



Ozarks Transportation Organization

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2025

1:00 pm

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

Attendees: George Buchanan, Valerie Carr, Sara Fields, David Knaut, Natasha Longpine, John Montgomery, Grady Porter, Aishwarya Shrestha, Trenton Sims, Chris Tabor, Ben Tegeler, Tommy VanHorn, and Jacob Wimsatt

- I. **Welcome** – The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm.
- II. **2025 Sidewalk and Trail Call for Projects** – OTO staff provided an overview of the call for projects guidebook and highlighted the project readiness description and scoring criteria, followed by a step-by-step walkthrough of the online application and questionnaire. Discussion was held regarding the project readiness requirement for proposed projects needing to be included in an adopted plan. OTO staff highlighted potential regional planning resources such as the bicycle and pedestrian facilities map in Destination 2045, OTO's long range plan. Furthermore, questions were asked regarding local match requirements and if right-of-way (ROW) section is applicable to engineering only projects. OTO staff clarified that each project phase needs to be matched with local funds and that engineering project applications do not require already acquired ROW or a potential condemnation resolution.
- III. **Project Updates** – OTO staff asked municipalities to share the public input survey for MoDOT's long range plan update and informed the committee about an upcoming vulnerable road user safety assessment agency consultation webinar with MoDOT. The city of Republic reported that the construction of the Shuyler Creek should be completed soon depending on the weather. Ozark Greenways reported the Crenshaw trailhead for the Chadwick Flyer trail should be completed soon as well and the City of Springfield reported that the Smith Park trail project is out to bid for construction.
- IV. **Next Meeting –May 13, 2025**
- V. **Adjourn** –The meeting adjourned at 2:01 pm.

Approved on 05/13/2025.

Attested By: Andy Thomason

Andy Thomason, BPAC Chair