



# Ozarks Transportation Organization

## Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2025

1:00 pm

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

**Attendees:** Valerie Carr, Scot Godbey, David Hutchinson, David Knaut, Natasha Longpine, John Matthews, John Montgomery, Mike Ruesch, Ben Tegeler, Andy Thomason, Jen Thomas, Tommy VanHorn and Jacob Wimsatt

- I. Welcome** – The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.
- II. Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2025, BPAC Meeting** – Valerie Carr, seconded by John Montgomery, made a motion to approve the May 13, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion passed.
- III. Trail Maintenance and Capital Cost Worksheet** – OTO staff presented an annual trail maintenance and capital cost worksheet which can be used to calculate annual operation and maintenance cost for trails. The worksheet can be modified based on individual costs for labor, available amenities, surface types and landscape needs. Discussion was held regarding different elements of the worksheet like mowing estimates and stormwater. Staff will send out the complete form in a follow-up email.
- IV. Regional Bicycle Crash Analysis** – OTO staff provided an initial summary of a regional bicycle crash analysis for the OTO area between 2018-2023. The summary included a breakdown of bicycle crashes by year, severity, road type, times and overall locations. Staff stated that they will continue looking at further crash details and present a more in-depth analysis at a future meeting. Discussion was held regarding the total volume of crashes and accessible data.
- V. Bicycle and Pedestrian planning in the Long Range Plan** – The committee discussed how to incorporate different aspects of bicycle and pedestrian planning in the upcoming update of OTO's Long Range Transportation Plan. Discussion topics included an update of the bicycle and pedestrian facilities map, incorporation of safety standards from the other plans like the Destination Safe Streets plan and incorporation of local active transportation plans.
- VI. Regional Trail Planning Updates** – Ben Tegeler and John Montgomery from Ozark Greenways (OG) gave an update on the impacts of the June storm on the regional trail system and on ongoing trail projects in the region, including the Chadwick Flyer trail project between Kissick Ave and Trail of Honor. OG will hold two additional public meetings in the fall as part of the engineering of the Chadwick Flyer trail between Kissick and Sunshine Ave.
- VII. Project Updates** – OTO staff provided an update multiple ongoing projects, including the upcoming groundbreaking of the Chadwick Flyer trail overpass of US 65 In July, the

completion of the Shuyler Creek trail along Farm Rd 182 which will connect Republic to the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield and the multi-use path along Wilson's Creek Boulevard to Republic High School. Furthermore, it was reported that the construction of the trail in Smith Park should start soon as well.

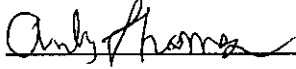
**VIII. Bicycle and Pedestrian related Public Comments** – OTO staff highlighted some of the public comments that were received by OTO between March 4<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup> related to bicycle and pedestrian transportation including requests for more pedestrian facilities in certain areas of the City of Springfield and unincorporated Greene County, improved connectivity to the Nature Center and the Ward Branch trail and concerns about pedestrian safety in work zones.

**IX. Next Meeting – September 9, 2025**

**X. Adjourn** –The meeting adjourned at 2:27 pm.

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Approved on 09/09/2025.

Attested By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Andy Thomason, BPAC Chair