

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 15, 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 1:35 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Jeff Roussell.

The following members were present:

Mr. Garrett Brickner (a), City of Republic	Mr. John McCart (a), City of Ozark
Ms. Paula Brookshire (a), City of Springfield	Mr. John Montgomery (a), Ozark Greenways
Mr. Peter Bryant (a), City of Willard/Strafford	Mr. Frank Miller, MoDOT
Mr. Matt Crawford, City Utilities Transit	Mr. Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa (Vice-Chair)
Mr. Martin Gugel, City of Springfield	Ms. Beth Schaller, MoDOT
Mr. Kirk Juranas, City of Springfield	Mr. David Schaumburg, Springfield-Branson Airport
Mr. Joel Keller (a), Greene County	Mr. Todd Wiesehan, Christian County

*(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. Mark Schenkelberg, FAA
Mr. Chris Boone, City of Strafford	Mr. Travis Shaw, Springfield Public Schools
Ms. Emily Denniston, Spfld Chamber of Commerce	Ms. Aishwarya Shrestha, SMOG
Mr. Adam Humphrey, Greene County	Mr. Tommy VanHorn, City of Battlefield (Chair)
Mr. John Matthews, MSU	Ms. Janet Vomund, MoDOT
Mr. Ahmad Mokhtee, FTA	Mr. Jeremy Wegner, BNSF
Ms. Britni O'Connor, MoDOT	

Others present were: Ms. Sonya Anderson, Senator Blunt's Office; Mr. Tom Dancey, City of Springfield; Ms. Stacy Reese, MoDOT; Mr. David Faucett, Ms. Sara Fields, Ms. Natasha Longpine, Ms. Libby Robinson, Mr. JD Stevenson, Ms. Nicole Stokes, and Mr. Andy Thomason, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

**I. Administration**

**A. Introductions**

Vice-Chairman Roussell welcomed everyone and requested self-introductions be made.

A quorum was present.

**B. Approval of the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda**

Ms. Schaller made a motion to approve the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for June 15, 2022. Mr. Wiesehan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**C. Approval of the April 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Gugel made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2022 Technical Planning Committee Meeting. Ms. Schaller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**D. Public Comment Period for All Agenda Items**

Vice-Chairman Roussell advised there were public comments included in the packet. Vice-Chairman Roussell asked for comments or questions.

**E. Staff Report**

Ms. Fields stated staff have been evaluating how to best capitalize on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and bring extra money to the OTO MPO area. OTO assisted the City of Republic with a RAISE Grant for Highway MM and assisted MoDOT with an INFRA/Mega Grant for I-44.

The Bridge NOFO came out Friday and staff is looking through it. Safe Streets for All is another program staff is evaluating and is on the meeting agenda to be highlighted.

Staff sent an email to member jurisdictions about the MoDOT Bridge Program, combining the all-system bridge with the bridge investment program which cities and counties are eligible for. The deadline is July 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be announced September 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Governor's Cost Share made it into the budget but has not been signed yet. The deadline for the MoDOT Cost Share Program is July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The next application deadline is October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Staff is continuing to work on the Chadwick Flyer Trail and have a consultant now for the portion along the CU property. Construction is still set for 2023. The City of Ozark has their portion just north of Highway 14 under construction and is just starting paperwork on the third piece of the trail at Tracker Marine.

TAP funding has doubled and there is Carbon Reduction funding. Staff is working to understand the new law and the changes.

**F. Legislative Reports**

Ms. Anderson, with Senator Blunt's Office, shared Senator Blunt has been working on appropriations and Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests (also known as earmarks). Senator Blunt submitted a letter of support for the RAISE Grant OTO submitted for the MM Project. The Senator has also submitted a letter of support for the I-44 INFRA Grant.

**G. MoDOT Report**

Mr. Miller stated the Bridge Program, or Off System Program, information is on the MoDOT website. It also has a list of eligible bridges.

Ms. Schaller shared the James River Freeway has an estimated completion date of July 4<sup>th</sup>. MoDOT has a lot of corridor studies currently going on with the City of Springfield along with ADA discussions. Outside of the OTO MPO area, the demolition of the 174 Overpass Bridge toward Mt. Vernon is underway.

Ms. Reese stated the deadline for comments on the Draft STIP is this Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, with the final approval from the Highway Commission in July.

## II. **New Business:**

### A. **Destination 2045 Amendment Number 2**

Ms. Longpine shared that Springfield requested a change to the Major Thoroughfare Plan. The request was to remove a proposed collector in the 1800 block of N. West Bypass, between Eldon and West Bypass. This request was approved by the Springfield City Council at their regular meeting on May 2, 2022.

Mr. Juranas made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve *Destination 2045* Amendment 2. Ms. Schaller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### B. **Draft 2023-2027 STIP**

Mr. Miller reported each year, the Missouri Department of Transportation adopts a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP is a listing of projects that will be completed over the next five years. The FY 2023-2027 STIP will be adopted at the July 6, 2022 Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission meeting. The OTO Technical Planning Committee and Board of Directors worked to prioritize projects for recommendation to be placed in the STIP. The projects listed in the STIP for the OTO Area (SW Urban) will be incorporated into the Draft OTO 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Miller highlighted projects included in the Draft 2023-2027 STIP.

This was informational only. No action was required.

### C. **Draft FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program**

Ms. Longpine stated that OTO annually develops a four-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) document that provides details on proposed transportation improvements, including anticipated costs, fund sources, and expected project phasing over each of the four years of the TIP. The TIP includes a status report for each project contained in the previous year's TIP, a financial constraint analysis, and description of the public involvement process. The MoDOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Program has been incorporated into the Draft TIP. Also included are FTA 5310 Projects (vehicles for human service agencies serving the disabled and elderly), FTA 5339 projects (transit capital), and transit operations. City Utilities Transit is currently the only eligible recipient for FTA 5307 (Transit Operating Assistance and Preventative Maintenance). Ms. Longpine gave a review of the TIP.

Mr. Wiesehan made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Montgomery seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### D. **2024-2028 Draft STIP Prioritization Criteria**

Ms. Fields shared that the STIP Prioritization Criteria is used to score projects as the starting point for project recommendations for the STIP. Ms. Fields highlighted the Draft Prioritization Glossary which will define the criteria to be used for the next round of prioritization. The 2024-2028 STIP deadline for the scoring and final prioritization to be completed is the October Technical Planning Committee meeting and the November Board of Directors meeting. Several updates were made to the criteria in prior years and staff is not recommending any specific changes this year. Following the Board approval of the Prioritization Criteria, the projects will be scored and special TPC meetings will be held to review the scores and prioritize projects.

Mr. Gugel made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the STIP Prioritization Criteria as presented. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**E. FY 2024-2028 Draft STIP Prioritization Project List**

Ms. Fields stated the OTO maintains a list of projects to be prioritized for the MoDOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. The list is developed through input by member jurisdictions as well as requests received through public input to the OTO. During June and July, OTO staff will score the proposed list of projects for prioritization consideration by the Prioritization Subcommittee in July and August. Project scores for all projects are revised each year. Ms. Fields highlighted the list for the Board.

This was informational only. No action was required.

**F. Safe Streets and Roads for All**

Ms. Longpine stated the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over the next 5 years. In fiscal year 2022 (FY22), up to \$1 billion is available. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. Ms. Longpine reviewed the program details and requirements for the Committee. OTO is considering applying to develop a comprehensive safety action plan for the region, so that members can apply for implementation grants based on the plan in future funding rounds. TPC members discussed using a regional strategy through OTO to apply for the SS4A.

This was informational only. No action was required.

**III. Other Business**

**A. Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements**

Mr. Crawford shared CU has a Transit Optimization Study out for bid. The study will go out for public comment to find out if changes are needed to the network. CU is celebrating Communities in Motion week.

Mr. Roussell stated the City of Nixa is opening bids for its North/South Corridor.

**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**

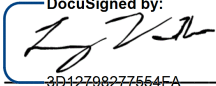
Vice-Chair Roussell noted there were articles of interest included in the Agenda Packet.

**IV. Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:33 p.m.

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Tommy VanHorn  
Technical Planning Committee Chair