



OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR TRANSIT MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2025

3:00 p.m.

This meeting took place in person and via electronic means.

ATTENDEES

Bill Achor	George Buchanan	Rene Frazier
Ginny Highfill	Andrea Swope	Olivia Fisher
Christy Evers	Gerri Doyle	

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 08-14-2025 AGENDA.

Mr. Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Achor, to approve the agenda of 08-14-2025. The motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF 05-08-2025 MINUTES

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

IV. 2025 SECTION 5310 TRADITIONAL FUNING APPLICATIONS

OTO received two (2) applications for three (3) vehicles for the FTA 5310 Call for Projects, which was released in June 2025: From OATS, and Vetter Senior Living (VSL) Springfield for a total of \$273,470 with a federal share of \$218,656. OTO staff provided a summary of the applications received and the draft scoring that was provided with the agenda packet. Discussion was held regarding definition of replacement vehicle vs new vehicle purchase.

The LCBT then reviewed the draft scoring of each application and agreed on final scoring of each application: OATS 35 points, and Vetter Senior Living 43 points.

Mr. Buchanan made a motion to recommend approval of FTA 5310 funding for all received applications to the board of directors, seconded by Mr. Achor. The motion passed.

The committee agreed to hold an additional call for projects later in the year for the non-traditional funding because there were no applications received for this funding during the call for projects.

V. MEMBERSHIP

OTO staff provided background information on how membership of the board is organized in the by-laws. Several committee members met their term and are willing to continue serving on the board. OTO staff did not receive any request for changes or additional members. Ms. Frazier made a motion, second by Mr. Achor, to approve the new terms of all board members. The motion passed.

VI. MEMBER UPDATES

OTO staff noted that work on the transit brochure update will resume, and agencies should expect an email asking for information. Furthermore, the Transit Coordination plan update will start in the next calendar year.

OATS reported that they started conversations with agencies outside of the OTO area, especially in Taney, Stone and Christian County regarding increasing regional connectivity which could include service to Springfield as well.

CU Transit reported that they are working on assessing their bus stop facilities and amenities.

MoDOT provided an update on vehicle delivery, updated reporting forms, such as the disposition and accident reports, and funding agreements for METHAP and State Transit Assistance. MoDOT's 5311 rural funding applications will be published on August 15th and MoDOT also created a statewide multi-modal transportation provider map by county.

FTA noted that the TrAMS grant system will close on September 24th.

VII. TRANSIT RELATED PUBLIC COMMENTS

OTO staff shared the comments that were received.

The next meeting will be on November 13, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Approved on 05/14/2026.

Attested By: 
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George Buchanan, LCBT Chair