

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2026**

The Board of Directors of the Ozarks Transportation Organization met at its scheduled time of 12:00 p.m. in person.

The following members were present:

Steve Bach, Springfield Citizen-at-Large	Lynn Morris, Christian County
Jerry Compton, Citizen-at-Large	Stacy Reese, MoDOT (non-voting)
Travis Cossey, City of Nixa (a) (Chair)	John Russell, Greene County
Mark Crabtree, City of Battlefield	Dan Smith, City of Springfield (a)
Eric Franklin, City of Republic	Kelly Turner, City Utilities
Eric Johnson, City of Ozark (a)	Brian Weiler, Springfield-Branson Airport (a)
Derek Lee, City of Springfield	

(a) Denotes alternate given voting privileges as a substitute for voting member not present

The following members were not present:

Cecelie Cochran, FHWA (non-voting)	Rusty MacLachlan, Greene County
RJ Flores, Christian Co Citizen-at-Large	Mark Schenkelberg, FAA (non-voting)
Brandon Jenson, City of Springfield	Wes Young, City of Willard (a)
Marshall Kinne, Springfield Citizen-at-Large	

Others Present: Bradley Jackson, Christian County; Scott Bachman, City of Springfield; Dave Faucett, Sara Fields, David Knaut, Natasha Longpine, Debbie Parks, and Jen Thomas, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

Chair Cossey called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

I. Administration

A quorum was present.

A. Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Brian Weiler made a motion to approve the January 15, 2026 agenda. Jerry Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. Approval of November 20, 2025 Minutes

John Russell made a motion to approve the November 20, 2025 minutes. Derek Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. Public Comment Period for All Agenda Items

The Chair advised there were public comments included in the packet and then asked for comments and questions. There were no in-person or online comments.

D. Executive Director's Report

Sara Fields provided an update of upcoming legislative activity, projects, and ongoing work at the OTO.

E. MoDOT Update

Stacy Reese provided the MoDOT update.

F. Legislative Reports

There was no legislative report.

II. New Business

A. FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Three

Natasha Longpine shared the proposed changes to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program.

- *Revised* Fassnight Greenway – Glenstone to Enterprise (EN2423)
- *New* Area Wide School Flasher Program (EN2612)
- *Revised* I-44 Safety Project (MO2521)
- *Revised* Main Avenue Bridge over Jordan Creek (SP2402)
- *New* Fremont Avenue – Erie to Independence (SP2612)
- *New* 2026 Springfield ADA Improvements – Various Routes (SP2613)
- *New* Springfield School Flasher Signal Replacement – Various Locations (SP2607)

John Russell made a motion to approve Amendment Three to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. Jerry Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. 2026 National Performance Targets

Natasha Longpine reviewed the performance targets.

Kelly Turner made a motion to support the statewide and CU performance targets. Mark Crabtree seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. Statewide Safe Active Transportation Plan Letter of Support

David Knaut presented a letter of support for a Statewide Safe Active Transportation Plan.

Dan Smith made a motion to approve a letter of support for the development of a Statewide Safe Active Transportation Plan in Missouri. Steve Bach seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. Federal Discretionary Grant Support

Debbie Parks shared the federal discretionary grant applications for Highway MM in Republic and Sunshine Street in Springfield.

Derek Lee made a motion to approve the resolutions and transportation improvement program inclusion certificates as provided. Kelly Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. Ozark Multi-Trail Planning and Design Project

Debbie Parks reviewed the increased project scope request for engineering services administration by OTO for the City of Ozark.

- **Project Memorandum of Agreement Amendment**

Dan Smith made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute an addendum to the existing Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Ozark to increase the scope and fee of the engineering services administration for the multi-trail project. Eric Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- **Engineering Services Contract**

Eric Franklin made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to amend and execute the amended consultant contracts with the increased scope and fee for Kali Springs Connector and Blue Stem Phase I. Mark Crabtree seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- **Budget Amendment**

Steve Bach made a motion to approve the FY2026 Operational Budget Amendment #4. Eric Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. Nicholas and Tracker Intersection Project Management MOA

Debbie Parks presented the proposal for OTO to provide project management for the Nicholas and Tracker Intersection project.

Lynn Morris made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Christian County to provide project management services for the Nicholas and Tracker Intersection project. John Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

G. Chesterfield Lofts Lease Renewal – 1 Year

Sara Fields shared a proposed one year lease extension in the current location.

Brian Weiler made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a one-year lease renewal option for office space in the Chesterfield Lofts Building. Jerry Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Other Business

A. Board of Directors Member Announcements

Dan Smith shared the City of Springfield was awarded a \$13.8 million in Federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant. The regional safety plan completed by OTO along with the City of Springfield approving the Vision Zero goal allowed the City to apply for the grant.

Brian Weiler reported that 2025 was the third record breaking year for the Springfield-Branson National Airport. In 2025, a record 1.55 million total passengers used the airport. That is up 9% from the previous year and up more than 70% since 2015. It was also a strong year for cargo, almost 30 million pounds.

B. Transportation Issues for Board of Directors Member Review

There were no transportation issues for member review.

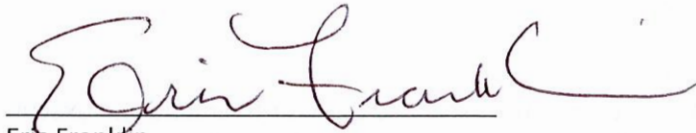
C. Articles for Board of Directors Member Information

Chair Cossey noted there were articles of interest included in the packet for the members to review.

IV. Adjourn meeting

Dan Smith made a motion to adjourn. Eric Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Eric Franklin", written over a horizontal line.

Eric Franklin
OTO Secretary