

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 18, 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, City of Springfield (a)  
Eric Claussen, City of Springfield  
Matt Crawford, City Utilities  
Karen Haynes, City of Republic  
John Matthews, Missouri State University  
Frank Miller, MoDOT

Jeremy Parsons, City of Ozark (Chair)  
Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa  
Beth Schaller, MoDOT  
Ben Tegeler, Ozark Greenways  
Mark Webb, Greene 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  
Sydney Allen, Greene County  
Justin Crighton, City of Springfield  
Gerri Doyle, FTA  
Adam Humphrey, Greene County  
Tristian Losh, City of Battlefield  
Mike Ruesch, City of Willard

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

Others present were: Connor Wilcox, MoDOT; Mary Kromrey, OWN; 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 June 18, 2025. Eric Claussen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**C. Approval of April 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Jeff Roussell made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2025 meeting. Mark Webb 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**

There were no legislative reports.

**G. MoDOT Report**

Frank Miller and Beth Schaller 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. *Destination 2045* Amendment Number 10**

Natasha Longpine presented the *Destination 2045* Amendment 10.

Beth Schaller made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve *Destination 2045* Amendment 10. Jeff Roussell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**B. Federal Functional Classification Change Request**

David Knaut reviewed the requested changes to the Federal Functional Classification System.

- **City of Ozark**

Roadway Name – N 22<sup>nd</sup> St/N 21<sup>st</sup> St/Longview Rd/N 20<sup>th</sup> St

Current Functional Classification – Local

Requested Functional Classification – Major Collector

Major Thoroughfare Plan – Secondary Arterial

- **City of Strafford**

Roadway Name – S Madison Ave/N Farm Rd 231/E Farm Rd 112

Current Functional Classification – Local

Requested Functional Classification – Minor Collector

Major Thoroughfare Plan- Collector

- **City of Willard**

Roadway Name – Hughes Road from Miller Rd to Hwy 160

Current Functional Classification – Local

Requested Functional Classification – Major Collector

Major Thoroughfare Plan – Collector/Future Collector

Mark Webb made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Functional Classification Change requests. Karen Haynes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**C. FY 2025-2028 Administrative Modification 5**

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

- **South Creek Greenway – Posenke (EN2415)**  
Increased funding to match actual costs for a new programmed amount of \$194,961.
- **Fassnight Trail from Skate Park to Fort (EN2418)**  
Decreased funding to match actual costs for a new total programmed amount of \$179,315.
- **Wilson's Creek Trail and Phase 2 FF Pedestrian Improvements (EN2501)**  
Decreased funding to match actual costs and changed from Local-AC to TAP funding, for a new total programmed amount of \$204,599.

This was informational only. No action was requested.

**D. Trail and Sidewalk Funding Recommendation**

David Knaut presented the eight trail and sidewalk projects recommended for TAP/CRP funding.

- Ozark Greenways – Construction – South Creek Greenway Trail – Posenke Gap
- City of Springfield - Construction – Ward Branch Greenway Trail – National to Fremont
- Ozark Greenways – Engineering/Design – Wilson's Creek/Republic Rd Trail
- City of Ozark – Construction – Finley River Trail Extension
- City of Springfield – Construction – Grand St. Trail – Phase 1
- City of Ozark – Construction – Chadwick Flyer Jackson Street Connector
- City of Ozark – Construction – Finley River Trail Western Extension
- City of Republic – Engineering/Design – Engineering Connections: The Hines Street Pedestrian Project

Karen Haynes made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors award TAP and CRP funding for the recommended trail and sidewalk projects. Scott Bachman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**E. Draft FY 2026-2030 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program**

Frank Miller highlighted the draft FY 2026-2030 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

This was informational only. No action was requested.

**F. FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program**

Natasha Longpine shared the draft FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program.

Frank Miller made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program with minor changes as needed. Karen Haynes seconded the motion. The motion passed.



**G. 2027-2031 Draft STIP Project Prioritization Criteria**

Sara Fields reviewed the criteria used for prioritizing projects ahead of the 2027-2031 STIP project selection process.

The Committee was asked to review the prioritization criteria and propose any changes for consideration by the Board of Directors.

**H. FY 2027-2031 Draft STIP Prioritization Project List**

Sara Fields presented the list of projects proposed for prioritization ahead of the 2027-2031 STIP project prioritization process.

The Committee was asked to review the STIP Prioritization Project list.

**III. Other Business**

**A. Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements**

Eric Claussen shared the City of Springfield held the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge project kickoff ceremony at 10:30 am today.

Karen Haynes reported that the Shuyler Creek Trail expansion has been completed.

Jeremy Parsons stated there will be a ground breaking for the Chadwick Flyer Trail in mid to late July.

**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 2:25 pm.



Jeremy Parsons

Technical Planning Committee Chairman-Elect