkamp**-If somebody's out there doing touch and go, how does that work?

**Sal Maniaci**-It does not count touch and goes. So it actually has to be the flight aware software does not count the touch and go. And we did inquire about that just because if the school from Spirit is out here, that could make it way up.

**10. Team Track-Sal Maniaci-No Report.**

**11. East-West Parkway Sal Maniaci**-The first phase of that was actually paved about a week ago, two weeks ago. I just went and looked at it yesterday. I'm sure we'll do a nice ribbon cutting for Darren. That's been in his plans forever. But that'll open up for at least another 36 homes, possibly another 36 and phase one. Then we're talked to the developer about possibly them coming from the south as well, with an additional 35 to 40 homes. The whole point of us participating in these larger streets is one, they're in the Comp Plan, so we're dictating where they go. There's a little responsibility of us participating them, but it's hopefully to facilitate additional residential growth, which is what we're seeing. If you go out there and you look from the Overlook down, you can see all the grading happening on the Kleekamp farm for where the houses will go. It's going to be a lot of change from the view there.

**Mayor Hagedorn**-We could sure use them. That's for sure. I don't know if you guys have seen and ladies have seen the numbers of the Washington School district enrollment. It's significantly down from last year, like almost 200. And I've got to believe that our need of single family housing is part of that. We are trying to address that.

**Sal Maniaci**-Our housing numbers are significantly up over the last three years than they had been. So hopefully you'll see a delayed response to that. We don't know exactly how many young families are in those new homes, but between everything we've already approved, not even just built, but about 500 multi-family and probably about 400 single-family homes have been approved. Lots, I should say. Once builders start opening up a little bit, I'm sure our building department will be very busy.

**Sandy Lucy**-I wonder if our other schools are seeing the same decline. There's not as many students out there these days.

**Mayor Hagedorn**-Borgia is holding steady.

**Joe Holtmeier**-The grade school's up just a little bit.

**12. East West Gateway 2050 Plans- No report.**

**13. Public Transportation- No Report.**

**14. Other Business-Sandy Lucy**-Stephen, I want to thank you for your prompt response to that traffic light out there at High Street and Hwy 100. Then, Darren, Sal, Charles, the speed signs on Sophia. Those folks are real happy about that. Thank you for taking care of that.

**Stephen O'Connor**-Our project on 100 could get started the next month or so. There's not a whole lot we can probably do this time of year, but KJU is working on 50. Then once they get that project completed, they're going to come up here and be the subcontractor for Pace, and they're going to do some sidewalk and ADA work when they can with the cold weather. But it'll probably really get kicked off in 2024. That's paving from Fifth Street to Washington Heights Drive on 100, resurfacing.

**Joe Holtmeier**-When is the Highway 100 resurfacing project going to happen?

**Stephen O'Connor**-I mean, it's scheduled to start. It could start this year, but they probably won't get much done this year. They won't do any paving, I wouldn't think. But they got to do the sidewalk and ADA work first. That would be possibly this year, depending on the weather. But for the most part, it'll take care next year.

**Sandy Lucy**-Are they going to do sidewalks along that entire stretch then?

**Stephen O'Connor**-They're going to do what's needed. I don't have the plans. I don't know exactly what they do plan to do, but some of that work is in the plans to do ADA upgrades.

**Bill Miller**-Is there anything new on the Highway 100 at Oldenburg Industrial Park?

**Stephen O'Connor**-We've got plans and we've reviewed the plans. We had to have our comments back by last Wednesday and I think Sal is going to get plans, comments. So, MoDOT will send the comments back to their group, I think you said, by the end of this month.

**Sal Maniaci**-I mean, unless I haven't seen the comments from MoDOT between Cochran, unless there's a ton of changes needed, we're hoping to still go out to bid for that this year before the end of the year and get the contractor as soon as the new year starts free reign to begin.

**Sandy Lucy**-And when is AZZ planning to be up and running?

**Sal Maniaci**-January 1st, 2025. They're going to be in their testing and everything before that. But I think fully operational, doors open January 1st.

**15. Adjournment-Motion made and seconded to adjourn, passed without dissent at 8:15 a.m.**