



# Ozarks Transportation Organization

## Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2025

1:30 pm

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

**Attendees:** Scott Bachman, Valerie Carr, Sara Fields, David Knaut, Natasha Longpine, Grady Porter, Mike Ruesch, Ben Tegeler, Andy Thomason, and Jacob Wimsatt

- I. **Welcome** – The meeting was called to order at 1:06 pm.
- II. **Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2025, and April 15, 2025, BPAC Meetings** – Grady Porter, seconded by Valerie Carr, made a motion to approve the March 11, 2025, and April 15, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion passed.
- III. **Sidewalk and Trail Call for Projects – Project Overview** – OTO received 11 applications through the Sidewalk and Trail Call for Projects that was announced on March 31, 2025, with a total estimated cost of \$6,037,270 with \$4,829,889 requested in federal funds. OTO staff announced that the available funding amount increased to \$4,000,000 due to changes in prior awarded projects. Each applicant was given five (5) minutes to provide an overview of each project. OTO staff provided a detailed summary of the applications for the City of Springfield's Ward Branch Greenway Trail project and the City of Republic's Engineering Connections project. The City of Springfield presented their applications for the Grand St. Trail Phase 1, the Fassnacht Creek Greenway Trail and the Barton St Multi Use Side path projects. Ozark Greenways provided summaries for their South Creek Greenway Trail and their Wilson's Creek/ Republic Rd Trail projects. The City of Ozark shared an overview of their Avenue of Heroes, Chadwick Flyer Jackson Street Connector, Finley River Trail Extension and Finley River Western Extension projects. After each application summary, the committee could ask questions and hold discussions on how scoring criteria could be applied to each application.

The City of Ozark applied for four (4) projects of which three (3) were construction projects and one was an engineering only project. The engineering project was called Avenue of Heroes, which was a proposed trail system around the historic cemetery in Ozark, south of the Finley River Trail and west of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. The construction projects included the Chadwick Flyer Jackson Street Connector, which is a sidewalk project connecting the Chadwick Flyer Trail in Ozark to north side of Jackson St/ MO 14, and the Finley River Western Extension. The Finley River Western Extension project is the first phase of the project and will extend the Finley River trail to the east side of US 65. The fourth project of the City of Ozark was an application for additional construction funding for the Finley River Trail Extension project, which received funding through prior years' call for project and will connect the Finley River Trail north to the trail inside the Finley River Farms in Ozark.

Ozark Greenways applied for one construction and one engineering project. The engineering project is for a trail along Republic Rd/ Route M from Wilson's Creek Blvd./ Route ZZ to the current southern terminus of the Wilson's Creek Greenway, east of the bridge crossing the creek on Republic Rd. The construction project is for a trail connecting the current South Creek Greenway to current Wilson's Creek Greenway under West Bypass/ US 160.

The City of Republic applied for one engineering project to complete the engineering and design of three sidewalk gaps along Hines St in Republic. The primary connectivity gaps were between Butternut Ave and Main St, Oakwood Ave and Frankling Ave and Lincoln Ave and Wilson's Creek Blvd/ Route ZZ.

The City of Springfield applied for two (2) constructions and two (2) engineering projects. The two engineering projects include an extension of the Fassnight Creek Greenway trail along Bennett St from the Springfield Art Museum to S Glenstone and a multi-use side path along Barton Street in Springfield from S Lone Pine Ave to S Christine Ave. The two construction projects included an extension of the Ward Branch Greenway trail between E Bradford Parkway and E Independence, from S National Ave to S Fremont Ave in Springfield, and a trail along the southside of Grand St from Campbell Ave to intersection with Kansas Expressway.

#### **IV. Sidewalk and Trail 2025 Call for Projects – Scoring**

Each present committee voting member completed a scoring sheet for each project and then the scoring was summarized based on the given scores. Following a discussion on available funding and ranking of scored project, Mike Ruesch, seconded by Valerie Carr, made a motion to recommend approval for TAP/ CRB funding for all three construction projects from the City of Ozark, both projects from Ozark Greenway, both construction projects from the City of Springfield and approval of the City of Republic's project contingent on more funding becoming available. The motion passed.

#### **V. Next Meeting – July 8, 2025**

#### **VI. Adjourn** –The meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

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Approved on 7/08/2025.

Attested By:   
Andy Thomason, BPAC Chair