



Ozarks Transportation Organization

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2020

1:00 pm

This meeting took place via electronic means.

Attendees: David Hutchinson, Chris Tabor, Jason Knight, John Montgomery, Mary Kromrey, Frank Miller, Matt Crawford, Valerie Carr, Debra Hickey, Matt Crouse

Staff: Andy Thomason, Sara Fields, Natasha Longpine

I. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Thomason welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefly listed attendees at 1:08pm.

II. Minutes from 09/08/2020 BPAC Meeting

Ms. Kromrey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tabor, to approve the September 8 meeting minutes. The motion passed.

III. Review Working Draft of the Trail Plan

Mr. Thomason started by asking for first impressions from the group. Mr. Miller stated the plan has a clear expansion goal, which he supported. He and Mr. Hutchinson believed the maintenance section of the plan could be expanded. They felt the need for maintenance and the costs associated with maintenance were critical to fully understanding the future costs associated with an expanded trail system. Mr. Hutchinson also believed it would be beneficial to reference the maintenance schedule used to develop maintenance estimates. Mr. Hutchinson also felt it would be beneficial to more directly mention the park tax that was in effect from around 2001 to 2011. This tax was a critical source of trail construction funds. Mr. Tabor and Mr. Miller suggested additional reference details should be added to the plan's maps. The details would make it easier for the average person to understand the maps. Ms. Kromrey and Ms. Carr were generally supportive of the plan as it was written. Mr. Kromrey did think some basic benchmarks might make it easier to track progress towards achieving the "45 by 45" goal.

Mr. Thomason asked more directly about the proposal to reallocate funds to trails. The committee generally felt like the reallocation was needed, but they felt like staff needed to individually reach out to communities to answer questions about the proposed reallocation. To make the reallocation more palatable, Ms. Fields suggested proposing a percentage rather than a fixed amount be moved to trails. Mr. Miller also said putting a time frame on the request might also help relieve concerns. Ms. Kromrey also said the Great American Outdoors Act included additional RTP funds that could help offset some local funds.

Mr. Thomason also sought input on the proposed actions more generally. Members expressed a desire to have a stronger public information element. Mr. Thomason said the "What are we working on?" map could be explicitly be listed as an action. Ms. Fields agreed a dashboard of some kind needed to be a clear deliverable for this plan. She suggested funding, mileage, gaps, and maintenance could be items included in the new dashboard. Mr. Tabor sought some

clarification on related to OTO 'support' for local funding initiatives. Mr. Thomason and Ms. Fields would make sure this action stayed within the legal boundaries.

IV. Recommendation to Send Working Draft to Technical Planning Committee

The committee believe it was important to speak with member communities directly about the proposed reallocation of STBG-Urban funds before the draft was taken to the TPC for initial feedback. Mr. Thomason said that could be done. Staff could outreach to each community and then share the plan at the February 2021 TPC meeting. At the January 2021 BPAC meeting, the committee could discuss any feedback received by communities to date and discuss planning options related to supporting local bicycle and pedestrian networks.

V. Other

Mr. Hutchinson spoke on the new connections to the Frisco Highline Trail in Willard and the new sidewalks that have been built along Hunt Rd.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08pm

Notes Approved on January 12, 2021

Attested by: 
Derrick Estell, BPAC Chair