

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
JULY 20, 2023**

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:

Chuck Branch, Christian Co Citizen-at-Large	Stacy Reese, MoDOT (non-voting)
Jerry Compton, OTO Citizen-at-Large	Martha Smartt, City of Strafford (a)
Travis Cossey, City of Nixa (a)	Dan Smith, City of Springfield (a)
Debra Hickey, City of Battlefield	Richard Walker, Springfield Citizen-at-Large
Skip Jansen, City Utilities Transit	Brian Weiler, Springfield-Branson Airport (a)
Derek Lee, City of Springfield	Greg Williams, City of Willard (a)

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

The following members were not present:

Mokhtee Ahmad, FTA	Lynn Morris, Christian County
David Cameron, City of Republic (a)	James O’Neal, Springfield Citizen-at-Large
Steve Childers, City of Ozark (a)	John Russell, Greene County
Brandon Jenson, City of Springfield	Mark Schenkelberg, FAA
Rusty MacLachlan, Greene County	Daniel Weitkamp, FHWA

Others Present: State Representative Bill Owen; Mike Ussery, Senator Schmitt’s Office; Tommy VanHorn, City of Battlefield; Garrett Brickner and Karen Haynes, City of Republic; Dave Faucett, David Knaut, Natasha Longpine, Debbie Parks, Libby Robinson, and Nicole Stokes, Ozarks Transportation Organization; and members of the public.

Treasurer Travis Cossey, filling in as Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 12:05 p.m.

I. Administration

A. Welcome and Roll Call

Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance
Chuck Branch	Present	Rusty MacLachlan	Absent
David Cameron (a)	Absent	Lynn Morris	Absent
Steve Childers (Chair)	Absent	James O’Neal	Absent
Jerry Compton	Present	John Russell	Absent
Travis Cossey (Chair fill-in)	Present	Martha Smartt (a)	Present
Debra Hickey	Present	Dan Smith (a)	Present
Skip Jansen	Present	Richard Walker	Present
Brandon Jenson	Absent	Brian Weiler	Present
Derek Lee	Present	Greg Williams	Present

A quorum was present.

B. Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Brian Weiler moved to approve the July 20, 2023 agenda. Skip Jansen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. Approval of May 18, 2023 Minutes

Jerry Compton moved to approve the May 18, 2023 minutes. Chuck Branch seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. Public Comment Period for All Agenda Items

Travis Cossey advised there were public comments included in the packet, and then asked for comments or questions. Michael Lacobee spoke on behalf of a group regarding agenda item II.D. OTO Discretionary Funding Approval.

E. Executive Director's Report

Natasha Longpine shared the Executive Director's report. The Governor's veto of I-44 funding was disappointing, but staff will continue to look for funding solutions.

The FF Highway Extension Study public meeting was well attended. There will be another opportunity for comment before the study is completed.

The Chadwick Flyer on the City Utilities property has actual trail on the ground. Completion may be done early in September.

Staff continue to look for projects and funding opportunities that align through grant opportunities.

OTO has executed the Safe Streets and Roads for All contract with FHWA. One of the first steps is for the Board to establish a goal for zero deaths and serious injuries. Staff will work with the Technical Planning committee and bring a recommendation to the Board at a future meeting.

STIP project prioritization will begin in August with a recommended ranked list to the Board in November.

A pressing issue is the MoDOT threat to disallow carryover and/or require all federal funds to be spent in the same year. OTO staff is working with Senator Schmitt's and Congressman Burlison's offices to look at the issue and the AMPO Policy Committee is also looking at options. In addition, OTO is considering how state law could be modified to protect federal funds for local use.

There are a lot of great projects in the STIP this year. There will be needed safety and capacity improvements over the next five years.

F. MoDOT Update

Stacy Reese provided an update on the STIP and current projects. July 20th was Stand Up for Safety Day for MoDOT. Recently, there have been a few bridge hits which can be costly. The incarcerated crews have been assisting in litter pick-up and mowing.

G. Legislative Reports

Representative Bill Owen shared disappointment with the veto on the I-44 project and stated support will continue for that project. Funding was approved for an environmental study for the full corridor of I-44 within Missouri.

Mike Ussery with Senator Schmitt’s office stated there is no update on the mark-up of the FAA re-authorization. It has been postponed with no clear timeline. Recent activities of Senator Schmitt were shared as well.

II. New Business

A. Board Resolution Line of Credit Renewal

Debbie Parks provided a summary of the Board Resolution for the Line of Credit Renewal.

Martha Smartt made a motion to renew a line of credit in the amount of \$350,000 at Arvest Bank for FY 2024. Debra Hickey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. 2023 Public Participation Plan Update

Dave Faucett presented the 2023 Public Participation Plan Update.

Skip Jansen made a motion to approve the 2023 Public Participation Plan. Chuck Branch seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. *Destination 2045* Amendment Three

Natasha Longpine provided an overview of Amendment Three to *Destination 2045*.

Debra Hickey made a motion to approve Amendment Three to *Destination 2045*. Jerry Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. OTO Discretionary Funding Approval

Natasha Longpine detailed the proposed OTO Discretionary Funding Awards.

Chuck Branch made a motion to approve the OTO discretionary funding applications as presented. Greg Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. Draft FY 2024-2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

Natasha Longpine and Stacy Reese provided a summary of the FY 2024-2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Richard Walker made a motion to endorse the FY 2024-2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Skip Jansen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. Draft FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Natasha Longpine reviewed the Draft FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

Due to the loss of quorum, no vote was taken. An E-Meeting will be held to address this agenda item.

G. FY 2025-2029 Draft STIP Prioritization Criteria

Natasha Longpine shared the FY 2025-2029 Draft STIP Prioritization Criteria.

Due to a lack of quorum, no vote was taken. This was informational only.

H. FY 2025-2029 Draft STIP Prioritization Project List

Natasha Longpine reviewed the FY 2025-2029 Draft STIP Prioritization Project List.

No action requested. This was informational only.

I. FY 2023-2026 TIP Administrative Modifications Four, Five, and Six

Natasha Longpine detailed the FY 2023-2026 TIP Administrative Modifications Four, Five, and Six.

This was informational only. No action was required.

III. Other Business

A. Board of Directors Member Announcements

There were no member announcements.

B. Transportation Issues for Board of Directors Member Review

There were no transportation issues for the Board of Directors member review.

C. Articles for Board of Directors Member Information

Travis Cossey noted there were articles of interest included in the packet for the members to review as time allows.

IV. Adjourn meeting

With no further business to come before the Board, Debra Hickey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jerry Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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