



# Ozarks Transportation Organization

## Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

### Meeting Notes

May 14, 2024

1:00 pm

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

**Attendees:** Valerie Carr, Sara Fields, Scott Godbey, David Hutchison, Brad Kelley, David Knaut, Joel Keller, Natasha Longpine, John Matthews, John Montgomery, Jen Thomas, and Andy Thomason

- I. **Welcome** – The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.
- II. **Meeting Notes from April 09, 2024 BPAC Meeting** – Valerie Carr, seconded by Brad Kelley, made a motion to approve the April 09, 2024 meeting notes. The motion passed.
- III. **Trail and Sidewalk Scoring Criteria** – OTO staff provided an overview of the 2024 OTO sidewalk/ trail funding guidebook, including schedule and project eligibility, and presented the proposed scoring criteria for the upcoming call for projects. Discussion was held regarding eligible maintenance projects and how approved plans in the eligibility criteria are defined. It was determined that plans such as local masterplans, e.g., from a university, would be considered an approved plan. Valerie Carr made a motion to approve the trail and sidewalk scoring criteria and the 2024 OTO Sidewalk/ Trail Funding Guidebook. Andy Thomason seconded, and the motion passed.
- IV. **Regional Trail Planning Updates** – John Montgomery from Ozark Greenways (OG) gave an update on regional trail planning and outreach activities, including the progress on the Chadwick Flyer trail in Christian County and between Kissick Ave and Sunshine St, discussion on future use for the 3/4 cent sales tax in Springfield for additional trail funding, work with the Missourians for Responsible Transportation (MRT) on statewide transportation safety efforts and upcoming events like Bike, Walk & Wheel week.
- V. **CY 2023 Implementation Report** – OTO staff reviewed the first draft of the CY 2023 Bicycle and Pedestrian Implementation report. Discussion was held regarding additional reporting on in-progress sidewalk and equity improvements. OTO staff asks committee members to provide any additional information. The final report will be presented at the next BPAC meeting.
- VI. **Project Updates** - OTO staff provided an update on regional trail and sidewalk projects that have been awarded funding. The request for environmental review (RER) has been submitted for all 29 projects and two projects have received funding approval for engineering.

The City of Ozark reported that the Chadwick Flyer trail in Ozark will be part of the Bass Pro Fitness Series for the first time for an event on June 8<sup>th</sup>. CU Transit completed their public input on the proposed route and fare changes and will incorporate the received comments in the final configuration of new routes.

VII. **Next Meeting – July 9, 2024**

VIII. **Adjourn** –The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.