



OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION  
A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

## LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR TRANSIT MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2020

3:00 p.m.

This meeting took place via electronic means.

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### ATTENDEES

Bill Achor            Leslie McCafferty  
Zeke Hall            Brandie Fisher  
Jeff Robinson        Liz McClelland  
Danielle Wise

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### STAFF PRESENT

Andy Thomason      Sara Fields

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### A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Thomason brought the meeting to order at 3:06pm. Introductions were made.

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### B. APPROVAL OF 5-14-2020 MINUTES

Mr. Achor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve the minutes from 5-14-2020. The motion passed.

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### C. VEHICLE STATUS UPDATE

Mr. Thomason gave the committee a report on vehicles awarded in 2018. MoDOT would be holding a pre-bid meeting in mid-August to discuss bid specifications and address concerns raised by prospective bidders. Once the specifications are finalized, bids will be solicited. This all means it will still be awhile for vehicles awarded with FY 20 funds to be purchased and delivered.

Mr. Robinson also spoke of the issues OATS has had with the mid-roof Ford Transit vans. The issue seems to be a OEM issue rather than an modifier issue. The pre-bid meeting discussion should determine if this is something that can be addressed.

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### D. OATS REGIONAL DMH TRANSIT SERVICE

Mr. Robinson announced that bucket rates had been approved by the Department of Mental Health to provide community employment and dayhab trips across the 17 counties served by the Southwest Region of OATS. OATS is also coordinating with several SB-40 boards on this new service. The SB-40 Boards will act as the coordinating agency for these trips. As routes become more established, Mr. Robinson expects to add general public transit funds to support usage by general public. The DMH riders will be the priority riders on these routes.

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### E. IMPACTS OF COVID-19

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The committee had a roundtable discussion on the continued impacts of COVID-19. OATS reported that most services had been restored, but trip volumes are still down. Masks are required if social distance can't be maintained. The corporate office is closely tracking all possible exposures of drivers and riders. Ozark Senior Center continues to provide dialysis, foot clinic, and some other medical trips. In coordination with the Christian County Senior Tax Board and the Nixa Senior Center, Mr. Achor is providing services to seniors living in the Nixa area. City Utilities has resumed regular services and is trying to comply with the city's masking ordinance. FTA has encouraged transit providers to not actively police or enforce any local masking ordinances to avoid conflict on the buses. CU is also transitioning from temporary driver barriers to permanent barriers.

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### F. OTHER BUSINESS

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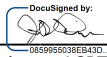
Mr. Achor asked about the cleaning protocols being used by OATS and CU Transit. He was interested to know if anyone is misting or fogging their vehicles. Mr. Robinson reported OATS was using a Lysol product. CU was using something similar. Mr. Thomason reported his father was utilizing a fogger in his role as church janitor. Mr. Thomason said he would try to get some details to share with the group.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm.

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Approved on 11/12/2020.

Attested By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Jeff Robinson, LCBT Chair