



OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR TRANSIT MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2025

3:00 p.m.

This meeting took place in person and via electronic means.

ATTENDEES

Bill Achor
Ginny Highfill

George Buchanan
John Matthews

Rene Frazier
Andrea Swope

STAFF PRESENT

David Knaut

Natasha Longpine

I. WELCOME

OTO staff brought the meeting to order at 03:00 pm and introductions were made.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 8, 2024 AND NOVEMBER 14, 2024, MINUTES.

Ms. Swope made a motion, seconded by Mr. Achor, to approve the minutes of 08-08-2024 and 11-14-2024. The motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF 05-08-2025 AGENDA

Ms. Frazier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Achor, to approve the agenda for 05-08-2025. The motion passed.

IV. 2025 CHAIR/ VICE CHAIR

Ms. Swope made a motion to confirm Rene Frazier as chair and approve George Buchanan as Vice-Chair for the calendar year 2025, motion was seconded by Mr. Matthews. The motion passed.

V. SECTION 5310 CALL-FOR-PROJECTS GUIDEBOOK, TIMELINE AND APPLICATION

OTO staff presented the proposed timeline for the next call-for-projects for Section 5310 funds and reviewed the Section 5310 application and guidebook. Staff highlighted that the application process will be online, and OTO will provide a screenshot walkthrough of the online application and host a grant workshop. The scoring of the applications has not changed and procurement for this call for projects will still go through the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). Discussion was held regarding the timeline, the potential of two workshops to accommodate different work schedules and the current pricing of vehicles. Ms. Swope made a motion, seconded by Mr. Buchanan, to approve the 5310 application and guidebook as is. The motion passed.

VI. TRANSIT PROVIDERS BROCHURE

OTO staff stated that they will begin to work on updating the transit brochure for the OTO area. Staff asked members to provide updated information about their services that should be included in the brochure. Discussion was held regarding non-emergency medical transportation through Medicaid.

VII. MEMBER UPDATES

OTO staff provided an update on the status of vehicles from prior year's applications and potential budget implications for transit providers in the state budget. Staff also stated that OTO will soon start the work on updating the long-range transportation plan for the region.

OATS reported that they started a weekly intercity route from Carthage area to Springfield along I-44 and through Mt. Vernon, connecting to CU transit and the airport.

VIII. TRANSIT RELATED PUBLIC COMMENTS

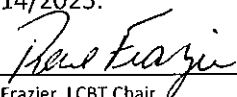
OTO staff highlighted some of the comments that were received, especially related to the need for regional transit connectivity, the importance of connections between transit and other modes of transportation like the regional trail network and importance of accessibility of transit services.

The next meeting will be on August 14, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Approved on 08/14/2025.

Attested By: _____


Rene Frazier, LCBT Chair