



OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR TRANSIT MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 2024

3:00 p.m.

This meeting took place in person and via electronic means.

ATTENDEES

Andy Thomason	Jeff Robinson	Christy Evers
Rene Frazier	Ginny Highfill	Greg Drake
Brad Kelley	John Matthews	

STAFF PRESENT

Natasha Longpine David Knaut

I. WELCOME

Mr. Knaut brought the meeting to order at 03:05 pm and introductions were made.

II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 9, 2023 MINUTES.

Ms. Swope made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve the minutes of 11-09-2023. The motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF 02-22-2024 AGENDA

Mr. Thomason made a motion, seconded by Ms. Swope, to approve the agenda for 02-22-2024. The motion passed.

IV. 2024 CHAIR/ VICE-CHAIR

Ms. Swope made a motion to confirm Brandie Fisher as chair and approve Rene Frazier as Vice-Chair for the calendar year 2024, motion was seconded by Jeff Robinson. The motion passed.

V. SECTION 5310 TRADITIONAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS

OTO received four (4) applications for six (6) vehicles for the FTA 5310 Call for Projects, which was released in January 2024: From Empower: abilities, the Nova Center of the Ozarks, OATS, and the Ozark Senior Center for a total of \$562,541 with a federal share of \$450,050. OTO staff provided a summary of the applications received and the draft scoring that was provided in the agenda packet. Discussion was held regarding use of unallocated funds if projects get awarded and regarding disparities between scoring criteria and questions in application form.

The LCBT then reviewed the draft scoring of each application and agreed on final scoring of each application: Empower: abilities 43 points; Nova Center of the Ozarks 44 points, 44 OATS point and 43 Ozark Senior Center points.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to recommend approval of FTA 5310 funding for all received applications to the board of directors, seconded by Mr. Thomason. The motion passed.

MoDOT gave an update on their current procurement schedule, and the LCBT agreed on having another call for projects at a later point.

VI. CONNECT SGF

Mr. Thomason provided a summary of the Connect SGF transit improvement study by City Utilities (CU) transit and proposed changes resulting from the study. The study has been accepted by the board of public utilities and been presented to the council of the City of Springfield. CU plans to make some route changes, frequency changes of routes and fare changes of the fixed route system. Discussion was held regarding schedule for proposed changes and regarding transit services outside of City of Springfield and coordination with CU.

VII. MEMBER UPDATES

OTO staff announced that the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Low or No-Emission Bus and Bus facilities program has been published and applications are due April 25, 2024 and shared FTA training resources for vehicle procurement. MoDOT stated that the Missouri Elderly Handicap Transportation Assistance Program (MEHTAP) is open for applications.

The next meeting will be on May 2, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Approved on 6/27/2024.

Attested By:


Brandie Fisher, LCBT Chair