



OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR TRANSIT MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2026

3:00 p.m.

This meeting took place in person and via electronic means.

ATTENDEES

George Buchanan
Rene Frazier

John Matthews
Bill Achor

STAFF PRESENT

David Knaut

I. WELCOME

OTO staff brought the meeting to order at 03:05 pm and introductions were made.

II. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 14, 2025, AND NOVEMBER 13, 2025, MINUTES

Approval of August 14, 2025, and November 13, 2025, minutes will be moved to the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.

III. APPROVAL OF FEBRURAY 12, 2026, AGENDA.

No agenda approval due to a lack of quorum, but the present board decided to hold a meeting.

IV. 2026 CHAIR/ VICE-CHAIR

No new vice-chair was selected due to the lack of quorum. Per OTO by-laws the prior vice-chair, George Buchanan of CU-Transit, will be the chair of the Local Coordinating Board for Transit (LCBT) for the calendar year 2026.

V. SECTION 5310 NON-TRADITIONAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS

OTO received one application for the FTA Section 5310 Call for Projects for non-traditional funding, which was released in January 2026. The application was from City Utilities (CU) Transit for bus stop improvements, including creating an inventory of amenities at stops and prioritization of stops which will be improved with the funding from the FTA Section 5310 non-traditional funding. OTO staff presented the application and George Buchanan from CU Transit provided additional information on how the project is planned to be implemented. The board reviewed the application to assure it meets the goals and strategies as outlined in the 2022 Transit Coordination Plan. Due to the lack of quorum, there was no formal recommendation to the OTO board for approval, but all present members

acknowledged that they would recommend the OTO board to approve FTA Section 5310 funding for the received application.

VI. TRANSIT COORDINATION PLAN

OTO staff presented updated demographic information for the Transit Coordination Plan update. Discussion was held on visual formats of different information. The present board members provided feedback on proposed surveys and discussed potential outreach strategies.

VII. MEMBER UPDATES

OTO staff provided an update on programs under the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), including the upcoming state funding application deadlines for the Missouri Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Assistance Program (METHAP) and the State Transit Assistance (STA) program, and upcoming oversight and compliance workshops for Section 5310 agencies. MoDOT also notified OTO that they applied for the vehicles from the 2025 call for projects and delivered all prior awarded vehicles.

OTO also completed printing the transit provider brochures and started distributing them.

OATS reported that riders and staff are participating in Missouri Public Transit Association's (MPTA) transit Tuesday at the Capitol to inform legislators about the importance of the state funding transit in Missouri.

The next meeting will be on May 14, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Approved on 05/14/2026.

Attested By:

Signed by:

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George Buchanan, LCBT Chair