

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 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:

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| Scott Bachman, City of Springfield (a) | Kirsty Ketchum, Greene County (a) |
| Eric Claussen, City of Springfield | Frank Miller, MoDOT |
| Matt Crawford, City Utilities | Jeremy Parsons, City of Ozark (Chair) |
| Trey Davis, City of Battlefield | Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa |
| Brett Foster, City of Springfield | Mike Ruesch, City of Willard |
| Karen Haynes, City of Republic | Beth Schaller, MoDOT |
| Adam Humphrey, Greene County | Ben Tegeler, Ozark Greenways |

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

The following members were not present:

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| Keith Adams, Springfield Public Schools | Mark Schenkelberg, FAA |
| Sydney Allen, Greene County | Aishwarya Shrestha (non-voting), SMOG |
| Justin Crighton, City of Springfield | Tommy VanHorn, City of Strafford |
| Gerri Doyle, FTA | Ben Vickers (non-voting), Springfield Chamber |
| John Matthews, Missouri State University | Jeremy Wegner, BNSF |
| David Schaumburg, Springfield-Branson Nat'l Airport | Todd Wiesehan, Christian County |

Others present were: Kimberly Ader, MoDOT; Matt Miller, City of Battlefield/TOTH; Nathan Adams, TREKK Design; 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

Eric Claussen made a motion to approve the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for December 17, 2025. Mike Ruesch seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. Approval of October 15, 2025 Meeting and November 6, 2025 E-Meeting Minutes

Brett Foster made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2025 meeting and the November 6, 2025 E-Meeting. Beth Schaller 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.

I. Federal Funds Status Update

Jen Thomas provided the Federal Funds Status Update.

II. New Business

A. FY 2026-2029 TIP Amendment Three

Natasha Longpine presented the proposed changes to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Three.

1. *Revised* Fasnicht Greenway – Glenstone to Enterprise (EN2423)
2. *New* Area Wide School Flasher Program (EN2612)
3. *Revised* I-44 Safety Project (MO2521)
4. *Revised* Main Avenue Bridge over Jordan Creek (SP2402)
5. *New* Fremont Avenue – Erie to Independence (SP2612)
6. *New* 2026 Springfield ADA Improvements – Various Routes (SP2613)
7. *New* Springfield School Flasher Signal Replacement – Various Locations (SP2607)

Frank Miller made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve Revised Amendment 3 to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. Eric Claussen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. 2026 National Performance Targets

Natasha Longpine shared the performance targets.

Karen Haynes made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the proposed targets. Adam Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. Statewide Active Transportation Plan Letter of Support

David Knaut reviewed the proposed letter of support for a Statewide Active Transportation Plan. The Committee recommended including the word "Safe" in the name of the plan.

Mike Ruesch made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve a letter of support for the development of a Statewide Safe Active Transportation Plan in Missouri. Ben Tegeler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. UPWP Transportation Studies

Debbie Parks opened the floor for discussion of potential study locations and topics for inclusion in the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program.

This was informational only. No action was requested.

E. Technical Planning Committee Chair Rotation

Sara Fields shared the chair rotation for the Technical Planning Committee. Brett Foster will be the Chair for 2026.

Beth Schaller made a motion to elect Tommy VanHorn as the Chair-Elect. Karen Haynes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. TPC 2026 Meeting Schedule

Sara Fields stated the 2026 Technical Planning Committee Meeting Schedule was included in the agenda packet.

III. Other Business

A. Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements

Beth Schaller commended Brett Foster, City of Springfield, and Kristi Bachman, MoDOT on their work for the proposed Sunshine safety improvements presentations at the Springfield City Council's luncheon meeting.

Brett Foster shared the City of Springfield finished the Grant Avenue Parkway.

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

Beth Schaller made a motion to adjourn. Brett Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:16 pm.



Brett Foster

Technical Planning Committee Chairman