



# Ozarks Transportation Organization

## Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2025

1:00 pm

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

**Attendees:** Nathan Adams, Scott Bachman, Valerie Carr, Scott Godbey, Scott Hayes, David Hutchinson, David Knaut, Natasha Longpine, Chris Tabor, Ben Tegeler, Andy Thomason, Jen Thomas, and Jacob Wimsatt

- I. Welcome** – The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.
- II. Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2025, BPAC Meeting** – Valerie Carr, seconded by Ben Tegeler, made a motion to approve the September 9, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion passed.
- III. Approval of the November 18, 2025, Agenda** – Scott Godbey, seconded by Valerie Carr, made a motion to approve the November 18, 2025, agenda. The motion passed.
- IV. 2026 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 pm. Scott Bachman, seconded by Scott Godbey, made a motion to approve the 2026 meeting dates. The motion passed.
- V. 2026 Chair/ Vice-Chair** – OTO staff outlined that per by-laws the current vice chair, Valerie Carr, will take over the position of the chair for the next calendar year and that the committee needs to elect a new vice-chair. Valerie Carr made a motion to elect Scott Godbey as Vice -Chair of BPAC for calendar year 2026, seconded by Chris Tabor. The motion passed with one objection.
- VI. Bicycle and Trail facility discussion** - 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 provided input on potential changes to the OTO trail map and the bicycle facility map through an interactive map prior to the meeting. OTO staff went through the proposed changes. Discussion was held on different proposed changes and what levels of distinction the official maps should entail with the possibility of creating a technical trail map with more detail and concentrating the bicycle facility map on facilities that provide regional connections. It was agreed that OTO staff will work on updated maps for a discussion at the next meeting and that the committee could work on a regional bicycle facility framework.
- VII. Regional Trail Planning Updates** – Ben Tegeler from Ozark Greenways (OG) gave an update on ongoing trail projects in the region. The update focused on the missing connection of the Chadwick Flyer trail project between Springfield and Ozark, and the ongoing design work of

Lake Springfield bridge and the final design of the trail gap between Wilson's Creek and South Creek greenways. OG is also working on the design to close the single-track loop trail around Fellows Lake and presented potential projects to the Citizens' Advisory board of Springfield.

**VIII. Project Updates** – OTO staff provided a brief update on multiple ongoing projects.

**IX. Bicycle and Pedestrian related Public Comments** – OTO staff shared some of the comments that were received between June 18<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>, including comments asking for bicycle facilities along Cox Rd and Scenic Ave and comments related to the Bicycle Friendly Community application from the City of Springfield.

**X. Next Meeting – January 13, 2026**

**XI. Adjourn** –The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

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Approved on 01/13/2026.

Attested By: Valerie Carr

Valerie Carr, BPAC Chair