

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 18, 2024**

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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| Kimberly Ader (a), MoDOT               | Kirsty Ketchum (a), Greene County     |
| Scott Bachman (a), City of Springfield | Tristan Losh, City of Battlefield     |
| Eric Claussen, City of Springfield     | Frank Miller, MoDOT                   |
| Matt Crawford, City Utilities          | Jeremy Parsons, City of Ozark (Chair) |
| Karen Haynes, City of Republic         | Mark Webb, Greene County              |
| Adam Humphrey, Greene County           |                                       |

*(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             | Tim Schowe, City of Strafford                 |
| Ric Ashe, Ozark Greenways                           | Aishwarya Shrestha (non-voting), SMOG         |
| Steve Childers, City of Springfield                 | Ben Vickers (non-voting), Springfield Chamber |
| John Matthews, Missouri State University            | Jeremy Wegner, BNSF                           |
| Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa                         | Daniel Weitkamp (non-voting), FHWA            |
| Mike Ruesch, City of Willard                        | Todd Wiesehan, Christian County               |
| Mark Schenkelberg, FAA                              | Vacant, FTA                                   |
| David Schaumburg, Springfield-Branson Nat'l Airport |   |

Others present were: Doug Neidigh, Ozarks Clean Fuel Coalition; Jered Taylor, Congressman Burlison’s Office; Joe DiCiolla, MoDOT; Cliff Spangler, City of Ozark; Derrick Estell, Toth & Associates; 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**

Adam Humphrey made a motion to approve the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for December 18, 2024. Eric Claussen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**C. Approval of October 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Mark Webb made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2024 Technical Planning Committee meeting. Adam Humphrey 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. Chair Parsons 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**

Jered Taylor with Congressman Burlison's office provided a legislative update.

**G. MoDOT Report**

Frank Miller shared the MoDOT report.

**H. Committee Reports and Grant Opportunities**

David Knaut reported that the Local Coordinating Board for Transit discussed vehicle specs for the 5310 program and what the subrecipients would be interested in. Procurement for vehicles has picked up statewide.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee heard a presentation from Mandy Buettgen-Quinn with the City of Springfield on the SafeAcross SGF Yields program. MoDOT has funding available to assist entities in implementing this program. The FHWA also has the program as a good example of the Safe System Approach. The Committee continues to work on the prioritization of the critical sidewalk apps and the scoring guide.

Debbie Parks shared OTO is working on a RAISE Grant application for Highway MM which is due January 30<sup>th</sup>. The Rural RAISE Grant recipients have not been announced yet. The PROTECT Grant has been announced. It is for disaster mitigation resiliency. OTO is looking at putting together a study application for planning funds. Jurisdictions are encouraged to contact OTO staff if there is an area they would like to be considered in the scope of the study. It is 100% funding and due February 24<sup>th</sup>. The BPAC will be receiving an email from OTO staff for the American Trails' Trails Capacity Program Grant. This is for mini grants between \$2,000 - \$10,000 for operations or trail education.

**I. Federal Fund Status Update**

Jen Thomas reported the OTO received the goals for FY 2025 from MoDOT. OTO's goal is still 120% of OTO's annual allocation. The mandated minimum was lowered to 100%. Currently, federal obligations are approximately 4%. OTO has started hosting quarterly project manager meetings with consultants and agencies. These are roundtable meetings to discuss what is working and what is not.

**II. New Business**

**A. Ozarks Clean Fuels Coalition**

Doug Neidigh with the Ozarks Clean Fuels Coalition made a presentation of their organization for the Committee.

This was informational only. No action was required.

**B. Safe Streets and Roads for All *Destination Safe Streets Plan***

Natasha Longpine presented the SS4A Action Plan *Destination Safe Streets* for member recommendation.

Scott Bachman made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve *Destination Safe Streets* and the Leadership Commitment Resolution. Adam Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**C. FY 2025-2028 TIP Administrative Modification One**

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

1. South Creek Greenway-Posenke (EN2415-25AM1)  
Increased CRP funding from \$128,303 to \$132,650 and Local funding from \$32,076 to \$33,162 for a new total programmed amount of \$165,812.
2. Blue Stem Phase I North Ozark Greenway (EN2421-25AM1)  
Decreased CRP funding from \$58,424 to \$57,811 and Local funding from \$14,607 to \$14,453 for a new total programmed amount of \$57,811.
3. Finley River Trail Western Expansion (EN2422-25AM1)  
Increased CRP funding from \$89,714 to \$91,416 and Local funding from \$22,428 to \$22,854 for a new total programmed amount of \$114,270.
4. Lost Hill Greenway Bridge (EN2402-25AM1)  
Moved \$33,500 from Construction to Engineering and the total programmed amount remains the same at \$150,000.
5. Trail/Sidewalk Hwy CC Chadwick Flyer Connection (EN601-25AM1)  
Changed federal funding source from TAP to CRP.

This was informational only. No action was required.

**\*\*\*\*Meeting note – There was a loss of quorum after Agenda item II.C. was presented. \*\*\*\***

**D. FY 2025-2028 TIP Amendment Three**

Natasha Longpine shared the proposed changes to the FY 2025-228 Transportation Improvement Program.

1. \*Removed\* Jordan Creek Trail – Mt. Vernon to College (EN2414)  
This project was funded by the Ungap the Map Raise grant and has been incorporated into SP2515.
2. \*Removed\* Wilson’s Creek Trail – Ewing to Rutledge-Wilson (EN2417)  
This project was funded by the Ungap the Map Raise grant and has been incorporated into SP2515.

3. **\*Revised\* Ward Branch Greenway – National to Fremont (EN2416)**  
Programmed amount revised due to increased engineering costs, with a new total programmed amount of \$67,574.
4. **\*Revised\* Fassnight Trail from Skate Park to Fort (EN2418)**  
Programmed amount revised due to decreased engineering costs, with a new total programmed amount of \$214,315.
5. **\*Revised\* Chadwick Jackson Street Connector (EN2419)**  
Programmed amount revised due to decreased engineering costs, with a new total programmed amount of \$11,839.
6. **\*Revised\* Kali Springs Trail Connector (EN2420)**  
Programmed amount revised due to increased engineering costs, with a new total programmed amount of \$43,459.

Due to a lack of a quorum, no vote was taken. There were no objections or suggested changes from those in attendance. This item will go before the Technical Planning Committee again at a special E-meeting in January.

**E. CRP/TAP Project Schedule Extension**

Jen Thomas shared the requested revised schedule for reasonable progress for the Sherman Parkway, Mount Vernon & Miller sidewalks, and South Greenway projects.

Due to a lack of quorum, no vote was taken. There were no objections or suggested changes from those in attendance. This item will be on the January 16, 2025 Board of Directors meeting agenda for final approval.

**F. *Destination 2045* Amendment Number Eight**

Natasha Longpine reported that Greene County requested a change to the Major Thoroughfare Plan to remove future collector Farm Road 101 at State Highway EE.

Due to a lack of quorum, no vote was taken. There were no objections or suggested changes from those in attendance. This item will be on the January 16, 2025 Board of Directors meeting agenda for final approval.

**G. 2025 National Performance Targets**

Natasha Longpine presented the proposed performance targets for safety, system performance, and system condition.

Due to a lack of quorum, no vote was taken. There were no objections or suggested changes from those in attendance. This item will be on the January 16, 2025 Board of Directors meeting agenda for final approval.

**H. Technical Planning Committee Chair Rotation**

Sara Fields shared the proposed Chairman-Elect for 2025.

Due to a lack of quorum, no vote was taken. There were no objections or suggested changes from those in attendance. This item will be on the February 19, 2025 Technical Planning Committee meeting agenda for final approval.

### **III. Other Business**

#### **A. Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements**

Jeremy Parsons shared his appreciation of the OTO staff for their work on the Chadwick Flyer Trail Bridge Project and to Greg Chapman at MoDOT for his assistance on many different projects.

Eric Claussen stated that with the movement of Martin Gugel to Director of Building Development Services, the Assistant Director over the Engineering group was filled by Brett Foster. Chad Zickefoose will fill the role of City Traffic Engineer on an interim basis.

#### **B. Transportation Issues for Technical Planning Committee Review**

There were no transportation issues for 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 2:20 pm.

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Jeremy Parsons

Technical Planning Committee Chairman-Elect