

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 26, 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	Marshall Kinne, Springfield Citizen-at-Large
Cecelie Cochran, FHWA (non-voting)	Derek Lee, City of Springfield
Jerry Compton, Citizen-at-Large	Frank Miller, MoDOT (non-voting)
Travis Cossey, City of Nixa (a) (Chair)	Lynn Morris, Christian County
Mark Crabtree, City of Battlefield	Dan Smith, City of Springfield (a)
R.J. Flores, Christian Co Citizen-at-Large	Sandy Strecker, City of Strafford
Eric Franklin, City of Republic	Kelly Turner, City Utilities
Brandon Jenson, City of Springfield	Brian Weiler, Springfield-Branson Airport (a)
Eric Johnson, City of Ozark (a)	

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

The following members were not present:

Rusty MacLachlan, Greene County	Mark Schenkelberg, FAA (non-voting)
John Russell, Greene County	Wes Young, City of Willard (a)

Others Present: Michael Ussery, Senator Schmitt's Office; Joseph DiCiolla, MoDOT; Scott Bachman, City of Springfield; Sean Matlock, OWN, Inc.; Nicole Boyd, 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

Brandon Jenson made a motion to approve the March 26, 2026 agenda. Steve Bach seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. Approval of January 15, 2026 Minutes

Derek Lee made a motion to approve the January 15, 2025 minutes. Eric Franklin 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

Frank Miller provided the MoDOT update.

F. Legislative Reports

Michael Ussery provided a Legislative update.

II. New Business

A. FY2025 Independent Financial Statement Audit Report

Eric Johnson, OTO Treasurer, presented the FY2025 Independent Financial Statement Audit Report. The Auditor’s opinion states that the financial statements were presented fairly in all material aspects. There were no findings included as part of this audit.

Brandon Jenson made a motion to accept the FY2025 Independent Financial Statement Audit Report. Eric Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. Financial Statements for 2nd Quarter FY2026 Budget Year

Debbie Parks reviewed the financial statements for the 2nd quarter of the FY2026 budget year.

Derek Lee made a motion to accept the Second Quarter Financial Statements for the FY2026 Budget Year. Dan Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. FY2026 UPWP Amendment One

Debbie Parks highlighted proposed Amendment One to the FY2026 UPWP.

Marshall Kinne made a motion to approve the FY2026 UPWP Amendment One. Kelly Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. FY 2026-2029 TIP Amendment Four

Natasha Longpine presented Amendment Four to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program.

1. *NEW* Route D Bridge Improvement (GR2602)
2. *NEW* I-44 and US65 Interchange Improvements (SP2615)

Dan Smith made a motion to approve the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Four. Steve Bach seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. Flashing School Zone Beacon Funding Recommendation

David Knaut shared the proposed funding to be awarded to the Logan-Rogersville R-VIII School District and the City of Republic for school zone beacons.

1. Logan-Rogersville R-VIII School District – Four flashing beacon sets on S. State Highway 125 between E. Farm Road 170 and NE Outer Road

2. City of Republic – Two flashing beacons sets on S. State Route N between W. North St and W. State Highway 174

Brandon Jenson made a motion to approve funding for the submitted school zone beacon projects. Jerry Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. FTA 5310 Non-Traditional Funding Award

David Knaut reviewed the proposed funding award of FTA 5310 funding to City Utilities.

Marshall Kinne made a motion to approve award of FTA 5310 funds for FY 2024-2026 in the amount of \$476,438 to City Utilities Transit. Brian Weiler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

G. FY 2026-2029 Administrative Modification 3

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

1. Finley River Trail Western Expansion Phase I (EN2607)
2. I-44 Safety Project (MO2521)
3. N. Old Orchard Road Improvements (ST2202)

This was informational only. No action was required.

H. Growth Trends Report

Dave Faucett presented the OTO Growth Trends Report.

This was informational only. No action was required.

III. Other Business

A. Board of Directors Member Announcements

Eric Johnson shared the Chadwick Flyer Ribbon Cutting will be May 14th. Invitations will be sent out approximately 2 weeks before.

Sara Fields reported that the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission will be conducting their June 3rd meeting in Springfield at the White River Conference Center at Bass Pro.

B. Transportation Issues for Board of Directors Member Review

Dan Smith stated the City of Springfield has received a request from southeast Missouri to look at the feasibility of a new interstate, I-66.

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

Brandon Jenson made a motion to adjourn. Eric Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Eric Franklin

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