



Ozarks Transportation Organization

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes

May 12, 2020

1:00 pm

This meeting took place via electronic means.

Attendees: Jeremy Parsons, John McCart, Matt Crouse, Derrick Estell, Chris Tabor, David Hutchinson, John Montgomery, Joel Keller, Jason Knight, Martha Smartt, Mary Kromrey

Guests: Tyler Hart

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 03/10/20 BPAC Meeting

Mr. Estell asked Mr. Thomason to distribute copies of the March minutes. Once the committee had time to review, he sought a motion for approval. Mr. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tabor, to approve the March 10 meeting minutes. The motion passed.

III. Articles of Interest.

Mr. Estell and Mr. Thomason briefly reviewed stories from KOLR10 and the Springfield Business Journal covering the awarding of \$1.6 million in trail funding.

IV. Ozarks Regional Bicycle Destination Plan.

Mr. Thomason briefly updated the committee on signage created by Greene County and on the development of certain destination plan deliverable.

Mr. Thomason also sought the committee's input on whether formal adoption of the destination plan would facilitate its implementation. A few members thought it might be beneficial for implementation in some communities. No committee members expressed opposition to the idea.

Mr. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tabor, to recommend the Board of Directors adopt the Ozarks Regional Bicycle Destination Plan. The motion passed.

V. Trail Priority Discussions.

Mr. Estell reminded the committee of the summary sheet contained in the agenda and opened the floor for questions and comments. Mr. Thomason briefly outlined the purpose of the various maps and explained how they would be used in the long range transportation plan.

Mr. Thomason said system map would show support from OGI's broader trail mission and show that trails are distributed throughout the region. The component map would help identify trails that seemed compatible with OTO funding. Mr. Tabor expressed some concern about the

overall size of the hard surface trail network. Mr Hutchinson felt the network shown in these maps was better than the network shown in the map discussed during the January meeting.

The committee was generally supportive of the performance measures. Mr. Estell and Ms. Kromrey wanted the process and the annual targets to emphasize the quality of new trails over the quantity of new trails. Mr. Tabor suggested a rigorous application process would help ensure quality trails were built.

Mr. Thomason explained how the committee could use trails costs outlined in the RBPTIS to help estimate the number of trails the region could build over the next 25 years. Ms. Longpine thought incorporating some fiscal constraint into the discussion would be beneficial. Ms. Fields also added this would allow us to better focus on what we can actually build.

During the discussion of funding, the committee also discussed project eligibility. Members asked questions concerning sidewalks, maintenance, and ADA improvements. Mr. Thomason said this process would provide opportunities to discuss funding priorities.

The committee ultimately decided the prioritization approach outline by staff seemed appropriate for inclusion in the new long-range transportation plan.

VI. 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.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05pm

Notes Approved on July 14, 2020

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