



Ozarks Transportation Organization Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2026

1:00 pm

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

Attendees: Nathan Adams, George Buchanan, Valerie Carr, Scott Godbey, David Hutchinson, Kirsty Ketchum, David Knaut, John Montgomery, Grady Porter, Chris Tabor, Ben Tegeler, Jen Thomas, Tommy VanHorn and Jacob Wimsatt

- 1. Welcome** – The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.
- 2. Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2026, BPAC Meeting** – Chris Tabor, seconded by John Montgomery, made a motion to approve the March 10, 2026, meeting minutes. The motion passed.
- 3. Approval of May 12, 2026, Agenda** – Scott Godbey, seconded by Chris Tabor, made a motion to approve the May 12, 2026, agenda. The motion passed.
- 4. CY 2025 Implementation Report** – OTO staff reviewed the final draft of the CY 2025 Bicycle and Pedestrian Implementation report and highlighted the continued growth of the trail regional system, including surpassing the benchmarks set in OTO's trail plan Towards a Regional Trail System by building 14.6 miles of new trails since the adoption of the plan in 2021. Other highlights in the report included improved pedestrian infrastructure along major corridors such as Kansas Expressway and Chestnut Expressway and an increased focus on accessibility throughout the region. Tommy VanHorn, seconded by John Montgomery, made a motion to approve the CY 2025 Bicycle and Pedestrian Implementation report. The motion passed and the finalized report will be posted on the OTO website.
- 5. Regional Trail Map** – OTO staff presented two proposed updates to the regional trail map which included adding a future trail along East Division Street/State Route YY from Le Compte Road to North Farm Road 199 and revising the East-West Arterial Trail to follow the updated roadway alignment. Discussion included a potential extension toward Grant Avenue Parkway North and future trail planning outside Springfield. The committee agreed to incorporate the proposed changes into the regional trail map.
- 6. Regional Trail Planning Updates** – John Montgomery and Ben Tegeler of Ozark Greenways provided updates on regional trail planning and engineering. Current activities include an upcoming open house for the Chadwick Flyer Trail, planned engineering for a trail along Republic Road between Springfield and Republic, and continued coordination with landowners on trail easements. They also discussed upcoming planning projects through the City of Springfield's ¾-cent sales tax for connections to the Frisco Highline Trail and active transportation improvements along Grant Avenue north of College Street.

7. **Project Updates** – Local agencies and OTO staff provided brief updates on several projects. The Garrison Springs Trail has been completed, the Finley River Trail extension is nearing completion, and construction of the Cheyenne Trail is expected to begin soon. Updates were also provided on the Sherman Parkway trail and a trail connection to the Battlefield city park. Ozark Greenways announced that the Iron Horse Gravel Grind would be held on the Frisco Highline Trail in May.
 8. **Bicycle and Pedestrian related public comments** - OTO staff shared comments received between February 12 and April 26, 2026, including requests for improvements at the Highway 125 and Washington Ave intersection in Strafford and for crossing improvements of W Battlefield Rd near Sanford Park in Springfield, the need for sidewalk on E North St (east of N Maplewood Hills Rd) in Nixa and a comment highlighting the importance of safe and accessible pedestrian access to transit and general comments to the opening of the Chadwick Flyer overpass in Ozark.
 9. **Next Meeting – July 14, 2026**
 10. **Adjourn** –The meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.
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Approved on 08/11/2026.

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Valerie Carr, BPAC Chair