

## **Ozarks Transportation Organization**

## **Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

## **Meeting Notes**

January 12, 2021 1:00 pm

This meeting took place via electronic means.

**Attendees:** Mary Kromrey, David Hutchinson, John Montgomery, Frank Miller, Jeremy Parsons, Cole Pruitt, Matt Crawford, Jason Knight, Martha Smart, Derrick Estell, Andy Thomason, Sara Fields, Natasha Longpine

- I. Welcome and Introductions Mr. Thomason introduced everyone on the call.
- **II. Meeting Notes from 11/10/20 BPAC Meeting** Mr. Estell asked for any edits to the minutes or a motion to approve. Ms. Kromrey, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed.
- III. Review Working Draft of Trail Plan Mr. Thomason briefly summarized changes made to the working draft since the November 2020 meeting. These changes included a revised trail surface/ maintenance map and benchmarks for future investments and trail construction. Ms. Fields updated the committee on conversations she had with city and county leadership on the potential to direct additional funds towards trails. She reported receiving positive feedback from almost everyone. Committee members were supportive the changes made, especially the benchmarks, and offered some minor corrections to the trail surface/maintenance map.
- IV. Recommendation to Send Working Draft to Technical Planning Committee Mr. Miller and Ms. Kromrey strongly supported seeking feedback from the TPC on the working draft of the trail plan. They believed it was a good opportunity to generate buy in. The rest of the committee agreed. Mr. Thomason said he would prepare a summary to share with the TPC and develop a way to get meaningful feedback.
- V. Statement of Priorities Mr. Thomason shared with the committee his idea for addressing priorities related to local bicycle and pedestrian networks. Rather than develop detailed maps or specific recommendations, he proposed having a one-page 'statement of priorities.' These priorities would represent broad ideas about the overall structure and function of local networks. He asked for feedback on the general concept, rather than on specific priorities. Ms. Kromrey supported the idea of having something very concise. Mr. Hutchinson said it would also be an opportunity to reference existing best-practices. Mr. Miller said he would visit with others at MoDOT and see if this concept would satisfy leadership. Given the support expressed, Mr. Thomason said he would continue to develop this idea.
- VI. Other The committee did not discuss any other topics.
- VII. Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 1:51pm.