

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2021**

The Technical Planning Committee of the Ozarks Transportation Organization met at its scheduled time via Zoom video conferencing. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was called to order at approximately 1:35 p.m. by Chair Todd Wiesehan.

The following members were present:

Mr. Rick Artman, Greene County	Mr. John Montgomery, Ozarks Greenways (a)
Mr. Steve Bodenhamer, City of Battlefield	Mr. Andrew Nelson, City of Republic
Ms. Paula Brookshire, City of Springfield (a)	Ms. Britni O'Connor, MoDOT
Mr. Matt Crawford, City Utilities Transit	Mr. Jeremy Parsons, City of Ozark
Ms. Dawne Gardner, City of Springfield (a)	Mr. Cole Pruitt, Missouri State University
Mr. Ezekiel Hall, MoDOT	Mr. Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa
Mr. Adam Humphrey, Greene County	Ms. Beth Schaller, MoDOT (a)
Mr. Kirk Juranas, City of Springfield	Mr. Todd Wiesehan, Christian County (Chair)

(a) Denotes alternate given voting privileges as a substitute when voting member not present

The following members were not present:

Mr. Joel Keller, Greene County	Mr. Danny Perches, Spfld Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Chris Boone, City of Strafford	Mr. David Schaumburg, Airport
Mr. Randy Brown, City of Willard	Mr. Travis Shaw, Springfield Public Schools
Mr. John Caulfield, BNSF	Ms. Janette Vomund, MoDOT

Others present were: Ms. Sonya Anderson, Senator Blunt's Office; Cathy Monroe, FTA; Mr. David Faucett, Ms. Sara Fields, Ms. Natasha Longpine, Ms. Nicole Stokes, and Mr. Andy Thomason, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

I. Administration

A. Introductions

Chair Andrew Nelson welcomed everyone and requested introductions by a roll call.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Present	Montgomery, John	Present
Bodenhamer, Steve	Present	Nelson, Andrew	Present
Boone, Chris	Absent	O'Connor, Britni	Present
Brookshire, Paula	Present	Parsons, Jeremy	Present
Brown, Randy	Absent	Perches, Danny	Absent
Caulfield, John	Absent	Pruitt, Cole	Present
Crawford, Matt	Present	Roussell, Jeff	Present
Gardner, Dawne	Present	Shaw, Travis	Absent

Hall, Ezekiel	Present	Schaller, Beth	Present
Humphrey, Adam	Present	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Juranas, Kirk	Present	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Keller, Joel	Absent	Wiesehan, Todd	Present

A quorum was present.

B. Approval of the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda

Mr. Humphrey made a motion to approve the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for February 17, 2021. Mr. Pruitt seconded the motion. Chair Wiesehan asked for a roll call vote.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Aye	Montgomery, John	Aye
Bodenhamer, Steve	Aye	Nelson, Andrew	Aye
Boone, Chris	Absent	O'Connor, Britni	Present
Brookshire, Paula	Aye	Parsons, Jeremy	Aye
Brown, Randy	Absent	Perches, Danny	Absent
Caulfield, John	Absent	Pruitt, Cole	Aye
Crawford, Matt	Aye	Roussell, Jeff	--
Gardner, Dawne	Aye	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Hall, Ezekiel	Aye	Schaller, Beth	Aye
Humphrey, Adam	Aye	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Juranas, Kirk	Aye	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Keller, Joel	Absent	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye

The motion passed.

C. Approval of the November 18, 2020 Meeting and January 12, 2021 E-Meeting Minutes

Mr. Humphrey made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2020 Technical Planning Committee Meeting and January 12, 2021 E-Meeting. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. Chair Wiesehan asked for a roll call vote.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Aye	Montgomery, John	Aye
Bodenhamer, Steve	Aye	Nelson, Andrew	Aye
Boone, Chris	Absent	O'Connor, Britni	Present
Brookshire, Paula	Aye	Parsons, Jeremy	Aye
Brown, Randy	Absent	Perches, Danny	Absent
Caulfield, John	Absent	Pruitt, Cole	Aye
Crawford, Matt	Aye	Roussell, Jeff	Aye
Gardner, Dawne	Aye	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Hall, Ezekiel	Aye	Schaller, Beth	Aye

Humphrey, Adam	Aye	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Juranas, Kirk	Aye	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Keller, Joel	Absent	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye

The motion passed.

D. Public Comment Period for All Agenda Items

There were no speakers to address the Committee.

E. Staff Report

Ms. Fields reported, out of the COVID Relief Legislation, OTO has been allocated \$2.6 million and almost \$400,000 out of the last Omnibus budget bill. OTO is exploring ways to continue to fund trails with these funds and is currently waiting to see if any federal guidelines will be published. The preliminary review shows all STBG eligible activities are still eligible for this funding. More information to come at a later date.

Ms. Fields stated the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission approved additional funding for the State of Missouri in terms of COVID Relief, CARES Act, and issuance of Amendment 3 bonding. OTO has been working through STIP Priorities through the OTO Refining STIP Priorities subcommittee. The committee has placed projects into tiers, Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3. The idea is to move projects out of Tier 1 to be funded in the next round of the STIP including the additional funds approved by the Highway Commission.

Ms. Fields stated the Executive Committee and the Local Coordinating Board for Transit approved an authorization of \$50,792 of Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act section 5310 funds to OATS to provide transportation for long-term care residents to vaccination sites in Greene and Christian Counties. If all funds are not utilized for this, OATS is eligible to use the remaining funds for regular transport of elderly and disabled within the OTO area. This funding was only available for transit operations within the OTO area.

Ms. Fields advised OTO is watching the next round of legislation that is proposed and so far it seems it will be focused on transit and air and not on highways.

F. Legislative Reports

Sonya Anderson with Senator Blunt's Office reported she was the new District Office Director for Senator Blunt. The session just started so they are still going through the confirmation nominations for President Biden's cabinet. There is a new U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Pete Buttigieg.

G. MoDOT Report

There was no MoDOT report.

II. New Business:

A. OTO Growth Trends

Mr. Faucett stated the Growth Trends report is based on the most recent census data and

building permit information collected from area jurisdictions. This report includes information for residential units permitted, growth trends maps, as well as demographic and employment data providing a view of growth for the OTO service area and the five county Metropolitan Statistical Area (Christian, Dallas, Greene, Polk, and Webster counties). The report is published for informational purposes and can be viewed in full on the OTO website. Mr. Faucett highlighted the report for the Committee.

This was informational only. No action was required.

B. FY 2020-2023 TIP Administrative Modification Number Eight

Ms. Longpine stated there are 2 items included as part of Administrative Modification 8 to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Longpine detailed the modifications for the Committee.

Mr. Hall stated there was a correction on TIP #NX1701-20AM8. The total amount is correct but there is a correction in funding distribution. Mr. Hall will send the correction to Ms. Longpine.

This was informational only. No action was required.

C. Amendment Number Nine to the FY 2020-2023 TIP

Ms. Longpine stated there are 4 items requested by MoDOT to be included as part of Amendment Number Nine to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Longpine detailed the requested changes for the Committee.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to recommend approval of the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Nine to the Board of Directors. Mr. Montgomery seconded the motion. Chair Wiesehan asked for a roll call vote.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Aye	Montgomery, John	Aye
Bodenhamer, Steve	Aye	Nelson, Andrew	Aye
Boone, Chris	Absent	O'Connor, Britni	Present
Brookshire, Paula	Aye	Parsons, Jeremy	Aye
Brown, Randy	Absent	Perches, Danny	Absent
Caulfield, John	Absent	Pruitt, Cole	Aye
Crawford, Matt	Aye	Roussell, Jeff	Aye
Gardner, Dawne	--	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Hall, Ezekiel	Aye	Schaller, Beth	Aye
Humphrey, Adam	Aye	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Juranas, Kirk	Aye	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Keller, Joel	Absent	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye

The motion passed.

D. UPWP Subcommittee

Ms. Fields stated OTO is requesting the appointment of a subcommittee to prepare the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program.

Jeremy Parsons, John Montgomery, Dawne Gardner, Britni O'Connor, and Matt Crawford volunteered for the UPWP Subcommittee.

E. TIP Subcommittee

Ms. Longpine stated OTO is requesting the appointment of a subcommittee to prepare the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program.

Brandie Fisher, Andrew Nelson, Cole Pruitt, and Zeke Hall volunteered for the TIP Subcommittee.

F. Destination 2045 Update

Ms. Longpine reported OTO has wrapped up the public input phase of the next long range transportation plan, *Destination 2045*. Staff will provide an update on the survey results, as well as current activities in plan development. As meetings are still virtual, staff has also been gathering feedback through online survey tools. All Technical Planning Committee members are invited to participate. The next meeting is scheduled for February 25th at 9:30 a.m.

This was informational only. No action was required.

G. Destination 2045: Regional Trail Component Workshop

Mr. Thomason stated the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee is seeking the Technical Planning Committee's feedback on the current draft of the regional trail planning component of the *Destination 2045* planning process. They have developed an overarching goal and have identified several action items for over the next five years. The BPAC is particularly interested in the TPC's level of support for the proposed actions, including evaluating the magnitude of future trail funding.

The BPAC's planning process has focused on identifying investment levels needed to create a *trail system with continuous linkages that connects communities* by 2045. Specific priority trails have not been identified. Rather, the BPAC have identified the amount of new trail mileage that needs to be constructed by 2045 to ensure the OTO has "successfully" implemented a regional trail system by 2045. Mr. Thomason highlighted the trail plan draft for the committee.

The TPC was in support of the plan.

This item was informational only. No action was required.

III. Other Business

A. Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements

There were no member announcements.

B. Transportation Issues for Technical Planning Committee Member Review

There were no issues presented.

C. Articles for Technical Planning Committee Member Information

Chair Wiesehan noted there were articles of interest included in the Agenda Packet. There was no discussion.

IV. Adjournment

With no additional business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m.

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Todd Wiesehan

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Technical Planning Committee Chair