

Review
Of Proposed
Highway 50 and Main TIF Project

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The Pettis County Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is the local committee organized through the Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission (PTRPC) to review and input local transportation needs to the PTRPC for cooperative planning with MoDOT. PTRPC includes the four counties of Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis and Saline.

Current members are Phil Clevenger, Brent Hampy, Devin Lake, Jim Marcum, Abby McMullin, Charlie Thomas with advisors Roy Hunter and James Theisen. Our review of the proposed TIF in Sedalia was in consultation with Mike McGrath, MoDOT Area Engineer.

REVIEW

Transportation infrastructure improvements at the intersections of Hwy 50 and Oak Grove, Curry Drive and at Hwy 50 and Winchester Drive have been needed for considerable time. Both intersections were prioritized in the selection process used to establish needed projects for Amendment 7 funding. These projects were weighted against projects from five counties as the Pettis County TAC was instrumental in securing \$42 mil. earmarked for Pettis County improvements in the proposed Amendment 7 legislation which failed voter approval last year.

Results of the TAC review include the following recommendations. Hwy 50 needs to be widened at the Winchester Drive intersection with a designated right turn lane for east bound Hwy 50 traffic to turn south. The option to widen Winchester Drive at this intersection should be explored. . These needed improvements would be impossible with the development of the east property in the proposed TIF with its' current boundary lines. The connection of the outer road system of LeRoy VanDyke Road to Winchester Drive from WestWood Avenue should be studied.

These needed transportation projects were thought to have merit from Mike McGrath and certainly should be considered projects which we could present for future MoDOT funding. Hwy 50 is part of the 8,000 miles which MoDOT will continue to improve with small projects. The request for permanent signal lights at the Winchester Drive intersection will also require additional ROW from the east property in the proposed TIF.

The intersection of Hwy 50 and Oak Grove Lane was not addressed as is now under City planning.

Conclusion

Development of the east property of the proposed TIF to the current property lines will hinder or stop needed future infrastructure improvements. These infrastructure projects are vital to future growth of the entire surrounding business area by improving the retail shopping experience which will lead to increased sales tax revenue for the City and the County alike.

The Pettis County TAC cannot support the proposed TIF project and ask that it be rejected.