

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 16, 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:

Kimberly Ader (a), MoDOT	Tristan Losh, City of Battlefield
Sydney Allen, Greene County	Jeremy Parsons, City of Ozark (Chair)
Matt Crawford, City Utilities	Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa
Justin Crighton, City of Springfield	Beth Schaller, MoDOT
Brett Foster, City of Springfield	Ben Tegeler, Ozark Greenways
Karen Haynes, City of Republic	Mark Webb, Greene County
Adam Humphrey, Greene County	Todd Wiesehan, Christian County

*(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	Mark Schenkelberg, FAA
Eric Claussen, City of Springfield	Tim Schowe, City of Strafford
Gerri Doyle, FTA	Aishwarya Shrestha (non-voting), SMOG
John Matthews, Missouri State University	Ben Vickers (non-voting), Springfield Chamber
Mike Ruesch, City of Willard	Jeremy Wegner, BNSF
David Schaumburg, Springfield-Branson Nat'l Airport	Daniel Weitkamp, FHWA

Others present were: Jered Taylor, Congressman Burlison's Office; Tucker Jobes and Michael Ussery, Senator Schmitt's Office; Kirsty Ketchum, Greene County; Tommy VanHorn, City of Battlefield; Derrick Estell, Toth & Associates; 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**

Jeff Roussell made a motion to approve the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for April 16, 2025. Adam Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**C. Approval of February 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Mark Webb made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2025 meeting. Karen Haynes 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 and 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**

Jered Taylor with Congressman Burlison's Office and Tucker Jobes with Senator Schmitt's office gave a legislative report.

**G. MoDOT Report**

Beth Schaller and Kimberly Ader shared the MoDOT report.

**H. Committee Reports and Grant Opportunities**

David Knaut provided the Local Coordinating Board for Transit and Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee updates.

Debbie Parks shared grant informational news.

**II. New Business**

**A. FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program**

Debbie Parks presented the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program.

Adam Humphrey made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program. Jeff Roussell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**B. *Destination 2045* Amendment 9**

Natasha Longpine reviewed the changes requested to the Major Thoroughfare Plan and the Master Trail Plan.

**Updated Major Thoroughfare Plan**

- Removal of proposed collector in Springfield and Greene County  
A request to remove a proposed collector between Farm Roads 151 and 159, north of Norton Road in Greene County and the City of Springfield.
- Removal of Proposed FF Extension  
Request to remove the FF Extension from Farm Road 194 to Route 14 as a result of the updated travel demand model.

**Updated Official Trail Map**

- New construction and planning of regional trails, along with public feedback from OTO's *Destination Safe Streets* plan and local jurisdiction planning, have highlighted the need to update the official trail map.

Todd Wiesehan made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve Amendment Nine to *Destination 2045* with the removal of the future proposed collector, from Farm Road 151 to Farm Road 159, contingent upon approval by the City of Springfield and Greene County. Jeff Roussell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**C. March 31, 2025 Federal Funds Balance Report and Status Update**

Jen Thomas stated that halfway through the current federal fiscal year obligations are around 30% of the annual obligations. Once pending obligations are finalized the obligations will be near 40%.

Natasha Longpine shared the updated Federal Funds Balance Report.

This was informational only. No action was requested.

**D. Public Participation Plan Annual Evaluation**

David Knaut highlighted the annual evaluation for the Public Participation Plan.

This was informational only. No action was requested.

**III. Other Business**

**A. Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements**

Brett Foster shared that on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 11:00 am on Commercial Street there will be a construction preview for the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge.

**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 2:36 pm.

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Jeremy Parsons

Technical Planning Committee Chairman-Elect