



OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR TRANSIT MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2023

3:00 p.m.

This meeting took place in person and via electronic means.

ATTENDEES

Bill Achor	Greg Drake	John Matthews
Jeff Robinson	Brandie Fisher	Kyle Meadows (late)
Christy Evers	Andrea Swope	Rene Frazier

STAFF PRESENT

Debbie Parks	David Knaut
Natasha Longpine	

I. WELCOME

Mr. Knaut brought the meeting to order at 03:06 pm and introductions were made.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 11, 2023, AUGUST 11, 2022, APRIL 11, 2022, MAY 17, 2021, AND FEBRUARY, 11, 2021 MINUTES.

Mrs. Fisher made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve the minutes from the 5-11-2023, 8-11-2022, 4-11-2022, 5-17-2022 and 2-11-2021. The motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF 8-10-2023 AGENDA

Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Achor, to approve the agenda for 8-10-2023. The motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Knaut reviewed the public comment that was received through the OTO webpage. Discussion was held regarding feasibility of a 24-hour available ADA- accessible on-demand service.

V. MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Knaut reported that some of the current members will not be available in the future due to staffing changes and other commitments and that three new members would be interested in serving on the LCBT. Mr. Matthews from the Missouri State University, Andrea Swope from CCLinks and Floyd Meadows from CoxHealth EMS introduced themselves and their organizations. Ms. Fisher made a motion, second by Mr. Achor to approve the new board members. The motion passed.

VI. SECTION 5310 SELECTION CRITERIA UPDATE

Mr. Knaut provided information about a potential update of the section 5310 selection criteria as presented in the board packet. Discussion was held about what the potential addition of acquisition of transportation services as an eligible capital project would look like and what the benefits of adding this type of project would be. Members shared their opinions on the importance of vehicle purchases versus operational funding and that there is a need for both. There was also a discussion regarding the urban boundary changes and the implications those changes had for local transit provides. It was decided to hold a special meeting on September 13, 2023 to potentially approve changes to the program management plan (PMP) in order to add the acquisition of transportation services as an eligible project.

VII. MEMBER UPDATES

Mr. Knaut informed that the final draft of Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan for the region administered by the Southwest Missouri Council of Governments (SMCOG) will be out for comment soon.

Members reported about challenges in the region with increased demand for service and increased cost, which do not match the available funds.

City Utilities informed about upcoming purchases and deliveries of vehicles for their system, especially for the Access Express program, which is experiences an increase in demand as well.

MoDOT provided an update on the outstanding vehicles for OATS and Arc of the Ozarks. Furthermore, MoDOT was able to secure more chassis and is reviewing options to purchase more vehicles from other State DOT's agreements.

The next meeting will be a special virtual meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 and next regular will be November 9, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 pm.

Approved on 11/09/2023.

Attested By: _____


Jeff Robinson, LCBT Chair