

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2026**

The Technical Planning Committee of the Ozarks Transportation Organization met at its scheduled time in person. A quorum was declared present. Chair Foster began the meeting at approximately 1:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Matt Crawford, City Utilities	Frank Miller, MoDOT
Justin Crighton, City of Springfield	Jeremy Parsons, City of Ozark
Trey Davis, City of Battlefield	Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa
Brett Foster, City of Springfield (Chair)	Ben Tegeler, Ozark Greenways
Karen Haynes, City of Republic	Mark Webb, Greene County
Adam Humphrey, Greene County	Todd Wiesehan, Christian County
Kirsty Ketchum, Greene County (a)	

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

The following members were not present:

Keith Adams, Springfield Public Schools	David Schaumburg, Springfield-Branson Nat'l Airport
Scott Bachman, City of Springfield	Mark Schenkelberg, FAA
Gerri Doyle, FTA	Aishwarya Shrestha (non-voting), SMCOG
John Matthews, Missouri State University	Tommy VanHorn, City of Strafford
Mike Ruesch, City of Willard	Ben Vickers (non-voting), Springfield Chamber
Beth Schaller, MoDOT	Jeremy Wegner, BNSF

Others present were: Cliff Spangler, City of Ozark; Nathan Adams, TREKK Design; Mary Kromrey, OWN; Michael Martinez, Wilson & Co.; Nicole Boyd, Dave Faucett, Sara Fields, David Knaut, Natasha Longpine, and Debbie Parks, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

I. Administration

A. Introductions

Chair Foster welcomed everyone.

B. Approval of the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda

Jeff Roussell made a motion to approve the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for April 15, 2026. Adam Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. Approval of February 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Mark Webb made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2026 meeting. Karen Haynes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. Public Comment Period for All Agenda Items

Chair Foster advised there were public comments included in the packet and asked for comments or questions.

E. Executive Director's Report

Sara Fields provided an update of upcoming legislative activity, projects, and ongoing work at the OTO.

F. Legislative Report

There were no legislative reports.

G. MoDOT Report

Frank Miller shared the MoDOT report.

H. Committee Reports and Grant Opportunities

David Knaut provided the Local Coordinating Board for Transit and Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee updates.

Debbie Parks shared grant informational news.

I. Federal Funds Status Update

Natasha Longpine provided the Federal Funds Status Update.

II. New Business

A. FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program

Debbie Parks presented the FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program.

Adam Humphrey made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program and incorporate any changes recommended by FHWA or MoDOT. Brett Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 5

Natasha Longpine reviewed the change requested by City Utilities to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program.

1. *Revised* FY25 Purchase of (2) Fixed Route Buses (CU2505)
2. *Revised* FY26 Purchase of (1) Fixed Route Bus (CU2607)

Brett Foster made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Five. Justin Crighton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. FY 2026-2029 Administrative Modification 4

Natasha Longpine highlighted the changes made to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program.

1. South Creek Greenway – Posenke Gap (EN2602)

This was informational only. No action was requested.

D. Destination Safe Streets Annual Report

Natasha Longpine presented the Annual Report of the Destination Safe Streets Action Plan.

This was informational only. No action was requested.

E. US 60 and US 65 Study Update

Sara Fields shared an update on the US 60 and US 65 Study.

This was informational only. No action was requested.

F. I-66 Corridor Discussion

Natasha Longpine reported that the TransAmerica Corridor Authority had reached out to the region to request a letter of endorsement for the proposed I-66 corridor.

Mark Webb made a motion not to recommend any action by the Board of Directors at this time, but as further information comes forward, the Committee will consider a support letter for an East-West Corridor across the state. Ben Tegeler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

G. OTO Growth Trends Report

Dave Faucett presented the OTO Growth Trends Report.

This was informational only. No action was requested.

III. Other Business

A. Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements

Brett Foster shared the City of Springfield is starting their Transportation Master Plan and that there is a Route 66 Festival at the end of the month. Sara Fields also shared that the FHWA Administrator will be speaking at 4:00 on April 30th at the Route 66 Plaza.

Jeremy Parsons stated the Chadwick Flyer Trail Overpass ribbon cutting will be on May 14th at 10:00 am.

Natasha Longpine reported the OTO staff will be at the Showcase Ozark on April 25th for the Long Range Transportation Plan.

B. Transportation Issues for Technical Planning Committee Review

There were no transportation issues for the Committee review.

C. Articles for Technical Planning Committee Member Information

Chair Foster noted there were articles of interest included in the Agenda Packet.

IV. Adjournment

Scott Bachman made a motion to adjourn. Mark Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 pm.


Brett Foster
Technical Planning Committee Chairman