



Ozarks Transportation Organization

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2025

1:00 pm

2208 W. Chesterfield Boulevard, Suite 101, Springfield, MO 65807

Attendees: Ric Ashe, Valerie Carr, Sara Fields, Scott Godbey, Scott Hayes, David Hutchison, David Knaut, Natasha Longpine, John Matthews, John Montgomery, Grady Porter, Martha Smartt, Chris Tabor, Andy Thomason, Tommy VanHorn, and Jacob Wimsatt

- I. Welcome** – The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.
- II. Meeting Notes from November 12, 2024, BPAC Meeting** – Chris Tabor, seconded by Valerie Carr, made a motion to approve the November 12, 2024, meeting notes. The motion passed.
- III. Critical sidewalk network gaps** – OTO staff presented a summary of the critical sidewalk network gaps scoring, including a list of scored projects for the whole region and for each entity member of the OTO. Discussion was held on how the scoring was completed and if and how the scoring will be updated. It was agreed to update the list annually and provide the information on OTO's webpage to facilitate including critical sidewalk gaps in future projects.
- IV. Regional Trail Planning Updates** – Ric Ashe and John Montgomery from Ozark Greenways (OG) gave an update on ongoing trail projects in the region, including projects along the Chadwick Flyer trail and three engineering projects through OG for trails as part of the South Creek, Fassnight and Ward Branch Greenways. OG stated that another phase of the Chadwick Flyer should have groundbreaking in March 2025 and the construction work of the Crenshaw trailhead will start soon. Their consultant is close to completing the engineering work of the trail between Kissick Avenue and the Trail of Honor south of Lake Springfield. The Renew Jordan Creek project in downtown Springfield has started and construction of the Shuyler Creek trail in Republic is ongoing with an estimated completion in early summer of 2025.
- V. CY 2024 Implementation Report** OTO staff reviewed the first draft of the CY 2024 Bicycle and Pedestrian Implementation report and asked committee members to provide any additional information. Discussion was held on which events were included in last year's report. The final report will be presented at the next BPAC meeting.
- VI. Sidewalk and Trail 2025 Call for Projects Guidebook** – OTO staff provided an overview of the 2025 OTO sidewalk/ trail funding guidebook, including schedule and project eligibility, and specific updates compared to prior year's call for projects. Discussion was held regarding eligible projects, set aside amounts for engineering and if currently funded engineering projects can apply for construction funding. It was clarified that projects which

have Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) funded with federal funds, can apply for construction funding. Chris Tabor made a motion to approve the 2025 OTO Sidewalk/ Trail Funding Guidebook. Tommy VanHorn seconded, and the motion passed.

VII. Project Updates – OTO staff gave an update on projects funded in FY 2023, including project extension requests, an upcoming request for qualifications (RFQ) for engineering projects from 2024 call for projects and on updating the regional trail map at the next BPAC meeting. David Hutchinson reported that Bike route 51 through Missouri, including Springfield was designated as part of the U.S. Bicycle Route System.

VIII. Bicycle and Pedestrian related Public Comments – OTO staff gave a summary of public comments that the OTO received between September 10th and December 26th related to bicycle and pedestrian transportation including requests for extending the Grant Avenue Parkway north to Lost Hill Park, increasing bicycle infrastructure in Nixa and concerns regarding pedestrian crossings throughout the region.

IX. Next Meeting –March 11, 2025

X. Adjourn –The meeting adjourned at 1:54 pm.

Approved on 03/11/2025.

Attested By: _____

Signed by:

Andy Thomason

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Andy Thomason, BPAC Chair