

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2025**

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:

Steve Bach, Springfield Citizen-at-Large	Lynn Morris, Christian County
Travis Cossey, City of Nixa (a)	Stacy Reese, MoDOT (non-voting)
Eric Franklin, City of Republic	John Russell, Greene County (Chair)
Brandon Jenson, City of Springfield	Dan Smith, City of Springfield (a)
Marshall Kinne, Springfield Citizen-at-Large	Kelly Turner, City Utilities
Derek Lee, City of Springfield	

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

The following members were not present:

Cecelie Cochran, FHWA (non-voting)	Rusty MacLachlan, Greene County
Jerry Compton, Citizen-at-Large	Mark Schenkelberg, FAA (non-voting)
Mark Crabtree, City of Battlefield	Brian Weiler, Springfield-Branson Airport (a)
RJ Flores, Christian Co Citizen-at-Large	Wes Young, City of Willard (a)
Eric Johnson, City of Ozark (a)	

Others Present: Scott Bachman, City of Springfield; Ryan DeBoef, Consultant; Nicole Boyd, Dave Faucett, David Knaut, Natasha Longpine, Debbie Parks, and Jen Thomas, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

Chair Russell called the meeting to order at approximately 12:01 p.m.

I. Administration

A quorum was present.

A. Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Brandon Jenson made a motion to approve the November 20, 2025 agenda. Steve Bach seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. Public Comment Period for All Agenda Items

The Chair advised there were public comments included in the packet and then asked for comments and questions. There were no in-person or online comments.

C. Adoption of the Consent Agenda

Kelly Turner made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Brandon Jenson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. September 25, 2025 Minutes
2. FY2026 1st Quarter Financial Statements
3. *Destination 2045* Amendment 11
4. FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 2
5. FY 2026-2029 TIP Administrative Modification 2

D. Executive Director's Report

Sara Fields provided an update of upcoming legislative activity, projects, and ongoing work at the OTO.

E. MoDOT Update

Frank Miller and Stacy Reese provided the MoDOT update.

F. Legislative Reports

There was no legislative report.

II. New Business

A. September 30, 2025 Federal Funds Balance Report

Jen Thomas shared the current federal funds status. Natasha Longpine highlighted the September 30, 2025 Federal Funds Balance Report.

This was informational only. No action was required.

B. FY 2027-2031 STIP Priorities

Sara Fields presented the recommended priorities for inclusion in the FY 2027-2031 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Lynn Morris made a motion to approve the presented list of priorities for consideration by MoDOT for inclusion in the FY 2027-2031 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Derek Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. State Highway MM Funding Agreement – DED and OTO

Debbie Parks reviewed the funding agreement needed to transfer funds from DED to MoDOT for the Missouri General Revenue appropriation for State Highway MM.

Dan Smith made a motion to approve the included resolution and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a funding agreement with the Missouri Department of Economic Development to transfer \$6 million general revenue line-item appropriation directly to MoDOT for the Highway MM Cost Share project. Eric Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. 60/65 Study

Sara Fields shared the proposal to conduct a study of the road network near and including the US 60 and US 65 interchange.

The proposal includes:

- **Funding Agreement** – The OTO will enter into a Funding Agreement with MoDOT for the federal funds to be utilized on the study. The Funding Agreement will be up to \$800,000 in Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Urbanized Surface Transportation Grant (STBG-U) funds.

Derek Lee made a motion to approve the Executive Director to enter into a Funding Agreement with MoDOT for the US-60/US-65 Access and Operational Study in the amount of \$800,000 in federal funds. Steve Bach seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- **Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement** – The partner agencies, City Utilities and Greene County, will be providing matching funds as outlined in an ICA. In addition, the ICA will designate the transfer of \$300,000 in STBG-U from the City of Springfield to the OTO. This federal funding is \$300,000 of the funds outlined in the Funding Agreement with MoDOT.

Marshall Kinne made a motion to approve the Executive Director to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the City of Springfield, City Utilities of Springfield, and Greene County for the Cost Share of the US-60/US-65 Access and Operational Study. Eric Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- **Budget Amendment** – The OTO maintains an operational budget that is comprised of the various grant budgets. An amendment is needed to add the US-60/US-65 Access and Operational Study to the OTO Annual Operational Budget Class 630 – STBG Studies for FY2026.

Brandon Jenson made a motion to approve the FY2026 Operational Budget Amendment #3. Marshall Kinne seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- **Engineering Services Resolution, RFQ, and Contract** – Per the OTO's purchasing policy, projects that require engineering services require a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). The OTO will advertise the RFQ in December and will negotiate an engineering services contract with the selected Transportation Engineering Consultant in an amount not to exceed one million dollars.

Dan Smith made a motion to approve the included resolution to authorize the Executive Director to solicit engineering services and enter into negotiations with engineering services consultants and execute the contract for consultant services not to exceed one million dollars. Eric Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. 2026 Ozarks Regional Legislative Priorities

Sara Fields highlighted the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce's Ozarks Regional Legislative Priorities.

This was informational only. No action was required.

F. Board Appointment of 2026 OTO Officers and Executive Committee Members

Marshall Kinne, member of the Nominating Committee, presented the proposed 2026 Slate of Officers and the Executive Committee Members (1-year term). Other members of the Nominating Committee included Steve Bach, Eric Franklin, and Dan Smith. The floor was opened for other nominations. There were no other nominations.

- Chairman – Travis Cossey, Nixa
- Vice-Chairman – Derek Lee, Springfield
- Secretary – Eric Franklin, Republic
- Treasurer – Eric Johnson, Ozark
- Past Chair – John Russell, Greene County
- Executive Committee – Jerry Compton, OTO Citizen-at-Large
- Executive Committee – Brian Weiler, Springfield-Branson National Airport

Marshall Kinne made a motion to appoint the 2026 OTO Officers and Executive Committee as presented. Steve Bach seconded the motion. The motion passed.

G. Board of Directors 2026 Meeting Schedule

Sara Fields shared the 2026 meeting schedule for the Board of Directors.

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 member review.

C. Articles for Board of Directors Member Information

Chair Russell noted there were articles of interest included in the packet for the members to review.

IV. Adjourn meeting

Travis Cossey made a motion to adjourn. Marshall Kinne seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.



Eric Franklin
OTO Secretary