

OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION

BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 13, 2018 | 2:00 p.m. 2208 W. Chestnut Blvd., Suite 101, Springfield, MO 65807

MEMBERS PRESENT

Randy Brown Megan Clark King Coltrin Matt Crouse Debra Hickey Jeremy Parsons Cole Pruitt

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Godbey Natasha Longpine Andy Thomason

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

2. MINUTES FROM APRIL 18, 2018 MEETING

King Coltrin made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2018 meeting and Debra Hickey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. NIXA BIKE/PED TRAIL INVESTMENT STUDY UPDATE

The Nixa Addendum to the Trail Investment Study has the same components as the larger plan, including public involvement. Currently, there are three mapped alignments for regional trails. Some are partially comprised of bike routes and shared paths. Additional minor trails are included, as well, to ensure connectivity.

Randy Brown asked about strategies for funding. It was answered that impact feeds could be one option, as Nixa has these for parks.

The draft has been emailed to BPAC and everyone was asked to review it.

4. REGIONAL BICYCLE DESTINATION PLAN

Natasha Longpine reviewed the results of the Nixa Partnership meeting, which highlighted connections to the Finley River, Hawkins Bridge, Delaware Town, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, Two Rivers Bike Park, Ozark, the new Nixa parkland, and Nixa's historic downtown. The various locations were shown on

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Debra Hickey suggested including food trucks as an attraction in the Destination Plan. She also highlighted the Butterfield Stage and the Trail of Tears. Battlefield has a park which is getting interpretive signage about the Butterfield Stage Coach trail.

There was additional discussion about the US Bike Route System. USBR 51 is proposed to come north from northwest Arkansas and a statewide group is discussing the path it takes. Originally, it was going to head northeast to Springfield, but now it looks like there could be two routes, with the additional connecting through Joplin then making its way to Springfield.

5. BIKE/PED DESIGN STANDARDS

Derrick Estell shared the City of Springfield's Bikeway Signing and Marking Guide which addresses some of the questions about defining low- and medium-volume roadways in the Bike/Ped standards.

6. WALKABILITY ACTION INSTITUTE DRAFT ACTION PLAN

Natasha Longpine reviewed the Goals and Action Steps in the Draft Action Plan that was developed from the Walkability Action Institute. King Coltrin asked how some of the goals would be impacted by the needs of fire departments to have wider streets to accommodate their equipment. Ms. Longpine responded that street connectivity can improve this situation. Cul-de-sacs and dead end streets make navigation more difficult for fire trucks, where connected streets can allow for through navigation, meaning fire trucks won't need to back up or turn around. An example of non-connected streets in Creve Coeur was shared. She also mentioned that this next year OTO would be developing model ordinances for complete streets and neighborhood connectivity.

7. OTHER

Randy Brown mentioned BAM in Willard on 6/17/2018 where there will be an attempt to break a record for longest human/bike chain, along with music and a beer garden. Everyone was reminded to attend.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m. with a motion by Jeremy Parsons and a second by King Coltrin.

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