



Ozarks Transportation Organization

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2025

1:00 pm

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

Attendees: Scott, Bachman, Scott Godbey, David Hutchinson, David Knaut, Natasha Longpine, John Matthews, John Montgomery, Mike Ruesch, Ben Tegeler, Andy Thomason, Jen Thomas, Tommy VanHorn and Jacob Wimsatt

- I. Welcome** – The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm.
 - II. Meeting Minutes from July 8, 2025, BPAC Meeting** – Tommy VanHorn, seconded by Mike Ruesch, made a motion to approve the July 8, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion passed.
 - III. Regional Bicycle Crash Analysis** – OTO staff presented a summary of a regional bicycle crash analysis for the OTO area between 2018-2023. The summary included a breakdown of bicycle crashes by year, severity, times, aggregated demographic profiles of involved drivers and bicyclist, and high crash corridors. Staff stated that the analysis and findings will be published in a report. Discussion was held regarding comparisons to the pedestrian crash analysis and outcomes of a report. The committee provided feedback that the report should include a comparison of the pedestrian crash analysis and include detailed descriptions of high crash corridors.
 - IV. Bicycle and Pedestrian planning in the Long Range Plan** – The committee continued the discussion on how to best update the bicycle, and pedestrian facilities map in the upcoming update of OTO's Long Range Transportation Plan. The committee suggested that OTO staff will provide an interactive map where jurisdictions could provide comments and suggestions for updating the maps.
 - V. Regional Trail Planning Updates** – Ben Tegeler and John Montgomery from Ozark Greenways (OG) gave an update on ongoing trail projects in the region. The update focused on connection to the Chadwick Flyer trail project between Kissick Ave and Trail of Honor, including design of a connection to the Lake Springfield park and the Nature Center Way.
 - VI. Project Updates** – OTO staff provided an update multiple ongoing projects, including construction start of sidewalks along Mt. Vernon in Springfield and upcoming bids for construction of the South Creek Greenway Trail in Springfield. Discussion was also held on the progress of the Chadwick Flyer Overpass of US-65, including the delivery of the bridge.
 - VII. Next Meeting – November 18, 2025**
 - VIII. Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.
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Approved on 11/18/2025,

Attested By: Andy Thomason

Andy Thomason, BPAC Chair