

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SAINT LOUIS COUNTY
BOARD OF HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

MONDAY

January 14, 2008

3:00 P.M.

The January meeting of the Saint Louis County Board of Highways and Traffic was held at 3:00 p.m., Monday, January 14, 2008, in the Operations Headquarters Conference Room, 11201 Schaefer Drive, Maryland Heights, Missouri.

The following Board Members were present:

Bill Abram	Urlene Jackson Branch	Sam Jenkins
Pat Barrett	Charles Cady	

The following Board Members were absent:

Matt Kopsky	Carol Stelmach	Dino Vainalis
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Also present were:

Sheryl Hodges	Mike Bardot	Stephen O'Connor
Dan Naunheim	Glenn Henninger	

Charles Cady called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. and motioned for approval of the minutes of the November 13, 2007 meeting. Bill Abram approved the motion, Sam Jenkins seconded it, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

CIP UPDATE – Dan Naunheim

Dan Naunheim provided an update on projects that have been let, upcoming lettings, and right-of-way that is being acquired. Please see the attached list for details.

Dan elaborated on the following:

- o We let our 2008 ARS Microsurfacing Program in the fall for work to be done the following summer to stay competitive and get better prices.
- o We will receive \$0.50 per \$1.00 back from MSD for doing storm water work on our Trampe Road Culvert project.
- o Jennings Station Road is the largest project we have ever let. To minimize the length of time projects take to complete, we are trying a new approach with this project. The contractor will spend most of the first year assisting utility companies. After a 9-month period, he will have 200 working days to complete the project, which equals approximately 1½ years.
- o Along with our Ogden Avenue project, AmerenUE is putting some of their facilities underground in cooperation with the St. Louis County Economic Council.
- o We are attempting to get a commitment from the contractor of our Woodson Bridge No. 263 project on how long Woodson Road will need to be closed. The estimated cost to the public due to detouring is \$6,000 per day for every day the road is closed. This figure will be used as a basis for a penalty or a bonus.

- Barrett Station Road, Ogden Avenue, Woodson Bridge No. 263, and Jennings Station Road are all federally funded projects, which means we will recoup some of the funding.
- Sam Jenkins requested a list of concrete replacement projects in the North County area. Mike Bardot will provide that list to Sam.

I-64 MITIGATION UPDATE – Glenn Henninger and Stephen O’Connor

Glenn Henninger, South Area Engineer, began a presentation to update Members on the I-64 traffic mitigation. Several handouts were included in Members’ folders. Some highlights follow:

- We performed a lot of traffic signal work, which included installing detector loops at existing signals and installing entirely new signals.
- We added left turn lanes at some intersections on Ladue Road.
- MoDOT set up a Command Center from where all groups involved could work. Representatives of the City of St. Louis, Metro, St. Louis County Highways and Traffic, and St. Louis County Police, along with MoDOT representatives, each had a separate table set up at the Command Center. Focus was mainly on the arterial roads, keeping them maintained and free of congestion and other problems. MoDOT projected a traffic map on the wall that showed sensors that lit up to point out real-time problems. They also projected views from their cameras on the wall.
- Two briefings were held each day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Each group had 10 minutes or less for their presentation. After each of these briefings, they held news briefings. All major stations attended, which proved to be beneficial in getting our messages out to the public.
- The biggest trouble spots were locations like Clayton Road and Lindbergh Boulevard, where County and MoDOT roads intersect.
- The peak traffic times are from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Glenn noticed that people are not leaving as early the second week of the closure as they did the first week. They seem to be easing back into their normal routines, which could cause more congestion.

Stephen O’Connor, Manager, Operations, continued the presentation with information on how many vehicles were traveling on which roads.

- Before the closure, approximately 228,000 vehicles traveled I-64 to get to their destinations. After the closure, approximately the same number of vehicles attempted to reach their destinations, but took different routes.
- We saw 60 percent additional traffic on Clayton Road.
- Ladue Road was the most heavily traveled with 90 percent additional traffic.
- We had staff members traveling the roads to determine how well traffic flowed, and to call in any problems so they could be resolved as quickly as possible. One such problem involved a utility company who was working where they should not have been working.
- A complaint line for the public to call in problems only received four calls.

- Through streets were not impacted as much as subdivision streets. Motorists had problems pulling out of their subdivisions onto the heavily traveled main streets.
- Stephen pointed out that there are some zeroes shown on the handouts depicting traffic counts. Those zeroes do not mean there were no vehicles, but that there was a problem with the counter. The figures show that the time to travel these roads did not increase much considering the percentage of extra traffic they were carrying.
- Board Members had the following questions:
 - Were there any irrevocable decisions made that should have been handled differently?

Sheryl replied that we have not learned of any yet.

MoDOT is advising the public that if anyone is involved in an accident on an Interstate, where both vehicles are still drivable, they should drive to the next exit and get off the Interstate before pulling over to exchange information, etc. The County/MoDOT Motorist Assist program is currently responding to approximately half as many incidents as MoDOT's Motorist Assist program.

The closure is going so well, we have scaled back on the number of staff we had at the Command Center. A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday to discuss any possible problems that may arise and what our response will be.

- Has anyone been tracking emergency vehicles' response times, etc.?

While no one has been tracking emergency vehicles, we have received no complaints from any of the Fire Districts.

COMMENTS ON ACTIVITIES DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2007 – Sheryl Hodges

Sheryl Hodges advised the Board of the following events that have transpired since the last meeting:

- Our primary focus has been the I-64 mitigation.
- Budget Hearings were held and our Budget passed. We will show our capital program in an upcoming meeting.
- Hanley Road project scope was reduced to Hanley and Manchester with roadway work on both.
- Maryland Heights and Chesterfield signed agreements to partner with us on the Page-Olive Connector Road project. St. Charles also wants to partner with us on this project.
- MoDOT put a hold on the project to expand Route 141 north of I-64 about nine months ago.
- The Corps of Engineers gave us a signed permit Friday for the Maryland Heights Expressway project. Now we need to sign agreements with MoDOT and Maryland Heights.
- The plans for the Lemay Access Road from I-55 to Pinnacle are almost approved. They cannot open until one year after Lumière Place opened, but they expect to open by 2009.
- It is nearly time for our annual bridge inspections, which should take approximately six months to complete and provide our findings to MoDOT. The criteria have not changed

since the Minneapolis bridge collapsed. MoDOT inspected all of their truss-type bridges after the accident. Note that St. Louis County has no truss-type bridges.

- o We had some minor snow events, and all went well.
- o We anticipate the western section of the I-64 project will be complete during the last months of 2008. As a side note, Gateway Constructors are recycling some of the old concrete from I-64 as aggregate or base course.
- o We are going to lay out Agendas for the next year, so if you have any suggestions, let us know.

Charles Cady requested that a note of thanks to Matt Kopsky for picking up the tab at the holiday luncheon be inserted in the Minutes.

The February meeting will be held in the conference room at the Operations Division Headquarters, 11201 Schaefer Drive, Maryland Heights, Missouri.

Charles Cady motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bill Abram approved the motion, Sam Jenkins seconded it, and the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Attachment – CIP Update

C.I.P. UPDATE

January 14, 2008

Since the November 12, 2007 Board Meeting, the Projects Listed Below Were Let

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Bid Opening Date</u>	<u>Director's Estimate</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>	<u>Low Bidder</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
AR-1165	2007 Crackseal Program	November 14, 2007	\$270,000.00	\$264,587.40	B&D Pavement Maintenance	
AR-1197	2008 ARS Microsurfacing Program	November 14, 2007	\$600,000.00	\$599,252.70	Missouri Petroleum	
CTV12-96-683B	Trampe Road Culvert	December 19, 2007	\$310,000.00	\$292,768.00	J.M. Marschuetz	
Total Dollar Value of Lettings Since Last Board Meeting:				\$1,156,608.10		

Upcoming Lettings

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>To Be Let</u>	<u>Director's Estimate</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
CR-1200	2008 Concrete Replacement Program - A	February, 2008	\$2,600,000.00	North County Area
CR-1201	2008 Concrete Replacement Program - B	January 16, 2008	\$820,000.00	South County Area
CR-1202	2008 Concrete Replacement Program - C	February, 2008	\$2,030,000.00	Far South County Area
AR/CR-1196	2008 AR/CR Aggregate Sealcoat	February 13, 2008	\$1,450,000.00	
CR-1199	2008 CRS Mill & Overlay Program	February, 2008	\$500,000.00	
AR-781	Jennings Station Road	February, 2008	\$11,381,000.00	I-70 to West Florissant Avenue
EDC-1125	Ogden Avenue	January 23, 2008	\$1,826,000.00	Page to MLK Boulevard
AR-1037	Woodson Bridge No. 263	March, 2008	\$1,950,000.00	0.45 mi. S. of Page Avenue
AR-857	Kehrs Mill Road	March, 2008	\$2,370,000.00	Clarkson Rd. to Kehrs Meadow Ln.

Projects for Which Right-of-Way is Presently Being Acquired

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Limits</u>	<u>Right-of-Way Status</u>
AR-856	Baxter Road	Claymont Estates Dr. to Heathercroft Dr.	Easements Secured
AR-854	Barrett Station Road	Dougherty Ferry Rd. to Barrett Office Pkwy.	Negotiations Underway
AR-857B	Kehrs Mill/Long	Central Midland Railroad to Chesterfield Airport	Negotiations Underway