

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2025**

The Technical Planning Committee of the Ozarks Transportation Organization met at its scheduled time in person. A quorum was declared present. Chair Parsons began the meeting at approximately 1:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Scott Bachman (a), City of Springfield
Paula Brookshire (a), City of Springfield
Eric Claussen, City of Springfield
Matt Crawford, City Utilities
Karen Haynes, City of Republic
Adam Humphrey, Greene County

Frank Miller, MoDOT
John Montgomery (a), Ozark Greenways
Jeremy Parsons, City of Ozark (Chair)
Mike Ruesch, City of Willard
Beth Schaller, MoDOT
Daniel Weitkamp (non-voting), FHWA

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

The following members were not present:

Keith Adams, Springfield Public Schools
Sydney Allen, Greene County
Gerri Doyle, FTA
Tristan Losh, City of Battlefield
John Matthews, Missouri State University
Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa
Mark Schenkelberg, FAA

David Schaumburg, Springfield-Branson Nat'l Airport
Tim Schowe, City of Strafford
Aishwarya Shrestha (non-voting), SMCOG
Ben Vickers (non-voting), Springfield Chamber
Mark Webb, Greene County
Jeremy Wegner, BNSF
Todd Wiesehan, Christian County

Others present were: Cecelie Cochran, John Miller, and Scott Stotlemeyer, FHWA; Gerri Doyle, FTA; Ezekiel Hall, MoDOT; King Coltrin, City of Springfield; Nicole Boyd, Dave Faucett, Sara Fields, David Knaut, Natasha Longpine, Debbie Parks, and Jen Thomas, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

I. Administration

A. Introductions

Chair Parsons welcomed everyone.

B. Approval of the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda

Eric Claussen made a motion to approve the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for February 19, 2025. Adam Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. Approval of December 18, 2024 and January 14, 2025 E-Meeting Minutes

Eric Claussen made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2024 meeting and January 14, 2025 E-Meeting. Adam Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. Public Comment Period for All Agenda Items

Chair Parsons advised there were public comments included in the packet. Chair Parsons asked for comments or questions.

E. Executive Director's Report

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

F. Legislative Report

There were no legislative reports.

G. MoDOT Report

Frank Miller shared the MoDOT report.

H. Committee Reports and Grant Opportunities

Debbie Parks shared that OTO has been working on the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation Program (PROTECT) grant. The next Cost Share agreement application is due in April. OTO is continuing to send out the monthly Grants Newsletter. The Electric Vehicles for Municipalities workshop was rescheduled to April due to weather. Information for the workshop is in the OTO Grant Newsletter as well as OTO's website.

David Knaut reported there was one Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting in January. The Committee scored critical sidewalk gaps in the region. The list and the map of these gaps are on the OTO website on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee page. At their next meeting, the Committee will discuss the Implementation Plan.

While the Local Coordinating Board for Transit did not meet, they continue to work on the OTO 5310 designation.

There was one meeting for the Traffic Incident Management Subcommittee held. The subcommittee reviewed the incidents of the quarter.

I. Federal Fund Status Update

Jen Thomas reported as of February 19, 2025, OTO has obligated approximately \$3.3 million of the \$10.7 million goal. Obligations are at 31% of the goal with pending obligations pushing that to 41%. Jurisdictions were encouraged to review the Federal Funds Balance report and Critical Obligations.

II. New Business

A. OTO Growth Trends

Dave Faucett presented the 2024 Growth Trends report.

This was informational only. No action was requested.

B. FY 2025-2028 TIP Administrative Modifications Two and Three

Natasha Longpine reviewed the changes made to the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program.

Administrative Modification Two

- Chadwick Flyer US 65 Crossing (OK304)
Increased TAP funding and adjusted MO-ARPA funding to reflect additional award, as well as moved ROW to Construction and added to local to ensure the programmed amount matched the Construction Award amount.
- RAISE Ungap the Map (SP2515)
Adjusted funding between engineering, ROW, and construction to match the award agreement.

Administrative Modification Three

- Garrison Springs Trail (OK2303)
Moved \$440,000 in federal funding to local, maintaining the total programmed amount of \$111,000.

This was informational only. No action was requested.

C. FY 2025-2028 TIP Amendment Four

Natasha Longpine highlighted the change proposed to the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program.

1. *Revised* Ward Branch Greenway – National to Fremont (EN2416)
Programmed amount revised due to increased engineering costs, with a new total programmed amount of \$95,438.

Eric Claussen made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve Amendment 4 to the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program. Adam Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. CRP/TAP Project Schedule Extension

Jen Thomas shared that the cities of Battlefield and Ozark requested to extend the schedules of the Trail of Tears Connector (EN2401-24) and Blue Stem Phase I (EN2421-25AM1), which were awarded TAP funds in July 2023 and July 2024, respectively.

Eric Claussen made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the revised reasonable progress schedule for the Trail of Tears Connector and Blue Stem Phase 1 project. Adam Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. Bicycle and Pedestrian Funding Guidebook and Application

David Knaut reviewed the application and Guidebook developed by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for the purpose of awarding Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure funding through the TAP and Carbon Reduction funding programs.

John Montgomery made a motion to approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Funding Guidebook and application for a funding round to begin March 31, 2025. Adam Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. UPWP Subcommittee

Debbie Parks asked for volunteers to serve on the FY 2026 United Planning Work Program Subcommittee.

Matt Crawford, Zeke Hall, and Mike Ruesch volunteered.

G. TIP Subcommittee

Natasha Longpine asked for volunteers to serve on the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program Subcommittee.

Eric Claussen, Matt Crawford, Jeremy Parsons, and Beth Schaller volunteered.

H. LRTP Subcommittee

Natasha Longpine asked for volunteers to serve on a subcommittee to prepare the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Scott Bachman, Matt Crawford, Kirsty Ketchum, Frank Miller, Mike Ruesch, Beth Schaller, and Cliff Spangler volunteered.

I. Technical Planning Committee Chair Rotation

Sara Fields stated a chairman-elect for 2025 to serve as chair for 2026 was needed.

Scott Bachman made a motion to elect Eric Claussen as the Chairman-Elect for 2025. John Montgomery seconded the motion. The motion passed.

J. FHWA/FTA Presentation

Daniel Weitkamp with the Federal Highway Administration provided a summary of USDOT's visit to OTO for the federal planning certification review.

III. Other Business

A. Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements

Jeremy Parsons shared the Notice to Proceed for the Chadwick Flyer Overpass will be March 3rd.

B. Transportation Issues for Technical Planning Committee Review

There were no transportation issues for the Committee review.

C. Articles for Technical Planning Committee Member Information

Chair Parsons noted there were articles of interest included in the Agenda Packet.

IV. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.



Jeremy Parsons

Technical Planning Committee Chairman-Elect