



# Ozarks Transportation Organization

## Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024

1:00 pm

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

**Attendees:** Ric Ashe, Mandy Büttgen-Quinn, Valerie Carr, Sara Fields, Scott Hayes, David Hutchison, David Knaut, Natasha Longpine, John Montgomery, Grady Porter, Mike Ruesch, Chris Tabor, Jen Thomas, Andy Thomason, and Jacob Wimsatt

- I. Welcome** – The meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm.
- II. Meeting Notes from September 10, 2024, BPAC Meeting** – David Hutchinson suggested to add the name of the organization for the presenters of agenda item II. Valerie Carr, seconded by Chris Tabor, made a motion to approve the September 10, 2024 meeting minutes with the addition of the above mentioned change. The motion passed.
- III. 2025 Meeting Dates** – OTO staff provided the scheduled meeting dates for calendar year 2025. Meetings will be held in person on the second Tuesday of every other month at 1 p.m.
- IV. Membership Review** – OTO staff reviewed the list of current BPAC members and asks members to submit any changes like adding an alternate. The committee suggested adding a representative of the Springfield-Green County Parks Board. Staff will reach out to the Parks Board to see if they will have someone available to join the committee.
- V. 2025 Chair/ Vice-Chair** – OTO staff outlined that per by-laws the current vice chair, Andy Thomason, will take over the position of the chair for the next calendar year and that the committee needs to elect a new vice-chair. John Montgomery made a motion to elect Valerie Carr as Vice -Chair of BPAC for calendar year 2025, seconded by Grady Porter. The motion passed.
- VI. SGF Yields/ SafeAcross** – Mandy Büttgen-Quinn from the City of Springfield gave an update on the Cities' SGF Yields program that aims at making the city more pedestrian friendly by creating awareness for pedestrian's and their safety and the statewide available SafeAcross Initiative that developed from the SGF Yields program. SafeAcross is a program that is available for adoption for communities in Missouri. The initiative follows FHWA's safe system approach which is a holistic approach on roadway safety with the understanding that death and severe injuries are unacceptable. Discussion was held regarding how programs can get started and what communities are currently working on implementing the program. Resources and more information on the starting the program are available through the SafeAcross website: <https://safeacross.com/>.

- VII. Destination Safe Streets Plan- Draft Plan** – OTO staff provided an update on the Destination Safe Streets draft plan, including timeline for the final adoption of the plan. Staff showed the Safety Toolkit which will be part of the final plan as an appendix and highlighted the posted survey to prioritize measures from the survey toolkit. Staff will send out the survey to the BPAC and asked local jurisdictions to share the survey with stakeholders and the public.
- VIII. Regional Trail Planning Updates** – John Montgomery from Ozark Greenways (OG) introduced the new executive director, Ric Ashe, for Ozark Greenways and gave an update on regional trail planning and outreach activities. The updates included progress reports on the engineering projects through the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP), the Chadwick Flyer engineering between Kissick and Sunshine, the contract award for the trailhead project at S Crenshaw Rd, progress reports on Chadwick Flyer trails phases in the City of Ozark and land procurement for the Chadwick Flyer Trail within Christian County. As part of the Let's Go Smart Collaborative, OG participated in a Bike Safety Session with the Boys and Girls Club of Springfield as well.
- IX. Critical sidewalk network gaps** - OTO staff went over the map with critical sidewalk gaps in the region which was updated with input from local agencies since the last BPAC meeting. Staff also presented a draft scoring methodology to prioritize the gaps which included roadway functional classification, safety, equity, population density, length of gap and destination proximity. Discussion was held regarding different scoring criteria, definition of a critical gap and the general process of prioritization. It was decided to prioritize gaps along non-local roads and increase scoring for gaps in areas of higher population density. The committee was asked to review the map and provide additional information if desired.
- X. Project Updates** – OTO staff gave an update on the Shuyler Creek trail project in Republic, the Jordan Creek trail project within Smith Park in Springfield.
- XI. Next Meeting –January 14, 2025**
- XII. Adjourn** –The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

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Approved on 01/14/2025.

Attested By: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by:

*Andy Thomason*

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Andy Thomason, BPAC Chair