

The Operations Meeting for the Downstream Casino was halted and some members were dismissed so that the Authority could hear reports on the Exit off of 44 as well as recommendations.

Alan Mauk reports that Jimmer Pinjuv, who is developing “Wildwood Ranch” is becoming politically involved in the I-44 Exit issues. This gives the Authority a political ally for emphasizing the development of the entire region.

The plan called “Alternate C” has been renamed Exhibit A.

The first traffic circle would cause for access and would cost approximately 1.5 million dollars. Alan Mauk has reviewed the proposal and suggests we present only ONE plan and emphasize the following:

1. Safety on the roundabout
2. Access for “fill” that is being created by the excavation and building on the land.
3. Cover future needs of the highway by adding a lane, using the fill to assist in building.
4. West end by pass off of roundabout.

The intersection has an “E” rating, which is considered a successful intersection in Missouri, but which most states would consider failing.

MoDot may have left us a break in access, a forty-foot horizontal piece of property that looks as if it was not purchased when MoDot bought right of way. This would give the Casino a Limited Access Right of Way per documented evidence.

Alan Mauk and Tom Moore (of Tri-State) confirmed that worst case scenario, future patrons of the Casino could not be denied access and that a minimum entrance could be created at the current turn in on State Line Road.

Chairman John Berrey asked Tim Kent and Alan Mauk to get with Tribal Attorney Jack Brill on:

1. Limited Access Gap
2. Who owns Harry Jorjean property
3. Who owns the property on the other side of the location for the Lift Station.

Alan Mauk recommended the following:

1. Get with MoDot Project Engineer by Monday to review proposal with her.
2. He will meet with Senator Blunt on Thursday and recommend the plan based on Economic Development to the region.
3. Involve the City Engineer for Joplin.

4. Privatize State Line Road between Casino and the 3-States Marker, rename it “Historic State Line Road” and develop the area.

Estimated time for the project:

3 weeks for survey work.

3 months to design

6 months to build, creating all interchanges at the same time.

Chairman Berrey asked Tri-state, Alan Mauk, and Tim Kent to continue working on this project.

The Operations Meeting resumed.