OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
MAY 21, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Ozarks Transportation Organization met at its scheduled time of 12:00 p.m. in person.

The following members were present:

Jerry Compton, Citizen-at-Large
Travis Cossey, City of Nixa (a)
Chris Coulter, Greene County (a)
Mark Crabtree, City of Battlefield
Eric Franklin, City of Republic
Brandon Jenson, City of Springfield
Marshall Kinne, Springfield Citizen-at-Large
Derek Lee, City of Springfield
Rusty MacLachlan, Greene County
Lynn Morris, Christian County
Beth Schaller, MoDOT (non-voting)
Kelly Turner, City Utilities

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

The following members were not present:

Steve Bach, Springfield Citizen-at-Large
Cecelie Cochran, FHWA (non-voting)
RJ Flores, Christian Co Citizen-at-Large
Eric Johnson, City of Ozark (a)
Mark Schenkelberg, FAA (non-voting)
Dan Smith, City of Springfield (a)
Brian Weiler, Springfield-Branson Airport (a)
Wes Young, City of Willard (a)

Others Present: Jered Taylor, Congressman Burlison's Office; Mike Ussery, Senator Schmitt's Office; Drew Hilpert, City Utilities; Chris McPhail, City of Battlefield; Nate Miller, City of Nixa; Nicole Boyd, Dave Faucett, Sara Fields, David Knaut, Natasha Longpine, Debbie Parks, and Jen Thomas, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

Chair Cossey called the meeting to order at approximately 12:04 p.m.

I. Administration

A quorum was present.

A. Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Brandon Jenson made a motion to approve the May 21, 2026 agenda. Lynn Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. Public Comment Period for All Agenda Items
The Chair advised there were public comments included in the packet and then asked for comments and questions. There were no in-person or online comments.

C. Adoption of the Consent Agenda
Kelly Turner made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Eric Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. March 26, 2026 Minutes
2. Financial Statements for 3rd Quarter FY2026 Budget Year
3. FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 5
4. FY 2026-2029 TIP Administrative Modification 4

D. Executive Director's Report

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

E. MoDOT Update

Beth Schaller provided the MoDOT update.

F. Legislative Reports

Jered Taylor with Congressman Burlison's office and Mike Ussery with Senator Schmitt's office provided the legislative report.

G. Federal Funds Status Update

Jen Thomas provided the FY 2026 obligations update.

II. <u>New Business</u>

A. FY 2027-2031 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

Sara Fields highlighted the FY 2027-2031 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Marshall Kinne made a motion to endorse the FY 2027-2031 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Mark Crabtree seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. 2026 MoDOT High Priority Unfunded Needs List

Sara Fields shared the recommended the 2026 MoDOT Unfunded Needs List.

Jerry Compton made a motion to approve the Unfunded Needs List. Derek Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. Wilson's Creek/Republic Road Trail

Debbie Parks reviewed the proposed partnership with Ozark Greenways for preliminary engineering of the Wilson's Creek/Republic Road Trail.

<u>Program Agreement</u>

Derek Lee made a motion to approve the Executive Director to enter into a program agreement with MoDOT for the Wilson's Creek/Republic Road trail engineering in the amount of $423,465 in Carbon Reduction funds. Marshall Kinne seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Memorandum of Agreement
Eric Franklin made a motion to approve the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Ozark Greenways for the cost share and project administration of the Wilson's Creek/Republic Road engineering. Kelly Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Engineering Services Contract
Marshall Kinne made a motion to approve the included resolution to authorize the Executive Director to solicit engineering services, enter into negotiations, and execute the contract for consultant services not to exceed five hundred twenty-nine thousand, three hundred thirty-one dollars. Lynn Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. School Flasher Beacon Procurement
Debbie Parks reviewed the requested procurement for the flashing zone beacon equipment awarded to Logan-Rogersville R-VIII and the City of Republic.

Funding Agreement
Brandon Jenson made a motion to approve the Executive Director to enter into a Program Agreement with MoDOT for the Flashing School Zone Beacon Project in the amount of $250,000 in Carbon Reduction funds. Eric Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Procurement
Marshall Kinne made a motion to approve the included resolution to authorize the Executive Director to issue a formal bid, select the lowest, responsible bidder, and enter into a contract for flashing school zone equipment for an amount not to exceed fifty-six thousand two hundred fifty dollars. Derek Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program
Debbie Parks presented the FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program.

Derek Lee made a motion to approve the FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program. Eric Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. FY2027 OTO Combined Budget
Debbie Parks reviewed the FY2027 OTO Combined Budget.

Lynn Morris made a motion to approve the FY2027 OTO Combined Operational Budget. Brandon Jenson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

G. Proposed Bylaw Amendment
Sara Fields shared the proposed bylaw amendment to increase dues.

Mark Crabtree made a motion to approve a bylaw amendment to increase dues by 15 cents, from 47 cents to 62 cents, as recommended by staff. Lynn Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Other Business

A. Board of Directors Member Announcements
Kelly Turner shared that the 3rd week of June is Transit Appreciation Week.

B. Transportation Issues for Board of Directors Member Review

There were no transportation issues for member review.

C. Articles for Board of Directors Member Information

Chair Cossey noted there were articles of interest included in the packet for the members to review.

IV. Adjourn meeting

With no further business to come before the Board, Travis Cossey closed the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Eric Franklin
OTO Secretary