



# Ozarks Transportation Organization

## Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

### Meeting Notes

July 14, 2020

1:00 pm

**This meeting took place via electronic means.**

**Attendees:** Derrick Estell, David Hutchinson, Joel Keller, Jason Knight, Martha Smartt, Mary Kromrey, Frank Miller, Matt Crawford, Debbie Hickey

**Staff:** Andy Thomason, Sara Fields, Natasha Longpine

#### I. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Thomason welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefly listed of attendees.

#### II. Minutes from 05/12/20 BPAC Meeting

Ms. Hickey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Carr, to approve the May 12 meeting minutes. The motion passed.

#### III. Future Trail Network

Mr. Thomason briefly reminded the group of the overall for the bike/ped component of the new LRTP. He stated it would be important to accurately display the region's ideal future trail network. The intent was to highlight the established priorities of individual communities and organizations, rather than establish new priorities. Mr Thomason described how he used information from Ozark Greenways to refine his initial map.

Committee members proposed the following changes or deletions:

- Eliminate the connection between the Ward Branch and the Galloway Rd trails (*too hard to cross Glenstone*)
- Move Grant Ave Parkway extension to Commercial St from Grant Ave to Booneville (*city's current plan*)
- Remove Inmann Branch Trail (*too many land owners*)
- Remove segment along Division and LeCompte (*Springfield Underground wants this are to be industrial, use connection along Packer instead*)
- Either move on-street or eliminate Pearson Branch Trail (*landowner opposition*)
- Add connection along Farm Rd 182 between Battlefield and Republic (*highly used route*)
- Add existing segment of Fullbright Spring Trail connecting to Ritter Spring Park
- Identify new alignment for Fullbright Spring Trail between Watershed Center and US 65 (*avoid Primatara*)

Questions were asked about the following trails:

- North Branch Jordan Creek (*concept proposed by David Hutchinson*)

The following big picture questions/comments were discussed:

- The region should look for opportunities to link existing trails near the perimeter of the existing development to make a trail to circumnavigate the region
- The region should look for opportunities to build a new series of trails that encompass the region beyond the perimeter of existing development

**IV. Determining Trail Investment Levels**

Mr. Thomason introduced a thought experiment aimed at understanding the amount of trail that might be built over the next 25 years. Using historical investment information and basic construction cost information from the RBPTIS, he calculated the amount of trail that might be built under two scenarios: a baseline and an increased investment scenario. Using the mileage from each scenario, he mapped various networks for each funding scenario. Committee members generally favored the networks associated with the increased investment scenarios. The baseline scenarios did not include enough trail mileage to connect many of the region's communities. The increased investment scenario did not connect every community, but the networks shown did connect several. Additionally, several linkages within Springfield could also be completed.

**V. Other**

Mr. Estell spoke about the increased use of trails during the COVID-19 lock downs. Mr. Miller spoke about the status of a recent grant award.

**VI. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm

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Notes Approved on September 8, 2020

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Derrick Estell, BPAC Chair