



Ozarks Transportation Organization

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2026

1:00 pm

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

Attendees: Matt Crouse, David Dyke, Sara Fields, David Hutchinson, David Knaut, Natasha Longpine, John Matthews, John Montgomery, Trenton Sims, Andy Thomason, Jen Thomas, Tommy VanHorn and Jacob Wimsatt

1. **Welcome** – The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. **Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2026, BPAC Meeting** – Tommy VanHorn, seconded by John Montgomery, made a motion to approve the May 12, 2026, meeting minutes. The motion passed.
3. **Approval of August 11, 2026, Agenda** – John Montgomery, seconded by Tommy VanHorn, made a motion to approve the August 11, 2026, agenda. The motion passed.
4. **Systemic Pedestrian Safety Analysis 2022 to 2025** – OTO staff presented the methodology and progress to date for the systemic pedestrian safety analysis. The analysis will use crash data and roadways, land use, demographic, and other characteristics to identify locations with a higher risk of pedestrian crashes. Discussion focused on the methodology description, additional characteristics that could be evaluated, and the schedule for completing the analysis. Staff will continue presenting results at upcoming meetings, with completion anticipated by the end of the year.
5. **Long Range Transportation Plan Next Stop 2050** – OTO staff provided an update on Next Stop 2050, including revised regional trail and bicycle and pedestrian facility maps based on earlier committee discussions. Staff also summarized the summer public outreach results and reviewed progress on bicycle- and pedestrian-related strategies from Destination 2045. Committee members recommended additional map changes and discussed potential implementation strategies for inclusion in the updated plan.
6. **Regional Trail Planning Updates** – John Montgomery of Ozark Greenways provided updates on regional trail planning and engineering. Engineering is nearing completion for the Chadwick Flyer Trail between Kissick Avenue and Sunshine Street in Springfield, and engineering has begun for a trail along Republic Road between Springfield and Republic. Ozark Greenways is also working to close gaps in the trail network around Fellows Lake.
7. **Amended Meeting Schedule for 2026** – OTO staff proposed amending the remaining 2026 meeting schedule following the rescheduling of the July meeting. Tommy VanHorn,

seconded by John Montgomery, made a motion to approve the amended schedule. The motion passed.

8. **Project Updates** –OTO staff provided brief updates on several projects. The City of Ozark plans to advertise the Jackson Street sidewalk connection and Finley River Trail extension for construction bids. Ozark Greenways' project connecting the South Creek and Wilson's Creek trails has been cleared for construction. The City of Springfield is also moving forward with several projects, including the multiuse path along Sherman Parkway.
9. **Bicycle and Pedestrian related public comments** - OTO staff shared comments received between April 27 and July 24, 2026. Topics included expanding Springfield's bicycle boulevard network, bicycle use on trails at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, alternatives for the future Chadwick Flyer Trail crossing at Battlefield Road, coordination with a local bicycle club during the route 60/65 study and extending Farm Road 192 for vehicles and pedestrians south of Lake Springfield.
10. **Next Meeting – October 13, 2026**
11. **Adjourn** –The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Approved on 10/13/2026.

Attested By: Valerie Carr

Valerie Carr, BPAC Chair