



Ozarks Transportation Organization

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes

March 14, 2023

1:00 pm

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

Attendees: Mandy Buettgen-Quinn, Scott Godbey, Hanna Knopf, John McCart, Frank Miller, John Montgomery, Grady Porter, Aishwarya Shrestha, Chris Tabor, Andy Thomason, Tommy VanHorn, Sara Fields, Natasha Longpine

- I. **Welcome** – The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm.
- II. **Meeting Notes from February 1, 2023 BPAC Meeting** – Andy Thomason, seconded by John Montgomery, made a motion to approve the February 1, 2023 meeting notes. The motion passed.
- III. **Sidewalk Cost Share Application** – Natasha Longpine provided an overview of the application received from the City of Republic for the Route MM trail. John Montgomery recommended approval of \$342,000 in TAP/CRP funding in cost share with MoDOT. Chris Tabor seconded and the motion passed.
- IV. **Trail Map** – Natasha Longpine presented a draft trail map that outlines existing trail, sidewalk connections, and trail gaps. The Committee was asked how to handle certain segments that did not meet a clear-cut definition of hard-surface trail that is a minimum 8-foot wide. These locations included the Trail of Tears, Smith Park, Truman School, and the connection from 13 to Sac River. No action was required.
- V. **Draft Sidewalk/Trail Funding Application** – The draft application guidebook for the next round of competitive sidewalk and trail funding was reviewed. The Committee discussed the schedule, award size, eligible projects and phases, and the points system. It was decided that June 1, 2023 would be the due date with a preliminary deadline of May 19 if applicants would like a review by Debbie Parks. Design and construction will be funded, but not right-of-way. No minimum or maximum award size was set, however projects are recommended to be at least \$100,000. Eligible projects will include trails, sidewalks, trailheads up to \$100,000, and crosswalks+over-/underpasses. Points for right-of-way ownership were removed. Having a project mentioned in a community plan was recommended for points if a project is not in the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail Investment Study, and then more points were made available for connectivity.

Staff will share a draft with the committee within the next week, as well as share changes with OTO members before seeking approval by the Technical Planning Committee April 19, 2023.
- VI. **Next Meeting – May 9, 2023**
- VII. **Adjourn** – Porter Grady, seconded by Mandy Buettgen-Quinn, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.