

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

The Technical Planning Committee of the Ozarks Transportation Organization met at its scheduled time via Zoom video conferencing. A quorum was declared present, and the meeting was called to order at approximately 1:31 p.m. by Chairman Tommy VanHorn.

The following members were present:

Mr. Garrett Brickner, City of Republic	Mr. John Matthews, MSU
Mr. Dave Christensen (a), City of Strafford	Mr. Frank Miller, MoDOT
Ms. Dawne Gardner (a), City of Springfield	Ms. Britni O'Connor, MoDOT
Mr. Martin Gugel, City of Springfield	Mr. Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa
Mr. Zeke Hall, MoDOT	Ms. Beth Schaller, MoDOT
Mr. Kirk Juranas, City of Springfield	Mr. Tommy VanHorn, City of Battlefield
Mr. Joel Keller (a), Greene County	Mr. Todd Wiesehan, Christian County (Chair)
Ms. Mary Kromrey, Ozark Greenways	

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

The following members were not present:

Mr. Rick Artman, Greene County	Mr. Jeremy Parsons, City of Ozark
Mr. Randy Brown, City of Willard	Mr. Jason Ray, SMOG
Mr. Matt Crawford, City Utilities Transit	Mr. David Schaumburg, Springfield-Branson Airport
Ms. Emily Denniston, Spfld Chamber of Commerce	Mr. Mark Schenkelberg, FAA
Mr. Adam Humphrey, Greene County	Mr. Travis Shaw, Springfield Public Schools
Mr. Ahmad Mokhtee, FTA	Mr. Jeremy Wegner, BNSF

Others present were: Ms. Sonya Anderson & Mr. Dan Wadlington, Senator Blunt's Office; Mr. Jeremy Pruet, U.S. Representative Long's Office; Ms. Paula Brookshire & Mr. Tom Dancey, City of Springfield; Ms. Kim Ader & Ms. Stacy Reese, MoDOT; Mr. David Faucett, Ms. Sara Fields, Ms. Natasha Longpine, Ms. Debbie Parks, Mr. JD Stevenson, Ms. Nicole Stokes, and Mr. Andy Thomason, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

I. Administration

A. Introductions

Chairman Todd VanHorn welcomed everyone and requested introductions by a roll call.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Absent	Kromrey, Mary	Present
Brickner, Garrett	Present	Matthews, John	Present
Brown, Randy	Absent	Miller, Frank	Present
Christensen, Dave	Present	O'Connor, Britni	Present
Crawford, Matt	Absent	Parsons, Jeremy	Absent
Denniston, Emily	Absent	Roussell, Jeff	Present

Gardner, Dawne	Present	Schaller, Beth	Present
Gugel, Martin	Present	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Hall, Zeke	Present	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Absent	VanHorn, Tommy	Present
Juranas, Kirk	Present	Wegner, Jeremy	Absent
Keller, Joel	Present	Wiesehan, Todd	Present

A quorum was present.

B. Approval of the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda

Mr. Roussell made a motion to approve the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for February 16, 2022. Ms. Gardner seconded the motion. Chairman VanHorn asked for a roll call vote.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Absent	Kromrey, Mary	Aye
Brickner, Garrett	Aye	Matthews, John	Aye
Brown, Randy	Absent	Miller, Frank	Aye
Christensen, Dave	Aye	O'Connor, Britni	--
Crawford, Matt	Absent	Parsons, Jeremy	Absent
Denniston, Emily	Absent	Roussell, Jeff	Aye
Gardner, Dawne	Aye	Schaller, Beth	Aye
Gugel, Martin	Aye	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Hall, Zeke	Aye	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Absent	VanHorn, Tommy	Aye
Juranas, Kirk	Aye	Wegner, Jeremy	Absent
Keller, Joel	Aye	Wiesehan, Todd	--

The motion passed.

C. Approval of the December 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Kromrey made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2021 Technical Planning Committee Meeting. Mr. Roussell seconded the motion. Chairman VanHorn asked for a roll call vote.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Absent	Kromrey, Mary	Aye
Brickner, Garrett	Aye	Matthews, John	Aye
Brown, Randy	Absent	Miller, Frank	Aye
Christensen, Dave	Aye	O'Connor, Britni	--
Crawford, Matt	Absent	Parsons, Jeremy	Absent
Denniston, Emily	Absent	Roussell, Jeff	Aye
Gardner, Dawne	Aye	Schaller, Beth	Aye
Gugel, Martin	Aye	Schaumburg, David	Absent

Hall, Zeke	Aye	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Absent	VanHorn, Tommy	Aye
Juranas, Kirk	Aye	Wegner, Jeremy	Absent
Keller, Joel	Aye	Wiesehan, Todd	--

The motion passed.

D. Public Comment Period for All Agenda Items

Chairman VanHorn advised there were public comments included in the packet. Chairman VanHorn asked for comments or questions. Ms. Lisa Roller from Republic addressed the Committee concerning the Shuyler Creek Trail Extension.

E. Staff Report

Ms. Fields reported OTO is hard at work applying for discretionary funding as it is released. OTO is working on a RAISE Grant for Highway MM in Republic. OTO is preparing to apply for an INFRA Grant for I-44. Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly have been hired to assist in the process of applying for the grant although the notice of funding has not been released at this time. OTO is also working towards acquiring new and better data and more comprehensive travel speed information for the prioritization process and the congestion management program. OTO has entered into a contract with Urban SDK to do that. OTO is implementing a new Transportation Improvement Program software. A date for training on the new TIP software will be sent out.

The Chadwick Flyer Crossing study is still underway. A first draft of the study has been completed. Next will be the public comment process. Funds were awarded for Phase III of the Chadwick Flyer project and an RFQ is out for design services.

OTO is serving as the project manager on its first partnership project with the City of Nixa for Main Street. STBG-U funds are being used for this project.

The Growth Trends Report is delayed this year due to the delay in the release of Census data.

F. Legislative Reports

Mr. Wadlington, with Senator Blunt's Office, stated that Congress is working on trying to keep the government open. The House passed a continuing resolution to keep the government open until March 11th. The Senate is voting on several nominations. A new FDA Commissioner was approved.

Mr. Pruetz, with Congressman Long's office, shared that the House passed the continuing resolution pushing the budget through March 11th. This could be the last continuing resolution for this fiscal year. By the end of March 11th, the bill may fund the government through the end of the fiscal year. There have been a lot of conversations on how to deal with the inflation. Part of those conversations have included the possibility of suspending the federal gas tax through the remainder of the year.

Ms. Fields asked if there was still room for Community Designated Projects in the budget. Mr. Pruetz nor Mr. Wadlington knew. Mr. Pruetz stated their Washington D.C. team could look into it.

G. MoDOT Report

Mr. Miller reported MoDOT is still working on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. There is an early draft of the document available on the MoDOT website which currently only includes the road and bridge projects.

Ms. Reese stated MoDOT is still moving forward on the design build bridge project on I-44. The bridges closest to the OTO MPO area should begin construction in 2023.

II. New Business:**A. FY 2022-2025 TIP Amendment Four**

Ms. Longpine stated that there were four items included as part of Amendment Number Four to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program.

1. ***New*** Farm Road 223 Bridge Replacement over Little Sac River (GR2210-22A4)
Greene County is adding a project using BRO funding to replace a bridge over the Little Sac River for a total programmed amount of \$660,000.
2. ***New*** Greene County Bridge Projects on FR 102/150/171 (GR2211-22A4)
Greene County is adding a bundle of bridge projects using BRO funding for a total programmed amount of \$735,000.
 - Farm Road 102 Replacement over branch of S. Dry Sac River (\$300,000)
 - Farm Road 150 Replacement over Wilson's Creek (\$360,000)
 - Farm Road 171 Rehabilitation/Repair over the Little Sac River (\$75,000)
3. ***Revised*** Scoping for Safety and Operational Improvements on Sunshine Street (SP1802-22A4) – Changing the scope from Glenstone to Bedford to Glenstone to Farm Road 199, with no change in programmed amount.
4. ***Revised*** Chestnut Expressway Safety Scoping (SP1812-22A4)
Changing the scope from Kansas Expressway to Glenstone to I-44 to Glenstone, with no change in programmed amount.

Mr. Keller made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve Amendment 4 to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Kromrey seconded the motion. Chairman VanHorn asked for a roll call vote.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Absent	Kromrey, Mary	Aye
Brickner, Garrett	Aye	Matthews, John	Aye
Brown, Randy	Absent	Miller, Frank	Aye
Christensen, Dave	Aye	O'Connor, Britni	--
Crawford, Matt	Absent	Parsons, Jeremy	Absent
Denniston, Emily	Absent	Roussell, Jeff	Aye
Gardner, Dawne	Aye	Schaller, Beth	Aye
Gugel, Martin	Aye	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Hall, Zeke	Aye	Shaw, Travis	Absent

Humphrey, Adam	Absent	VanHorn, Tommy	Aye
Juranas, Kirk	Aye	Wegner, Jeremy	Absent
Keller, Joel	Aye	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye

The motion passed.

B. Overview of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (IIJA)

Ms. Longpine reported the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, was signed into law on November 15, 2021. This bill reauthorized the surface transportation program, as well as created several new programs to provide investments in a variety of infrastructure. Ms. Longpine provided an overview of the relevant provisions contained in the BIL.

This was informational only. No action was required.

C. STIP Prioritization

Ms. Fields shared that each year following the OTO annual project prioritization, MoDOT works to develop cost estimates for projects to work toward programming said projects. Once estimates are developed and the amount of available funding is projected, local MoDOT staff work with the Technical Planning Committee to determine the best and most feasible projects to program with available funds.

This year is an exciting year with additional funding projected from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the increased motor fuel tax in Missouri. This funding has provided the region with the opportunity to recommend additional projects for programming in the STIP.

Two meetings were held in January 2022 to discuss projects. These meetings led to a list titled "OTO Recommended STIP Project List" which is the recommendation resulting from the special meetings held in January.

The OTO prioritized list of projects resulted in over 100 projects that were identified for improvement. OTO also worked with MoDOT to develop an unfunded needs list that contains three tiers representing possible funding scenarios. When selecting which projects to estimate, MoDOT selected the Top 15 from OTO's list and the projects from Tier 1 and Tier 2 of the unfunded needs list. This combination formed the basis for the group to recommend projects for programming. Considerations in being selected included project readiness, the ability to group projects in proximity, associated asset management activities, and funding available. This year, an attempt was also made to ensure that a project near or in each community could be added.

MoDOT will consider OTO's Recommended STIP Project List when developing the FY 2023-2027 Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. The Draft is typically published for public comment in May and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission will adopt the STIP in July. The Draft will be provided as soon as available. Ms. Fields provided an overview of the OTO Recommended STIP Project List.

This was informational only. No action was required.

D. UPWP Subcommittee

Ms. Fields requested appointments of the UPWP Subcommittee to prepare the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program.

Ms. Kromrey made a motion to appoint Mr. Matt Crawford, Ms. Dawne Gardner, and Ms. Britni O'Connor to the UPWP Subcommittee. Mr. Juranas seconded the motion. Chairman VanHorn asked for a roll call vote.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Absent	Kromrey, Mary	Aye
Brickner, Garrett	Aye	Matthews, John	Aye
Brown, Randy	Absent	Miller, Frank	Aye
Christensen, Dave	Aye	O'Connor, Britni	Aye
Crawford, Matt	Absent	Parsons, Jeremy	Absent
Denniston, Emily	Absent	Roussell, Jeff	Aye
Gardner, Dawne	Aye	Schaller, Beth	Aye
Gugel, Martin	Aye	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Hall, Zeke	Aye	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Absent	VanHorn, Tommy	Aye
Juranas, Kirk	Aye	Wegner, Jeremy	Absent
Keller, Joel	Aye	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye

The motion passed.

E. TIP Subcommittee

Ms. Longpine requested appointments to a subcommittee to prepare the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program.

Mr. Juranas made a motion to appoint Mr. Adam Humphrey, Mr. Kirk Juranas, Mr. Frank Miller, Ms. Britni O'Connor, and Mr. Jeff Roussell to the Transportation Improvement Program subcommittee. Mr. Gugel seconded the motion. Chairman VanHorn asked for a roll call vote.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Absent	Kromrey, Mary	Aye
Brickner, Garrett	Aye	Matthews, John	Aye
Brown, Randy	Absent	Miller, Frank	Aye
Christensen, Dave	Aye	O'Connor, Britni	Aye
Crawford, Matt	Absent	Parsons, Jeremy	Absent
Denniston, Emily	Absent	Roussell, Jeff	Aye
Gardner, Dawne	Aye	Schaller, Beth	Aye
Gugel, Martin	Aye	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Hall, Zeke	Aye	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Absent	VanHorn, Tommy	Aye
Juranas, Kirk	Aye	Wegner, Jeremy	Absent

Keller, Joel	Aye	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye
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The motion passed.

III. **Other Business**

A. **Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements**

Mr. VanHorn shared the City of Battlefield will be doing a Highway FF Corridor Study. The initial kickoff meeting has been held which included OTO and CMT. They are hoping to have results by June.

Ms. Kromrey stated Ozark Greenways will be kicking off Bike, Walk, and Wheel Week May 14th.

Mr. Brickner shared the Second Shuyler Creek Trail public meeting will be held February 22nd at the Republic Community Center after a short City Council meeting which will start at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Roussell thanked OTO staff member Mr. Stevenson for his assistance on the Main Street project in Nixa.

B. **Transportation Issues for Technical Planning Committee Member Review**

There were no transportation issues for Committee review.

C. **Articles for Technical Planning Committee Member Information**

Chairman VanHorn noted there were articles of interest included in the Agenda Packet. There was no discussion.

IV. **Adjournment**

Mr. Roussell moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Juranas seconded the motion. Chairman VanHorn asked for a roll call vote.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Absent	Kromrey, Mary	Aye
Brickner, Garrett	Aye	Matthews, John	Aye
Brown, Randy	Absent	Miller, Frank	Aye
Christensen, Dave	Aye	O'Connor, Britni	Aye
Crawford, Matt	Absent	Parsons, Jeremy	Absent
Denniston, Emily	Absent	Roussell, Jeff	Aye
Gardner, Dawne	Aye	Schaller, Beth	Aye
Gugel, Martin	Aye	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Hall, Zeke	Aye	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Absent	VanHorn, Tommy	Aye
Juranas, Kirk	Aye	Wegner, Jeremy	Absent
Keller, Joel	Aye	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye

The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:29 p.m.

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Tommy VanHorn
Technical Planning Committee Chair