

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2021**

The Technical Planning Committee of the Ozarks Transportation Organization met at its scheduled time in person and via Zoom video conferencing. A quorum was declared present, and the meeting was called to order at approximately 1:33 p.m. by Chair Todd Wiesehan.

The following members were present:

Ms. Paula Brookshire, City of Springfield	Mr. Andrew Nelson, City of Republic
Mr. Randy Brown, City of Willard	Ms. Britni O'Connor, MoDOT
Ms. Dawne Gardner (a), City of Springfield	Mr. Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa
Mr. Kirk Juranas, City of Springfield	Ms. Beth Schaller, MoDOT
Mr. Joel Keller (a), Greene County	Mr. Tommy VanHorn, City of Battlefield
Ms. Mary Kromrey, Ozark Greenways	Mr. Todd Wiesehan, Christian County (Chair)
Mr. John McCart, City of Ozark	
Mr. Frank Miller, MoDOT	

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

The following members were not present:

Mr. Rick Artman, Greene County	Mr. Jason Ray, SMOG
Mr. Chris Boone, City of Strafford	Mr. David Schaumburg, Springfield-Branson Airport
Mr. John Caufield, BNSF	Mr. Mark Schenkelberg, FAA
Mr. Matt Crawford, City Utilities Transit	Mr. Travis Shaw, Springfield Public Schools
Mr. Adam Humphrey, Greene County	Ms. Janette Vomund, MoDOT
Mr. Ahmad Mokhtee, FTA	Mr. Alex Woodson, Springfield Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Cole Pruitt, MSU	

Others present were: Ms. Sonya Anderson, Senator Blunt's Office; Mr. Jeremy Pruett, U.S. Representative Long's Office; Mr. Neil Brady, Bartlett & West; Mr. David Faucett, Ms. Sara Fields, Ms. Natasha Longpine, Ms. Debbie Parks, Mr. JD Stevenson, Ms. Nicole Stokes, and Mr. Andy Thomason, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

I. Administration

A. Introductions

Chair Todd Wiesehan welcomed everyone and requested introductions by a roll call.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Absent	Miller, Frank	Present
Boone, Chris	Absent	Nelson, Andrew	Present
Brookshire, Paula	Present	O'Connor, Britni	Present
Brown, Randy	Present	Pruitt, Cole	Absent
Caufield, John	Absent	Roussell, Jeff	Present

Crawford, Matt	Absent	Schaller, Beth	Present
Gardner, Dawne	Present	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Absent	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Juranas, Kirk	Present	VanHorn, Tommy	Present
Keller, Joel	Present	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Kromrey, Mary	Present	Wiesehan, Todd	Present
McCart, John	Present	Woodson, Alex	Absent

A quorum was present.

B. Approval of the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for December 15, 2021. Mr. VanHorn seconded the motion. Chair Wiesehan asked for a roll call vote.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Absent	Miller, Frank	Aye
Boone, Chris	Absent	Nelson, Andrew	Aye
Brookshire, Paula	Aye	O'Connor, Britni	Aye
Brown, Randy	Aye	Pruitt, Cole	Absent
Caufield, John	Absent	Roussell, Jeff	Aye
Crawford, Matt	Absent	Schaller, Beth	Aye
Gardner, Dawne	Aye	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Absent	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Juranas, Kirk	Aye	VanHorn, Tommy	Aye
Keller, Joel	Aye	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Kromrey, Mary	Aye	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye
McCart, John	Aye	Woodson, Alex	Absent

The motion passed.

C. Approval of the October 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Gardner made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2021 Technical Planning Committee Meeting. Mr. VanHorn seconded the motion. Chair Wiesehan asked for a roll call vote.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Absent	Miller, Frank	Aye
Boone, Chris	Absent	Nelson, Andrew	Aye
Brookshire, Paula	Aye	O'Connor, Britni	Aye
Brown, Randy	Aye	Pruitt, Cole	Absent
Caufield, John	Absent	Roussell, Jeff	Aye
Crawford, Matt	Absent	Schaller, Beth	Aye
Gardner, Dawne	Aye	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Absent	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Juranas, Kirk	Aye	VanHorn, Tommy	Aye

Keller, Joel	Aye	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Kromrey, Mary	Aye	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye
McCart, John	Aye	Woodson, Alex	Absent

The motion passed.

D. Public Comment Period for All Agenda Items

There were no speakers to address the committee.

E. Staff Report

Ms. Fields reported OTO has started work on the North 13 Study with CMT (Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.). An elected officials meeting, a public meeting, and two core team meetings have been held. A public survey was sent out with over 440 responses so far. MoDOT put signs near the interchange displaying the North13study.com web address. The survey closes on Friday, December 17th. The idea is to have some options outlined by February and have the study wrapped up by June. This study is looking at the interchange of Highway 13 and I-44 as well as the corridor from Kearney to Farm Road 94.

The Board of Directors approved the OTO Prioritized STIP list. This lists 118 projects in order as well as the Unfunded Needs list. These will be used in February for suggested projects for STIP programming. Calendar appointments have been sent out for meetings in February to discuss STIP project development.

CMT has started the Chadwick Flyer Crossing Study. CMT is looking at options for getting the Chadwick Flyer across US 65. This study is targeted to be completed in April 2022.

OTO is watching for funding information out of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The appropriations tables have not come out in the federal register yet. OTO is planning to apply for an INFRA Grant for I-44 widening to six lanes, adding auxiliary lanes, replacing bridges, and potential trail projects.

A design standards meeting was held for the Major Thoroughfare Plan implementation. The purpose is how to make the standards more context sensitive in terms of lane width and pedestrian accommodations, focusing on safety and reducing speeding. Additional meetings will be held.

OTO will be using a new TIP tool vendor with the start of the new TIP this year. The same information will be there but will look different. There will be more information to come in late February to early March.

F. Legislative Reports

Ms. Anderson with Senator Blunt's Office reported that they are still waiting on information on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Plan Package that was passed last month. On December 2nd, Congress passed a continuing resolution to fund the government through February 18, 2022. This continuing resolution had bipartisan support in the Senate. It extends the current funding level right now that was first approved in October 2020. If this had not been passed, the government would have faced a shutdown at midnight on December 4th. The Senate voted and passed, along party lines, a resolution to raise the debt limit by \$2.5 trillion. If this had not been passed, it would

have caused a default. According to Senator Schumer, this debt limit increase will help cover government expenses through 2023. President Biden's Build Back Better program has passed the House and is stuck in the Senate.

Mr. Pruetz with US Representative Long's office shared the House is at recess until next year. The priorities they will be looking at next year are the Infrastructure Bill and what that will provide for our area.

G. MoDOT Report

Mr. Miller stated that MoDOT has received 25-30 comments on the Unfunded Needs list. Statewide the most commented project was I-49 in Kansas City. In Southwest Missouri, the most commented project is a bridge in Joplin to add pedestrian accommodations. In the OTO MPO area, most comments are about I-44 and are from OTO members. MoDOT is working towards a new STIP update which will incorporate some of the new funding. MoDOT is still waiting for more information regarding the Bill so some funding estimations will be made. MoDOT is working on estimate updates to know the final cost to deliver projects that are already committed. New funding levels should be available in January.

II. New Business:

A. FY 2022-2025 TIP Administrative Modifications Two, Three, and Four

Ms. Longpine reviewed the Administrative Modifications to the FY 2022-2025 TIP.

There was 1 item included as part of Administrative Modification 2 to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program.

- Chadwick Flyer Crossing Study (OK2206-22AM2) – Increasing the programmed amount from \$35,000 to \$43,750 and clarifying the scope as Phase 1.

There was 1 item included as part of Administrative Modification 3 to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program.

- Shyuler Creek Trail (EN2021-22AM3) – Adding TAP funding in place of STBG-U funding in the amount of \$450,000.

There were two items included as part of Administrative Modification 4 to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program.

- Campbell and Republic Road Intersection (SP1818-22AM4) – Changing Project Sponsor from City of Springfield to MoDOT.
- Republic Road Lane Widening (SP1902-22AM4) – Changing Project Sponsor from City of Springfield to MoDOT.

This was informational only. No action was required.

B. FY 2022-2025 TIP Amendment Three

Ms. Longpine reported that there were seven items included as part of Amendment Number Three to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program.

- *New* Route FF Corridor Improvements Scoping (BA2202-22A3) – Scoping for corridor improvements from Route M to Farm Road 194 in Battlefield for a total programmed amount of \$150,000.
- *New* ITS Scoping at Various Locations (MO2214-22A3) – Scoping for ITS improvements at various locations in the SW Urban District for a total programmed amount of \$100,000.
- *Revised* Interchange Improvements at Route 60 and Route 125 (RG0901-22A3) – Updating project programming to reflect final cost estimate and local participation by Greene County and the City of Rogersville, for a total programmed amount of \$23,293,155 (50% is from rural Southwest District).
- *Revised* Route MM Improvements – I-44 to Route 360 (RP1703-22A3) – Updating project to reflect construction and the City of Republic Cost Share award for a total programmed amount of \$10,038,698.
- *New* Glenstone Safety Improvements Scoping (SP2218-22A3) – Scoping for safety improvements on Glenstone from McClernon Street to Republic Court in Springfield for a total programmed amount of \$20,000.
- *New* James River Freeway Interchange Improvements Scoping (SP2219-22A3) – Scoping for interchange improvements at Kansas Expressway (Route 13) in Springfield for a total programmed amount of \$150,000.
- *New* US 60 and US 65 Interchange Improvements Scoping (SP2220-22A3) – Scoping for interchange operational improvements at Route 60 (James River Freeway) and Route 65 in Springfield for a total programmed amount of \$150,000.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve Amendment 3 to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Keller seconded the motion. Chair Wiesehan asked for a roll call vote.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Absent	Miller, Frank	Aye
Boone, Chris	Absent	Nelson, Andrew	Aye
Brookshire, Paula	Aye	O'Connor, Britni	---
Brown, Randy	Aye	Pruitt, Cole	Absent
Caufield, John	Absent	Roussell, Jeff	Aye
Crawford, Matt	Absent	Schaller, Beth	Aye
Gardner, Dawne	Aye	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Absent	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Juranas, Kirk	Aye	VanHorn, Tommy	Aye

Keller, Joel	Aye	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Kromrey, Mary	Aye	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye
McCart, John	Aye	Woodson, Alex	Absent

The motion passed.

C. Federal Functional Class Change Request

Mr. Thomason shared that pursuant to §470.105.b, the State of Missouri, in conjunction with OTO, must maintain a functional classification map. This map is different from the Major Thoroughfare Plan, which is part of the Long Range Transportation Plan. The Federal Functional Classification System designates Federal Aid Highways, i.e., those eligible for federal funding. Mr. Thomason highlighted the requested changes.

The City of Springfield has requested the following changes to the federal functional classification system.

- Roadway Name - Kansas Avenue, Walnut Lawn to Battlefield
Current Functional Classification – Local
Requested Functional Classification – Major Collector
Major Thoroughfare Plan – Collector
- Roadway Name – El Camino Alto Drive, Buena Vista Street to Monastery Street
Current Functional Classification – Local
Requested Functional Classification – Minor Collector
Major Thoroughfare Plan – Collector
- Roadway Name – Monastery Street
Current Functional Classification – Local
Requested Functional Classification – Major Collector
Major Thoroughfare Plan – Collector
- Roadway Name – Lakewood
Current Functional Classification – New Road, El Camino Alto Drive to Republic Rd
Requested Functional Classification – Minor Collector – *All*
Major Thoroughfare Plan – Collector – *All*

The City of Willard has requested the following changes to the federal functional classification system.

- Roadway Name – New Melville Road, Rt AB to Farm Road 103
Current Functional Classification – Local
Requested Functional Classification – Minor Collector
Major Thoroughfare Plan – Collector
- Roadway Name – Knight St. – *from Rt. AB to Miller Rd.*
Current Functional Classification – Local
Requested Functional Classification – Minor Collector
Major Thoroughfare Plan – Local*

*Knight St in Willard is not currently shown as a collector on the OTO's Major Thoroughfare Plan. Staff believes Knight St meets the requirements of a collector and will address the MTP inconsistency as it updates the entire MTP in the coming months.

Ms. Gardner made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Functional Classification Change requests. Mr. Roussell seconded the motion. Chair Wiesehan asked for a roll call vote.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Absent	Miller, Frank	Aye
Boone, Chris	Absent	Nelson, Andrew	Aye
Brookshire, Paula	Aye	O'Connor, Britni	---
Brown, Randy	Aye	Pruitt, Cole	Absent
Caufield, John	Absent	Roussell, Jeff	Aye
Crawford, Matt	Absent	Schaller, Beth	Aye
Gardner, Dawne	Aye	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Absent	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Juranas, Kirk	Aye	VanHorn, Tommy	Aye
Keller, Joel	Aye	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Kromrey, Mary	Aye	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye
McCart, John	Aye	Woodson, Alex	Absent

The motion passed.

D. Statement of Priorities on Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure

Mr. Thomason stated that this *Statement of Priorities* is the companion document to the OTO's regional trail plan *Towards a Regional Trail System*. The regional trail plan describes the implementation strategies for connecting communities with trails and allowing people to travel throughout the region without a car. This *Statement of Priorities* describes the local bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure that will allow people to safely travel within a community without a car once they arrive. Together, these two documents describe a future where intercity bicycle and pedestrian travel is feasible, safe, and as efficient as possible.

The *Statement of Priorities* is supplemented by a brief report, entitled *On the Path to Connected Pedestrian and Bicycle Networks*, providing local examples of each priority. This report further describes the ideal network of sidewalks and on-street facilities and highlights the many places where elements of the ideal exist within the Ozarks. This is an informative report rather than a report focused on planning or implementation.

Mr. Thomason highlighted the *Statement of Priorities* and the report, *On the Path to Connected Pedestrian and Bicycle Networks*, for the Committee.

Mr. Brown made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the *Statement of Priorities* and accompanying report. Mr. VanHorn seconded the motion. Chair Wiesehan asked for a roll call vote.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Absent	Miller, Frank	Aye
Boone, Chris	Absent	Nelson, Andrew	Aye
Brookshire, Paula	Aye	O'Connor, Britni	---
Brown, Randy	Aye	Pruitt, Cole	Absent
Caufield, John	Absent	Roussell, Jeff	Aye
Crawford, Matt	Absent	Schaller, Beth	Aye
Gardner, Dawne	Aye	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Absent	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Juranas, Kirk	Aye	VanHorn, Tommy	Aye
Keller, Joel	Aye	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Kromrey, Mary	Aye	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye
McCarr, John	Aye	Woodson, Alex	Absent

The motion passed.

E. September 30, 2021 Federal Funds Balance Report

Ms. Longpine reported that the Ozarks Transportation Organization region is allocated Urban Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG-Urban) funds, formally known as STP-Urban funds, each year through MoDOT from Federal Highway Administration. MoDOT has enacted a policy of allowing no more than three years of STBG-Urban allocation to accrue. If a balance is greater than 3 years accrues, funds will lapse (be forfeited).

OTO has elected to sub-allocate the STBG-Urban funds among the jurisdictions within the MPO area. Each of these jurisdiction's allocations are based upon the population within the MPO area. OTO's balance is monitored as a whole by MoDOT, while OTO staff monitors each jurisdiction's individual balance. When MoDOT calculates the OTO balance, it is based upon obligation from FHWA. OTO receives reports showing the projects that have been obligated. MoDOT's policy allows for any cost share projects with MoDOT that are programmed in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, although not necessarily obligated, to be subtracted from the balance. The next deadline to meet the MoDOT funds lapse policy is September 30, 2022.

Staff have developed a report which documents the balance allowed, the balance obligated, and the balance that needs to be obligated by the end of the Federal Fiscal Year in order to not be rescinded by MoDOT. The report also outlines projects programmed to use STBG-Urban funding, so jurisdictions can have a clear picture of what is remaining.

Ms. Longpine reviewed the report for the Committee.

This was informational only. No action was required.

F. 2022 Chair Rotation

Ms. Fields stated that in 2003, the Technical Planning Committee voted to establish a rotation schedule for the chairmanship of the Technical Planning Committee. This rotation has been followed since. The Chairman-Elect serves as the Chair in the absence of the Chairman.

Tommy VanHorn, with the City of Battlefield, will be serving as Chair in 2022. The Chairman-Elect will be Jeff Roussell with the City of Nixa.

Mr. Wiesehan made a motion to elect the Chairman-Elect position for 2022 for the Technical Planning Committee. Mr. Juranas seconded the motion. Chair Wiesehan asked for a roll call vote.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Absent	Miller, Frank	Aye
Boone, Chris	Absent	Nelson, Andrew	Aye
Brookshire, Paula	Aye	O'Connor, Britni	---
Brown, Randy	Aye	Pruitt, Cole	Absent
Caufield, John	Absent	Roussell, Jeff	Aye
Crawford, Matt	Absent	Schaller, Beth	Aye
Gardner, Dawne	Aye	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Absent	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Juranas, Kirk	Aye	VanHorn, Tommy	Aye
Keller, Joel	Aye	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Kromrey, Mary	Aye	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye
McCart, John	Aye	Woodson, Alex	Absent

The motion passed.

G. TPC 2022 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Fields shared the Technical Planning Committee meeting schedule for 2022.

This was informational only. No action was required.

III. Other Business

A. Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements

There were no member announcements.

B. Transportation Issues for Technical Planning Committee Member Review

Ms. Fields stated OTO is preparing the budget for next year. If anyone has a request for a budget item or a special study, contact Ms. Fields with those requests. The budget along with the requests will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval.

C. Articles for Technical Planning Committee Member Information

Chair Wiesehan noted there were articles of interest included in the Agenda Packet. There was no discussion.

IV. Adjournment

With no additional business to come before the Committee, Chair Wiesehan adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:14 p.m.

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Tommy VanHorn
Technical Planning Committee Chair