



# Ozarks Transportation Organization

## Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

### Meeting Notes

July 13, 2021

1:00 pm

**This meeting took place via electronic means.**

**Attendees:** Matt Crawford, Brett Foster, David Hutchinson, John Montgomery, Jeremy Parsons, Cole Pruitt, Jason Knight, Joe Hamp, Andy Thomason, Sara Fields, Natasha Longpine, Nicole Stokes

- I. Welcome and Introductions** Mr. Thomason introduced everyone on the call.
- II. Meeting Notes from 5/11/21 BPAC Meeting** Mr. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Knight, made a motion to approve the January meeting notes. The motion passed.
- III. CY 2020 Bike/Ped Implementation Report** Mr. Thomason made adjustments to the report as suggested by Ms. Kromrery at the last meeting. Also, mileage from the City of Ozark was added. No additional additions or changes were suggested. Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, made a motion to finalize the CY 2020 Bike/Ped Implementation Report. The motion passed.
- IV. MoDOT Multimodal Priorities** There was no MoDOT representative. Mr. Thomason requested the committee's input of what should be on the list of Bike/Pedestrian projects and what messaged did the committee want to send. Mr. Parsons stated he liked the direction the priorities list was going and asked if Mr. Thomason could send the spreadsheet to the committee so they could fill in the blanks for the surrounding communities. Mr. Hutchinson stated those intersections that do not have push button or walk signals should be a high priority. Mr. Montgomery asked if the Chadwick Trail listed twice was due to they were two different projects. Mr. Thomason affirmed this was correct. Mr. Hamp will compare these priorities to their current project list. The City of Springfield is looking at pedestrian safety areas at Chestnut & Eldon and a possible raised walkway on Lyon north of Commercial Street. Mr. Foster mentioned needing an access to the school at Mt. Vernon & Miller. He also stated they are still updating the city's Crash book with data from 2018 on. Mr. Parsons, for the City of Ozark, added there is no pedestrian infrastructure at JJ & NN or 22<sup>nd</sup> & CC.

Mr. Thomason asked what kind of balance of projects would the committee like to show to the TPC? Mr. Montgomery would push for more of a balance. Mr. Thomason also asked if the list should include one project from every community. Ms. Fields agreed and reminded the committee these projects will be on the unfunded needs list. Mr. Pruitt stated MSU's main project is the Grand Street underpass. Mr. Hutchinson also agreed there should be a balance and the trail projects listed should move forward.

Mr. Thomason asked if anyone had questions concerning the projects listed. Mr. Hamp asked about the midblock crossings at Kearney & Benton. Mr. Thomason stated there is a large gap between stoplights and this was a possible place to cross. Mr. Hamp said there was not a lot to get to from there and that crossing at Summit may be another option. Mr. Foster reported the City of Springfield and MoDOT will be funding a mid-block crossing on Kansas between Sunshine and Kearney. Mr. Foster would like to see sidewalk reconstruction done on Sunshine between National and Campbell. Mr. Hamp stated he would get a plan together for the Sunset trail connection between Southcreek and Galloway. Mr. Hutchinson stated each of our State and National

Legislators should know about these projects. Mr. Parsons asked when the deadline for additions or changes was. Mr. Thomason said the deadline will be July 23, 2021.

- V. Spring Branch Trail** Mr. Thomason reported MoDOT will be doing bridge work at New Melville Road and may provide an opportunity to make a crossing at I-44. Mr. Thomason asked the committee if the priority is to connect NW Springfield to Ritter Springs Park or to follow through the Spring Branch area as a nature/scenic trail. Mr. Montgomery stated the intent should be both, scenic and connecting and provide safe passage over I-44. Mr. Hutchinson said Fulbright Avenue, New Melville, and Farm Road 127 is heavily used by bicyclists and should be taken into consideration with the bridge construction. Mr. Thomason reported MoDOT would keep bike accommodations in mind with the construction. Mr. Thomason asked the committee about their thoughts regarding on street accommodations. Mr. Hutchinson stated whatever moves the project along is important. Mr. Montgomery agreed and to be flexible as easements are obtained to keep the project moving forward.
- VI. Other** Mr. Montgomery reported the Galloway Creek Trail reconstruction from Barton to Republic Road had started. Also, the South Creek Greenway reconstruction was completed. Mr. Hamp stated the Galloway Trail from Benton to Township 28 is almost complete. The construction from Lone Pine to Greenwood would begin tomorrow. Other projects in the works are a connections on Harvard from Swallow to Aladdin Court and a sidewalk from Luster Ave to the Fasnigh Trail. There will be a new sidewalk connection at Catalpa and Prince Lane as well as a sidewalk connection to Bingham Elementary at Cherry and Barnes.
- VII. Adjourn** The meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm.