

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2026**

The Technical Planning Committee of the Ozarks Transportation Organization met at its scheduled time in person. A quorum was declared present. Chair Foster began the meeting at approximately 1:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Tom Dancey, City of Springfield (a)	Jeremy Parsons, City of Ozark
Trey Davis, City of Battlefield	Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa
Brett Foster, City of Springfield (Chair)	Beth Schaller, MoDOT
Karen Haynes, City of Republic	Ben Tegeler, Ozark Greenways
Adam Humphrey, Greene County	Andy Thomason, City Utilities (a)
Kirsty Ketchum, Greene County (a)	Mark Webb, Greene County
Frank Miller, MoDOT	

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

The following members were not present:

Keith Adams, Springfield Public Schools	Mark Schenkelberg, FAA
Justin Crighton, City of Springfield	Tommy VanHorn, City of Strafford
Gerri Doyle, FTA	Ben Vickers (non-voting), Springfield Chamber
John Matthews, Missouri State University	Jeremy Wegner, BNSF
Chad Ray, Springfield-Branson Nat'l Airport (a)	Todd Wiesehan, Christian County
Mike Ruesch, City of Willard	

Others present were: Troy Flickinger, MoDOT; Mike Ussery, Senator Schmitt's Office; Jered Taylor, Congressman Burlison's Office; Mary Kromrey, OWN; Garrett Brickner & T.J. Jackson, Wilson & Company; Jason Haynes, HDR Engineering; Nicole Boyd, Dave Faucett, Sara Fields, David Knaut, Natasha Longpine, and Jen Thomas, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

I. Administration

A. Introductions

Chair Foster welcomed everyone.

B. Approval of the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda

Adam Humphrey made a motion to approve the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for August 19, 2026. Ben Tegeler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. Approval of June 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Jeremy Parsons made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2026 meeting. Jeff Roussell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. Public Comment Period for All Agenda Items

Chair Foster advised there were public comments included in the packet and asked for comments or questions.

E. Executive Director's Report

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

F. Legislative Report

Mike Ussery with Senator Schimtt's office provided a legislative update.

G. MoDOT Report

Frank Miller and Beth Schaller shared the MoDOT report.

H. Committee/Project Reports and Grant Opportunities

David Knaut provided the Local Coordinating Board for Transit and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Debbie Parks reviewed grant opportunities.

Jen Thomas shared the US60/US65 Study update.

I. Federal Funds Status Update

Jen Thomas provided the Federal Funds Status Update.

II. New Business

A. Rail Safety Project Presentation

Troy Flickinger with MoDOT's Multimodal Rail Department shared their efforts to identify and prioritize rail crossing safety needs across the state.

This was informational only. No action was requested.

B. Congestion Management Process

Dave Faucett presented the new online interactive format for the OTO's Congestion Management Process.

Andy Thomason made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the revised Congestion Management Process. Beth Schaller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. FY 2027-2030 TIP Amendment One

Natasha Longpine reviewed the proposed change to the FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program.

- *New* East Republic Road Bridge Repair (SP2706)

Beth Schaller made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment One. Adam Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. Federal Functional Classification Change Request

David Knaut shared the requested change to the Federal Functional Classification System.

City of Willard

- Roadway Name – Willey St
- Current Functional Classification – Local
- Requested Functional Classification – Major Collector
- Major Thoroughfare Plan – Collector/Future Collector

Frank Miller made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the proposed Federal Functional Classification System change. Karen Haynes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

Natasha Longpine presented the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects in the OTO area.

Tom Dancey made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors accept the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects. Andy Thomason seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Other Business

A. Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements

Brett Foster shared that the City of Springfield has issued an RFQ for the city's Transportation Master Plan.

Karen Haynes stated the intersection of Hwy 60 and Stone Creek is now open.

B. Transportation Issues for Technical Planning Committee Review

There were no transportation issues for the Committee review.

C. Articles for Technical Planning Committee Member Information

Chair Foster noted there were articles of interest included in the Agenda Packet.

IV. Adjournment

Jeremy Parsons made a motion to adjourn. Beth Schaller seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:13 pm.


Brett Foster
Technical Planning Committee Chairman

