

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
JULY 17, 2025**

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	Lynn Morris, Christian County
Greg Chapman, MoDOT (non-voting)	John Russell, Greene County (Chair)
Jerry Compton, Citizen-at-Large	Martha Smartt, City of Strafford (a)
Travis Cossey, City of Nixa (a)	Dan Smith, City of Springfield (a)
Eric Franklin, City of Republic	Kelly Turner, City Utilities
Marshall Kinne, Springfield Citizen-at-Large	Brian Weiler, Springfield-Branson Airport (a)
Derek Lee, City of Springfield	

(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)	Rusty MacLachlan, Greene County
Mark Crabtree, City of Battlefield	Mark Schenkelberg, FAA (non-voting)
RJ Flores, Christian Co Citizen-at-Large	Wes Young, City of Willard (a)
Brandon Jenson, City of Springfield	
Eric Johnson, City of Ozark (a)	

Others Present: Representative Bill Owen; Mike Ussery, Senator Schmitt's Office; Scott Bachman, City of Springfield; Bradley Jackson, Christian County; Frank Miller, MoDOT; Matt Miller, TOTH; Nicole Boyd, Sara Fields, David Knaut, and Natasha Longpine Ozarks Transportation Organization.

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

I. Administration

A. Welcome

By-law Position	Member	Attendance
BOD Citizen-at-Large	Jerry Compton	Present
Christian County Citizen-at-Large	R.J. Flores	Absent
Christian County Elected Official	Lynn Morris	Present
City of Battlefield Elected Official	Mark Crabtree	Present
City of Nixa Elected Official	Travis Cossey (a)	Present
City of Ozark Elected Official	Eric Johnson (a)	Absent
City of Republic Elected Official	Eric Franklin	Present
City of Springfield Citizen-at-Large	Steve Bach	Present
City of Springfield Citizen-at-Large	Marshall Kinne	Present
City of Springfield Council Member	Dan Smith (a)	Present

City of Springfield Council Member	Brandon Jenson	Absent
City of Springfield Council Member	Derek Lee	Present
City of Strafford Elected Official	Martha Smartt (a)	Present
City of Willard Elected Official	Wes Young (a)	Absent
City Utilities Transit Representative	Kelly Turner	Present
Greene County Commissioner	Rusty MacLachlan	Absent
Greene County Commissioner	John Russell	Present
Springfield-Branson National Airport Board Member	Brian Weiler (a)	Present

A quorum was present.

B. Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Brian Weiler made a motion to approve the July 17, 2025 agenda. Steve Bach seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. Approval of May 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Travis Cossey made a motion to approve the May 15, 2025 meeting minutes. Martha Smartt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. 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.

E. Executive Director's Report

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

F. MoDOT Update

Greg Chapman provided the MoDOT update.

G. Legislative Reports

Mike Ussery with Senator Schmitt's office and Representative Bill Owen provided the Legislative updates.

II. New Business

A. Federal Certification Review

Sara Fields reviewed the certification review and shared that OTO was certified by the USDOT on May 1, 2025.

This was informational only. No action was required.

B. FY 2026 Operational Budget Amendment One

Debbie Parks shared the Operational Budget Amendment One for FY 2026.

Derek Lee made a motion to approve the FY 2026 Operational Budget Amendment Number One. Marshall Kinne seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. Resolution to Approve Line of Credit

Debbie Parks presented a Resolution authorizing the renewal of a line of credit.

Kelly Turner made a motion to approve the included 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 trail engineering services projects or other federally funded projects. Dan Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. Destination 2045 Amendment 9b – Removal of Proposed FF Extension

Sara Fields requested removal of the FF Extension from Farm Road 194 to Route 14 from the Major Thoroughfare Plan, as a result of the updated travel demand model. This would also include the removal of the Guin Road and Tracker Extensions that would have provided connectivity to the FF Extension.

Jerry Compton made a motion to approve Amendment 9b to *Destination 2045*. Derek Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. Destination 2045 Amendment 10

Natasha Longpine reviewed the updated projects in the draft FY 2026-2026 Transportation Improvement Program.

- A101 – Nicholas and Tracker Intersection Improvements in Christian County (New)
- A103 – North 21st and 22nd Intersection and Roadway Improvements in Ozark (New)
- A103 – Weaver Road Improvements between FF and Cloverdale (New)
- A104 – Hughes Road Improvements (New)
- 83 – Hughes Road Extension (moved from the Unconstrained List)
- 207 – FF and Weaver Road Intersection (moved from the Unconstrained List)

Marshall Kinne made a motion to approve Amendment 10 to *Destination 2045*. Brian Weiler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. Federal Functional Classification Change Request

David Knaut highlighted the federal functional classification change requests.

City of Ozark

- **Roadway Name** – N 22nd St / N 21st St / Longview Rd / N 20th St
- **Current Functional Classification** – Local
- **Requested Functional Classification** – Major Collector
- **Major Thoroughfare Plan** – Secondary Arterial

City of Strafford

- **Roadway Name** – S Madison Ave / N Farm Road 231 / E Farm Rd 112
- **Current Functional Classification** – Minor Collector / Local
- **Requested Functional Classification** – Major Collector
- **Major Thoroughfare Plan** – Collector

City of Willard

- **Roadway Name** – Hughes Road from Miller Road to Highway 160
- **Current Functional Classification** – Local
- **Requested Functional Classification** – Major Collector
- **Major Thoroughfare Plan** – Collector/Future Collector

Martha Smartt made a motion to approve the functional classification change requests. Jerry Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

G. Trail and Sidewalk Funding Recommendation

David Knaut presented the eight trail and sidewalk projects recommended for TAP/CRP funding.

- Ozark Greenways – Construction – South Creek Greenway Trail – Posenke Gap
- City of Springfield – Construction – Ward Brach Greenway Trail – National to Fremont
- Ozark Greenways – Engineering/Design – Wilson’s Creek/Republic Rd Trail
- City of Ozark – Construction – Finley River Trail Extension
- City of Springfield – Construction – Grand St. Trail – Phase 1
- City of Ozark – Construction – Chadwick Flyer Jackson Street Connector
- City of Ozark – Construction – Finley River Trail Western Extension
- City of Republic – Engineering/Design – Engineering Connections: The Hines Street Pedestrian Project

Derek Lee made a motion to approve TAP/CRP funding for eight recommended sidewalk and trail projects. Steve Bach seconded the motion. The motion passed.

H. FY 2025-2028 Administrative Modification 5

Natasha Longpine shared the changes made to the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program.

- South Creek Greenway – Posenke (EN2415): Increased funding to match actual costs for a new programmed amount of \$194,961.
- Fassnight Trail from Skate Park to Fort (EN2418): Decreased funding to match actual costs for a new total programmed amount of \$179,315.
- Wilson’s Creek Trail and Phase 2 FF Pedestrian Improvements (EN2501): Decreased funding to match actual costs and changed from Local-AC to TAP funding, for a new total programmed amount of \$204,599.

This was informational only. No action was required.

I. FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program

Natasha Longpine presented the draft FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Derek Lee made a motion to approve the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. Marshall Kinne seconded the motion. The motion passed.

J. Planning Process and Financial Capacity Certifications

Natasha Longpine shared the requirements to certify for compliance with the planning process and financial capacity with FHWA and FTA.

Kelly Turner made a motion to certify the Ozarks Transportation Organization's compliance with the metropolitan planning process and to certify the financial capacity of City Utilities. Dan Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

K. 2027-2031 Draft STIP Project Prioritization Criteria

Sara Fields reviewed the criteria used for prioritizing projects ahead of the 2027-2031 STIP project selection.

Eric Johnson made a motion to approve the STIP project prioritization criteria as presented. Dan Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

L. FY 2027-2031 Draft STIP Prioritization Project List

Sara Fields asked the Board of Directors to review the FY 2027-2031 Draft STIP Prioritization Project List.

This was informational only. No action was required.

III. Other Business

A. Board of Directors Member Announcements

There were no member announcements.

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

IV. Adjourn meeting

Derek Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brian Weiler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.



John Russell
OTO Chair