OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
JULY 16, 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:

Steve Bach, Springfield Citizen-at-Large
Jerry Compton, Citizen-at-Large
Travis Cossey, City of Nixa (a)
Mark Crabtree, City of Battlefield
RJ Flores, Christian Co Citizen-at-Large
Eric Franklin, City of Republic
Brandon Jenson, City of Springfield
Rusty MacLachlan, Greene County
Lynn Morris, Christian County
Stacy Reese, MoDOT (non-voting)
John Russell, Greene County
Sandy Strecker, City of Strafford
Kelly Turner, City Utilities

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

The following members were not present:

Cecelie Cochran, FHWA (non-voting)
Eric Johnson, City of Ozark (a)
Marshall Kinne, Springfield Citizen-at-Large
Derek Lee, City of Springfield
David Schaumburg, Airport
Mark Schenkelberg, FAA (non-voting)
Dan Smith, City of Springfield (a)
Troy Smith, City of Willard

Others Present: Tucker Jobes, Senator Schmitt's Office; Scott Bachman, City of Springfield; Ben Tegeler, Ozark Greenways; Kristi Bachman, MoDOT; Travis Koestner and Landrey Miller, Capital Paving & Construction; Steve Prange, CMT; Chris McPhail, City of Battlefield; Nate Miller, City of Nixa; Kelly Fields and Emmett Fields, visitors; Nicole Boyd, Dave Faucett, Sara Fields, Raven Gillespie, David Knaut, Natasha Longpine, Debbie Parks, and Jen Thomas, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

Chair Cossey called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

I. Administration

A quorum was present.

A. Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Brandon Jenson made a motion to approve the July 16, 2026 agenda. Steve Bach seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. Approval of May 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes
Jerry Compton made a motion to approve the May 21, 2026 meeting minutes. Brandon Jenson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. 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.

D. Executive Director's Report

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

E. MoDOT Update

Stacy Reese provided the MoDOT update.

F. Legislative Reports

Tucker Jobes with Senator Schmitt's office provided the legislative report.

G. Federal Funds Status Update

Jen Thomas provided the FY 2026 obligations update.

H. US60/US65 Study Update

Jen Thomas shared an update on the US60/U65 study.

II. New Business

A. Ozark Greenways Update

Ben Tegeler, Ozark Greenways' Executive Director, provided an update of the activities of Ozark Greenways.

B. I-44 Design Build Presentation

Kristi Bachman, MoDOT, and Travis Koestner, Capital Paving and Construction, presented the I-44 build design project.

C. Resolution to Approve Line of Credit

Debbie Parks reviewed the proposed resolution authorizing the renewal of a line of credit.

Rusty MacLachlan made a motion to approve a resolution to allow the OTO to renew the business line of credit in the amount of $350,000 as needed to cover budgeted expenses associated with multiple federal projects. Kelly turner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. *Destination 2045* Amendment 12

Natasha Longpine shared one project proposed to be added to the Constrained project list in the long range transportation plan.

- A121 – Campbell Avenue Safety Improvements (New)

Brandon Jenson made a motion to approve Amendment Twelve to *Destination 2045*. Jerry Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. FY 2026-2029 Administrative Modification 5

Natasha Longpine stated there were changes made to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program.

- ITS Operations and Management (MO2701)
  Moved City of Springfield funding to FY 2026 and increased their STBG-U to $592,000 with associated match, for a total programmed amount of $2,019,000

No action was requested. Informational only.

F. 2026 Public Participation Plan Update

David Knaut presented the 2026 Public Participation Plan update and the 2025 Public Participation Plan Evaluation.

Steve Bach made a motion to approve the Public Participation Plan Evaluation. Eric Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

G. Draft FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program

Natasha Longpine highlighted the draft FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Brandon Jenson made a motion to approve the FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program. Mark Crabtree seconded the motion. The motion passed.

H. Planning Process and Financial Capacity Certifications

Natasha Longpine explained that MPOs must annually certify with FHWA and FTA compliance with federal, state, and civil rights regulations and that recipients of federal transit funding have the financial capacity to complete awarded projects.

Kelly Turner made a motion to certify that Ozarks Transportation Organization's compliance with the Metropolitan Planning Process and to certify the financial capacity of City Utilities with the modification of removing OATS and Missouri State from the certifications. Lynn Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

I. 2028-2032 Draft STIP Project Prioritization Criteria

Sara Fields reviewed the proposed 2028-2032 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program project prioritization criteria.

An action item was proposed for the next review of the STIP Project Prioritization Criteria, to look at decreasing the Congestion Current category from 14 points to 11 points and increasing the Multimodal category from 3 points to 6 points.

Brandon Jenson made a motion to approve the STIP project prioritization criteria as presented. John Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

J. FY 2028-2032 Draft STIP Prioritization Project List

Sara Fields shared the proposed STIP Prioritization project list.

Lynn Morris made a motion to approve the STIP Prioritization Project list. Eric Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

K. School Flasher Beacon Memorandum of Agreements

Debbie Parks presented the Memorandum of Agreements for the School Flasher Beacons with the Logan-Rogersville R-VIII School District and the City of Republic.

John Russell made a motion to approve the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Logan-Rogersville R-VIII School District and the City of Republic to procure school zone flashing beacons. Steve Bach seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Other Business

A. Board of Directors Member Announcements

Mayor Eric Franklin expressed the City of Republic's appreciation for everyone's hard work towards the MM BUILD Grant.

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, Chair Travis Cossey adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Eric Franklin
OTO Secretary