OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2010

The Technical Planning Committee of the Ozarks Transportation Organization met at its scheduled time of 1:30-2:30 p.m., at the Missouri State University Plaster Student Union (3rd Floor, Room 317).

The following members were present:

Mr. David Brock, City of Republic Mr. David Hutchinson, City of Springfield (a)

Mr. Don Clark, MSU Transportation Mr. Joel Keller, Greene County Highway Dept.

Mr. King Coltrin, City of Strafford Mr. Pat Lloyd, City of Willard (Chair)

Mr. Travis Cossey, City of Nixa Mr. Duffy Mooney, Greene County Highway Dept.

Ms. Carol Cruise, City Utilities Mr. Ryan Mooney, Springfield Chamber

Mr. Martin Gugel, City of Springfield Mr. Bill Robinett, MoDOT

Mr. Jason Haynes, City of Springfield Mr. Ralph Rognstad, City of Springfield

Mr. Rick Hess, City of Battlefield Mr. Dan Smith, Greene County Highway Dept.

Mr. Roger Howard, BNSF

1. *Denotes alternate given voting privileges as a substitute for voting member not present*

The following members were not present:

Mr. Mokhtee Ahmad, FTA Ms. Diane May, SMCOG

Mr. Rick Artman, Greene County Highway Dept. Mr. Bradley McMahon, FHWA

Mr. Bob Atchley, Christian County Planning Mr. Frank Miller, MoDOT

Mr. Brian Bingle, City of Nixa Mr. Kent Morris, Greene County Planning

Mr. David Bishop, R-12 Schools Mr. Andy Mueller, MoDOT

Mr. Randall Brown, City of Willard (a) Ms. Ann Razer, City of Springfield (a)

Mr. Steve Childers, City of Ozark Mr. Mark Roy, Airport (a)

Mr. Larry Combs, MSU (a) Mr. Mark Schenkelberg, FAA

Mr. Ron Effland, MoDOT (a) Mr. Shawn Schroeder, Airport

Ms. Diane Gallion, City Utilities (a) Mr. Mike Tettamble, Jr., O & S Trucking

Ms. Dawne Gardener, MoDOT Mr. Dan Watts, SMCOG

Mr. Mile Giles, City of Springfield (a) Mr. Terry Whaley, Ozark Greenways

Mr. Kevin Lambeth, City of Battlefield

Others present were: Ms. Sharon Davis, Ms. Sara Edwards, Ms. Natasha Longpine, Mr. Chris Stueve, Ozarks Transportation Organization; Mr. Steve McIntosh, Congressman Roy Blunt’s Office; Ms. Stacy Burks; Senator Bond’s Office; Ms. Jenni Jones, MoDOT; Carl Carlson, Olsson; Dan Booher; Gayle Bell; Annos Bell; Bobbie Louderbaugh; Jim Louderbaugh; Mike Stroder; Rob Aiken; Lee Wissmiller; Elizabeth Harris; News Media.

Mr. Lloyd called the meeting of the Technical Planning Committee to order at 1:33 p.m.

**I.** **Administration**

**A. Introductions**

**B. Approval of the Revised Technical Committee Meeting Agenda**

 Mr. Lloyd requested to move Major Thoroughfare Plan Subcommittee draft letter discussion from Section II.I to the Section II.A under New Business because of public attendance. Mr. Robinett made the motion to approve the revised Technical Committee Meeting Agenda and Mr. Hess seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

# C. Approval of the September 15, 2010 Regular Meeting and October 13, 2010 Special Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

There was one change to the September 15, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes. On page Seven, Section C, Paragraph Three, it should state Ms. Edwards and not Ms. Sara.

Mr. Rognstad made a motion to approve the September 15, 2010 minutes and Ms. Cruise seconded the motion. Ms. Cruise made a motion to approve the October 13, 2010 Special Minutes and that was seconded by Ms. Jones. Both motions were approved unanimously.

**D. Public Comment Period for all agenda items**

Mr. Rob Aiken, resident, thanked OTO for taking more time to study the divisive road issues of Farm Road 170. Mr. Aiken stated the draft letter to the City of Springfield and Greene County was the best letter yet concerning the issues because there has not been any growth in the area since 2008. Mr. Louderbaugh, resident, was in support of the draft letter. Mr. Louderbaugh requested OTO staff review the 2030 population projections for Farm Road 170, which currently states the area will have three persons per acre by 2030. If the projections are correct, Mr. Louderbaugh stated there would not be enough growth in the area to support a major arterial road. Mr. Louderbaugh requested the 2030 plan be reviewed and updated before a decision is made. Mr. Lloyd presented a letter received from Ms. Sara Ray, President of the Forest Ridge Property Owners Association addressed to OTO Staff, Technical Committee Members giving support of the draft letter.

**E. Interim Executive Director’s Report**

Ms. Edwards advised the Technical Committee that telephone interviews had been completed for the Executive Director opening. The Executive Director Search Committee has selected one potential candidate for an in person interview. The interview is scheduled for the Board of Director’s Meeting on December 16th.

OTO Staff has been working on the final draft of the transportation portion of the Springfield Strategic Plan. Ms. Edwards said it would be available for review on the City of Springfield website.

OTO Staff is starting the Community Focus Report that will be released in 2011. Ms. Edwards will be chairing the group and asked for volunteers to serve on the committee.

City Utilities is reviewing sites for the new transfer facility location. Ms. Edwards is on the Electric Plug-In Readiness Task Force. The Task Force is reviewing the best locations for electric vehicles to be able to plug-in and re-charge their vehicles.

OTO staff attended several transportation conferences including the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations and the Missouri American Planning Association. OTO Staff had an exhibit at the Ozarks New Energy Conference promoting the Rideshare program.

Ms. Edwards stated Ms. Cinda Rogers, CPA, performed the annual OTO audit for FY 2009–2010 in September. Ms. Rogers found OTO financial records in good standing without any material findings. OTO is awaiting the final audit report and a report will be presented to the Board of Directors in December.

Ms. Edwards will be attending a meeting on Thursday, November 18th with MoDOT on Partnering for Innovative Efficiencies. MoDOT will discuss how to better partner with local agencies on transportation issues.

Ms. Edwards advised the Technical Committee that the OTO office will be closed Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th in observance of Thanksgiving.

**F. Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Report**

Ms. Longpine stated BPAC has been working to set bicycle and pedestrian improvement goals and prioritizing project submittals for the Long Range Transportation Plan.

**II. New Business**

# Major Thoroughfare Plan Subcommittee Update

# The Major Thoroughfare Plan Subcommittee drafted a letter to submit to the Greene County Commission, Greene County Planning Department and Greg Burris, City of Springfield City Administrator deferring review of the proposed extension of Republic Road until the travel demand model can be updated following the release of the related census data. The committee held three meetings to review the extension with public attendance. The Major Thoroughfare Plan Subcommittee approved unanimously via email in favor of the letter. There has been thoughtful deliberation and consideration from the committee on all issues. Mr. Lloyd asked for questions or comments from the Technical Committee. Ms. Burks thought the third paragraph is misleading. It states that the update cannot occur until the release of the 2010 Census data, which will likely be in 2012. That should be corrected. Ms. Burks said this is confusing because the data will be released prior to 2012. Ms. Edwards responded that this referred to the specific transportation data repackaged by the census. The committee changed the wording to reflect the following: this update cannot occur until the release of the necessary or relevant census data. Mr. Lloyd asked for a motion to approve the proposed action of the Major Thoroughfare Plan Subcommittee to forward the letter to City of Springfield and Greene County. Mr. Howard made this motion and Mr. Rognstad seconded it. Mr. Lloyd asked for a voice vote on the motion. The motion passed with 14 ayes, 2 abstentions from MoDOT representatives, and 0 nays. Mr. Smith asked if the public had access to a copy of the letter. Ms. Edwards stated a copy was emailed to concerned residents and is also located on the OTO website for review.

# Amendment Number One to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Edwards stated there are five items included as part of TIP Amendment Number One of the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program. The first item is Greene County requesting the addition of a project to remove two existing bridges and realign Farm Road 186. The final four items are from the City of Battlefield requesting to add a project to conduct an engineering study extending Third Street to the Battlefield Municipal Complex, secondly, to add a project to construct a sidewalk along Elm Street from Cloverdale Lane to the Battlefield Municipal Complex, thirdly, to add a project to construct missing sidewalk along Cloverdale Lane to complete the current gap, and lastly, to add a project to conduct an engineering study and plans for a new bicycle and pedestrian trail along Highway M. Mr. Hess addressed questions concerning engineering studies done prior to 2011 for the sidewalk along Elm Street from Cloverdale Lane to the Battlefield Municipal Complex. Mr. Hess assured that the City of Battlefield will contribute the 20% match on all listed projects. A motion to approve the amendment was requested by Mr. Howard and seconded by Mr. Gugel. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. **Administrative Modification Number Two the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program**

Staff made two changes to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program listed as Administrative Modification Number Two, dated November 4, 2010. Staff moved the Ozarks Greenways Safe Routes Safety and Educational Initiative Phase II, in the amount of $91,250 from the prior TIP to the current TIP. The City of Springfield has requested to increase the programmed amount of funding for the Operations and Management of the Ozarks Traffic. The total project increase was less than four percent.

1. **Annual Listing of Obligated Projects**

Ms. Edwards stated OTO is required to publish an annual listing of federal obligated projects as required by federal law under CFR §450.332, no longer than 90 calendar days following the end of the program year, identifying federal obligated projects and amounts. Mr. Brock made a motion to forward the annual listing of obligated projects, with the additional transit projects, to the Board of Directors. Mr. Haynes seconded the motion. The committee approved the motion unanimously.

1. **OTO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update**

Ms. Longpine stated that all members of Technical Planning Committee have been included in all emails concerning the Long Range Transportation Plan. Goals for transportation projects have been set and are moving forward. Ms. Longpine is finalizing the project list for submission. Ms. Longpine will meet with the LRTP on November 30 for further discussion and review. She will update the Technical Planning Committee of future meetings.

1. **Enhancement Application Update**

Ms. Edwards stated she received thirteen applications for the $1.6 million in Enhancement Funding. Ms. Edwards provided the enhancement subcommittee with copies of the applications to review before the next scheduled Enhancement Subcommittee meeting on November 22nd. Ms. Edwards is planning to have a special electronic meeting with the Technical Planning Committee later this month to meet the MoDOT deadlines.

1. **OTO Technical Committee Chair Rotation**

Mr. Rognstad made a motion to select Mr. David Brock, City of Republic, as the 2011 Chair with Bob Atchley, Christian County, as Chairman-Elect of the Technical Committee based on rotation schedule created in 2007 and Mr. Gugel seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

1. **OTO Technical Committee Schedule**

Staff has scheduled the 2011 Technical Planning Committee Meetings. The meetings will be held every other month on the third Wednesday from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the Missouri State University Plaster Student Union, Room 317. The schedule is as follows: January 19, March 16, May 18, July 20, September 21 and November 16, 2011.

1. **Update on EPA Review of Ozone Standards and Impact to OTO**

Ms. Longpine stated that the EPA has filed a motion delaying the release of ozone standards to release by December 31, 2010. Currently, the region is in attainment at 67 ppb by current standards.

Ms. Longpine stated Transportation Conformity is a way to ensure that Federal funding and approval goes to those transportation activities that are consistent with air quality goals. Conformity determinations apply to transportation plans, transportation improvement plans, and projects funded by FHWA or FTA in the area that are considered non-attainment or maintenance. A Conformity determination shows the total emissions projected for a plan or program are within the emissions limits set for the non-attainment area. Conformity determinations apply to Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Plans (TIP). To be considered in attainment, an area must develop two 10-year maintenance plans. Ms. Longpine mentioned discussions concerning the new transportation bill and regulations that MPOs will be required to set targets for greenhouse gas reductions.

**III. Other Business**

1. **Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements**

Mr. Lloyd was thanked for his service as chair of the Technical Planning Committee during 2010.

1. **Transportation Issues For Technical Planning Committee Review**

No comments

**IV. Adjournment**

Mr. Lloyd adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.