



OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR TRANSIT MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2017
3:00 p.m.
OTO Conference Room
2208 W Chesterfield Blvd., Suite 101
Springfield, MO

ATTENDEES

Diane Gallion	JJ Bowler
Jeff Robinson	Linda Starr
Renita Funk	Tim Dygon

STAFF PRESENT

Andy Thomason

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Gallion brought the meeting to order at 3:05pm. Brief introductions were made.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Gallion asked if anyone wished to make public comment on any agenda item. No public comments were made.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2, 2017 AGENDA

Mr. Dygon made a motion to approve the agenda of the March 2, 2017 meeting. Ms. Starr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2016 MINUTES

Ms. Starr made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2017 meeting, with minor edits. Ms. Funk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

a) 5310 Vehicle Update

Mr. Thomason gave an update on 5310 Funding availability. At the last meeting, he reported OTO's numbers and MoDOT's numbers were not in agreement. He worked through OTO's figures and determined MoDOT was correct. The OTO was working with carry-forwards, reserves, and new vehicle prices. By starting fresh, the numbers matched.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a) Discussion of Proposed Strategies

Mr. Thomason reported he had narrowed the list of strategies from those included in the 2012 plan. During the previous meeting, committee members identified four existing strategies that made sense for the region. Mr. Thomason had built a narrative around those strategies. He was interested in feedback from the group. Ms. Gallion stated it was good to cut down on the number of strategies to make the plan easier to manage. Mr. Robinson and Ms. Funk commented the draft looked good.

Mr. Robinson started a discussion about allowable uses under the 5310 program. He asked about the possibility of OATS receiving operating funds from the OTO 5310 program. Mr. Thomason said operations and some passenger facilities were technically eligible, but he was not certain on specific requirements. Mr. Thomason stated the LCBT decided to only pursue vehicle purchases with traditional 5310 funds in 2012. Today, the LCBT generally felt vehicle purchases were most important, followed by passenger facilities and operating funds. Mr. Thomason said he would reach out to Ms. Fields, Ms. Longpine, and Ms. Evers to better understand the current situation and what is allowable. Mr. Thomason asked if operations funding and passenger facilities fit within the existing strategies or if new strategies were needed. Mr. Dygon and Mr. Robinson felt these actions fit with improving and expanding services and infrastructure so no new actions were needed.

Mr. Thomason asked about the actions he had included in the report. No made comments against any of the actions.

b) Development of Implementation Strategy

Mr. Thomason reported he had drafted a simple implementation matrix for this report. He included the strategy, the action, a responsible party, and a priority level. He noticed, and Ms. Gallion agreed, two actions related to will-call scheduling and same-day service had been inadvertently recorded as 'high' priority action. He stated these would be changed to 'medium.' Mr. Robinson felt mobility management deserved a higher rating. Mr. Thomason stated he prioritized it as low because of the uncertainty of match funds and implementation challenges. He further stated the action could be upgraded to 'medium.' No objections were offered. Mr. Robinson also generally asked about action locating OATS at the CU terminal. Diane explained the space existed for OATS, MSU, Mega Bus, and other providers. It was simply a matter of getting the providers on board with co-locating.

c) E-Meeting for Plan Adoption

Mr. Thomason reported the final draft need to be made available for public comment by March 21, 2017. He proposed some type of meeting on Thursday March 16. It could be phone or in-person.

Given the potential addition of allowable activities, an in-person meeting might be beneficial. The group agreed to an in-person meeting. Mr. Thomason stated the agenda would go out by March 9, and a final draft of the report would be made available to the committee by March 13. Mr. Thomason asked for any comments on the currently distributed report to be sent to him. Ms. Gallion offered edits on page 13 and page 21.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was some discussion on membership of the LCBT. A couple of members had not attended in over a year and some members had changed employers. Mr. Dygon said he would reach out to one member and would think of other possible members.

Mr. Thomason raised the subject of LCBT resolutions. He knew there were several issues currently facing human service agencies and transportation providers. If there were issues the LCBT could agree upon, a resolution could be drafted and taken to the OTO Board of Directors. Some possible issues were raised, including SB 28.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dygon made a motion to adjourn at 4:19. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.