

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2022**

The Technical Planning Committee of the Ozarks Transportation Organization met at its scheduled time in person. A quorum was declared present, and the meeting was called to order at approximately 1:33 p.m. by Chairman Tommy VanHorn.

The following members were present:

Mr. Garrett Brickner (a), City of Republic	Mr. John McCart, City of Ozark
Mr. Matt Crawford, City Utilities Transit	Ms. Stacy Reese, MoDOT
Mr. Martin Gugel, City of Springfield	Mr. Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa
Mr. Adam Humphrey, Greene County	Ms. Beth Schaller, MoDOT
Mr. Kirk Juranas, City of Springfield	Mr. Tommy VanHorn, City of Battlefield (Chair)
Mr. Joel Keller (a), Greene County	Mr. Todd Wiesehan, Christian County
Mr. John Matthews, MSU	

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

The following non-voting members were present:

Ms. Aishwarya Shrestha, SMCOG

The following members were not present:

Mr. Rick Artman, Greene County	Ms. Britni O'Connor, MoDOT
Mr. Chris Boone, City of Strafford	Mr. David Schaumburg, Springfield-Branson Airport
Mr. Randy Brown, City of Willard	Mr. Mark Schenkelberg, FAA
Ms. Emily Denniston, Spfld Chamber of Commerce	Mr. Travis Shaw, Springfield Public Schools
Ms. Dawne Gardner, City of Springfield	Ms. Janet Vomund, MoDOT
Ms. Mary Kromrey, Ozark Greenways	Mr. Jeremy Wegner, BNSF
Mr. Ahmad Mokhtee, FTA	

Others present were: Mr. Dan Wadlington, Senator Blunt's Office; Mr. Jeremy Pruett, Congressman Long's Office; Mr. Peter Bryant, Cochran Engineering, City of Strafford; Mr. Neil Brady, Bartlett & West; Mr. David Faucett, Ms. Sara Fields, Ms. Natasha Longpine, Ms. Debbie Parks, Mr. JD Stevenson, and Mr. Andy Thomason, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

I. Administration

A. Introductions

Chairman VanHorn welcomed everyone and requested self-introductions be made.

A quorum was present.

B. Approval of the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda

Mr. Humphrey made a motion to approve the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for April 20, 2022. Mr. Wiesehan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. Approval of the February 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Roussell made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2022 Technical Planning Committee Meeting. Mr. Juranas seconded the motion. 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.

E. Staff Report

Ms. Fields stated that some of the Federal COVID Relief funding is going to trail projects. One of the projects includes a portion of the Chadwick Flyer Trail located on City Utilities' property near Lake Springfield. Consultants will start design work soon with construction beginning in FY 2023. The Chadwick Flyer Trail US65 Overpass Study has been completed. Another project using the funding is the Chadwick Flyer Trail Phase II in Ozark at Tracker. Construction for Phase II is scheduled to start late FY 2023 or FY 2024. Construction for the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Trail on Highway ZZ is targeted for FY 2023 which will be constructed with the roundabout improvements at the entrance to the Battlefield on Farm Road 182. OTO continues to work with Ozark Greenways' Technical Committee on trail alignment and hoping to get projects ready to go for new funding.

The North Highway 13 Study is still underway. The Highway FF Study in Battlefield has started with a public meeting to be scheduled within the next 4-6 weeks.

OTO, in partnership with the City of Republic, submitted a RAISE Grant for the Highway MM Corridor. OTO is working with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly on an INFRA Grant for the I-44 Corridor.

Ms. Fields thanked each jurisdiction for entering their projects into the new TIP tool.

F. Legislative Reports

Mr. Wadlington, with Senator Blunt's Office, stated a letter of support was submitted for the MM Corridor. Senator Blunt visited Poland as part of a delegation regarding the war. Now, Senator Blunt is back and will be working on border issues and earmarks.

Mr. Pruetz, with Congressman Long's office, shared the House has been out but will be returning next week. The budget was passed with a bipartisan vote. The government is funded through September. They are reviewing appropriations requests that have been submitted.

G. MoDOT Report

Ms. Schaller was recently in Jefferson City and stated that in the Governor's budget there is \$100 million for low volume roads and \$75 million for another Governor's Cost Share program. ARPA funding and where ARPA funds can go is unknown at this time. Due to discussions regarding repealing the fuel tax there have also been talks about a fuel tax holiday. The release of the Draft STIP will be delayed because there are requirements that are fiscally restrained and MoDOT wants to make sure they are within their fiscal responsibility before releasing the draft. It will probably be delayed approximately two weeks which will be mid-May.

Ms. Reese shared that work has begun at West Bypass and Kearney. Weather is delaying the work at Glenstone and James River. MoDOT staff is working hard to have that completed by the end of May. The next section will go out to bid in May, which is the extension all the way to Kansas Expressway.

II. New Business:

A. FY 2022-2025 TIP Administrative Modification Five

Ms. Longpine stated that there was one item included as part of Administrative Modification 5 to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program. The basis for the administrative modification was to change a project's programmed amount less than 25% (up to \$2,000,000).

1. ITS Operations and Management (2023) (MO2301-22AM5)
Increasing Springfield's share from \$430,000 to \$470,000, adding \$32,000 in STBG-U and \$8,000 in local.

This was informational only. No action required.

B. FY 2022-2025 TIP Amendment Five

Ms. Longpine reported that there were two items included as part of Amendment Number 5 to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program. There was a revised handout provided for CU2200-22A5.

1. *Revised* FY 2022 Operating Assistance – Fixed Route (CU2200-22A5)
City Utilities Transit is increasing the amount of federal funding and decreasing the amount of local funding for a new total programmed amount of \$7,837,554 compared to \$7,834,715.
2. *Revised* FY 2022 Transit Security – FTA 5307 (CU2203-22A5)
City Utilities Transit is increasing the amount of funding for Transit Security for a new total programmed amount of \$43,750 compared to \$34,751.

Mr. Humphrey made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve Amendment 5 to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Juranas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. OTO Growth Trends Report

Mr. Faucett stated the Growth Trends report is based on the most recent census data and building permit information collected from area jurisdictions. The report included information for residential units permitted, growth trends maps, as well as demographic and employment data providing a view of growth for the OTO service area and the five county Metropolitan Statistical Area (Christian, Dallas, Greene, Polk, and Webster counties). Mr. Faucett reviewed the report for the Committee.

This was informational only. No action was required.

D. Public Participation Plan Annual Evaluation

Mr. Faucett shared that the effectiveness of Ozark's Transportation Organization's Public Participation Plan and public involvement activities are evaluated annually. The annual evaluation is conducted in accordance with the 2020 Public Participation Plan approved by the Board of Directors on August 20, 2020 and as required by Federal Law 20 CFR 450.316. Through these annual evaluations, the OTO adjusts and modifies public involvement activities in a list of action items to be undertaken preceding the next annual evaluation. Mr. Faucett highlighted the evaluation for the Committee.

This was informational only. No action was required.

E. FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Parks reported that OTO is required on an annual basis to prepare a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which includes plans and programs the MPO will undertake during the fiscal year. The UPWP is programmed into tasks. The UPWP contains the proposed budget for FY 2023 for inclusion in the contract with MoDOT for funding the OTO annual operational expenses. The budget is based on the federal funds available and the local 20 percent match. The UPWP Subcommittee reviewed the draft FY 2023 UPWP at its March 22, 2022 meeting. Comments received by MoDOT, FTA, and FHWA have since been incorporated into the final draft, with minimal changes. Ms. Parks reviewed the UPWP for the Committee.

Mr. Juranas made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Roussell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. Major Thoroughfare Plan Amendment

Ms. Longpine stated Greene County had requested a change to the Major Thoroughfare Plan. The change requested was to remove proposed collector Farm Road 119 between Farm Roads 174 and 178. Due to the Greene County Planning and Zoning Board process, which typically includes three readings, it has been requested OTO consider this amendment concurrently.

Mr. Wiesehan made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve *Destination 2045* Amendment 1, pending approval by the Greene County Commission. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

G. Federal Functional Classification Map Change Request

Mr. Thomason shared pursuant to §470.105.b, the State of Missouri, in conjunction with OTO, must maintain a functional classification map. This map is different from the Major Thoroughfare Plan, which is part of the Long Range Transportation Plan. The Federal Functional Classification System designates Federal Aid Highways, i.e., those eligible for federal funding.

MoDOT has requested the following change to the federal functional classification system.

1. **Roadway Name** – Republic Street/Glenstone Avenue/OR 60 (Roundabout), from west of EB US 60 off ramp to North of Glenstone roundabout
 - Current Functional Classification** – Primary Arterial
 - Requested Functional Classification** – Expressway
 - Major Thoroughfare Plan** – Primary Arterial/Expressway

Reasoning – Construction of new roundabout and removal of EB on ramp changed how the Functional Classification connected in this area. These changes need to be made to maintain the continuity of the FC system.

Mr. Juranas made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Functional Classification Change request. Mr. Roussell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

H. Chadwick Flyer Crossing Study

Mr. Stevenson reported that the OTO contracted with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly (CMT) in October of 2021 to conduct a study to determine the safest and most practical location and method for the crossing of U.S. Highway 65 by the Chadwick Flyer Trail in Ozark, Missouri. In coordination with OTO, the City of Ozark, MoDOT, and Ozark Greenways, CMT has completed the study and developed a draft report of the findings that include the identification of a preliminary preferred crossing location and method. A 15-day public review and comment period was initiated Monday, April 11th and continues until Monday, April 25. Mr. Stevenson highlighted the draft report.

Mr. McCart made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors accept the Chadwick Flyer Crossing Study. Mr. Roussell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Other Business

A. Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements

Mr. VanHorn shared the City of Battlefield is working with the OTO and CMT to look at the FF Corridor to see how it flows for Battlefield and the surrounding area.

Ms. Longpine asked members to check their emails for several pertinent items sent earlier in the day.

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 no articles of interest included in the Agenda Packet.

IV. Adjournment

Mr. Juranas moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Roussell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:47 p.m.

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Tommy VanHorn
Technical Planning Committee Chair