

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 15, 2023**

The Technical Planning Committee of the Ozarks Transportation Organization met at its scheduled time in person. Chair Roussell began the meeting at approximately 1:31 p.m.

The following members were present:

Garrett Brickner (a), City of Republic	Frank Miller, MoDOT
Paula Brookshire (a), City of Springfield	Jeremy Parsons, City of Ozark
Brandie Fisher (a), City Utilities	Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa (Chair)
Adam Humphrey, Greene County	Beth Schaller, MoDOT
Kirk Juranas, City of Springfield	Daniel Weitkamp, FHWA (non-voting)
Tristan Losh, City of Battlefield	Randall Whitman (a), City of Springfield
Mary Kromrey, Ozark Greenways	Todd Wiesehan, Christian County

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

The following members were not present:

Chris Boone, City of Strafford	David Schaumburg, Springfield-Branson Airport
Emily Denniston, Spfld Chamber of Commerce	Mark Schenkelberg, FAA
Scott Hayes, City of Willard	Jonathan Shelden, Springfield Public Schools
Joel Keller (a), Greene County	Aishwarya Shrestha, SMCOG
John Matthews, MSU	Jeremy Wegner, BNSF
Ahmad Mokhtee, FTA	

Others present were: Tommy VanHorn, City of Battlefield; Corey Becker, City of Nixa; King Coltrin and Tom Dancey, City of Springfield; Jacque Knight and Dallas Joplin, CMT; David Faucett, Sara Fields, Natasha Longpine, Debbie Parks, Libby Robinson, JD Stevenson, and Nicole Stokes, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

I. Administration

A. Introductions

Chair Roussell 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 February 15, 2023. Jeremy Parsons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. Approval of December 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Adam Humphrey made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2022 Technical Planning Committee Meeting. Mary Kromrey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. Public Comment Period for All Agenda Items

Chair Roussell advised there were public comments included in the packet. Chair Roussell asked for comments or questions.

E. Staff Report

Sara Fields stated the portion of the Chadwick Flyer Trail project on City Utilities property is expected to go out to bid in April. Staff continue to work with the City of Ozark on Phase II of the Chadwick Flyer Trail near Tracker Marine. A grant request was submitted to the Missouri DED for the Chadwick Flyer Overpass on US65. Staff continue to look for fundable pieces.

The Board of Directors voted to set aside \$750,000 for electric vehicle charging stations. Staff is planning to open up an application in April.

There will be an open call for projects for TAP funding. Staff will be looking for ready to go projects with right-of-way already acquired. Applications are open for Sidewalk Cost Shares and 5310 Human Service Vehicles.

Interviews for the open Planner position will be held the end of February.

Staff continue to look for transportation study needs. If any jurisdiction has an idea for a transportation study, please reach out to staff.

OTO project management services are still available. There will be a fee of \$4000 charged for this service in the next fiscal year.

Staff continue to work on a second request for a RAISE Grant for Highway MM with the City of Republic. It is due the end of the month and the ask is for \$25 million. The City of Springfield is working on a RAISE Grant for the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge.

Funding is still being sought for the I-44 project.

F. Legislative Report

There were no legislative representatives in attendance.

G. MoDOT Report

Frank Miller reported there will be a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program meeting immediately following the TPC meeting. Due to inflation, projects and bids are coming in at approximately 20% over the programmed amounts.

H. Committee Reports

Natasha Longpine shared that TAP applications would be coming out this spring. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) will be working with those applications. The MoDOT Cost Share Program will be discussed later in the meeting. The BPAC will be working on finalizing the pedestrian safety study and a map to show the gaps in the trail plan.

The Local Coordinating Board for Transit has solicited applications for 5310 Funding. This provides City Utilities funding for above and beyond ADA improvements and human service agencies access to vehicles for transportation. No applications have been received for vehicles.

II. New Business

A. **Route FF Corridor Study**

Sara Fields stated the Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) contracted with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly (CMT) in October of 2021 to conduct a study to determine the future function and classification of the Route FF Corridor through the City of Battlefield. In coordination with OTO, the City of Battlefield, and MoDOT, CMT has completed the study and developed a draft report of the findings that includes key recommendations for design, traffic calming, and planning. A 15-day public review and comment period was held January 24 through February 7, 2023.

Representatives from CMT presented the study to the Committee.

Kirk Juranas made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors accept the Route FF Corridor Study. Frank Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. **OTO Growth Trends Report**

Dave Faucett presented the Growth Trends report. The report is based on the most recent census data and building permit information collected from area jurisdictions. The report included information for residential units permitted, growth trend maps, as well as demographic and employment data providing a view of growth for the OTO service area and the five county Metropolitan Statistical Area (Christian, Dallas, Greene, Polk, and Webster counties).

This was informational only. No action was required.

C. **MoDOT Sidewalk Cost Share Recommendations**

Natasha Longpine shared the OTO Board of Directors voted to partner with MoDOT on a sidewalk cost share program to benefit the state system at their meeting on September 15, 2022. The Board approved the use of \$3 million from OTO's 2022-2026 Transportation Alternatives and Carbon Reduction Program funding, that when matched by the local jurisdictions, would cover 50 percent of proposed sidewalk projects along state routes, with MoDOT covering the other 50 percent.

OTO solicited projects between November 7, 2022 and January 10, 2023. The City of Ozark submitted four applications and the City of Strafford submitted one. A meeting was held between OTO staff, Ozark, and Strafford to discuss the details of each project. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee met February 1, 2023 to review the applications and make a recommendation for funding. MoDOT has also clarified that proposed sidewalk cost shares need to be part of an existing roadway project. Two projects were recommended for funding, while the remaining projects either need additional scoping or are not part of a planned roadway project.

The recommended projects include:

- City of Ozark – Route 14 (south) from 6th to 14th on both sides
- City of Strafford – Route OO from Route 125 to just east of Dollar General

The application will remain open for additional requests to be considered as they are received.

Todd Wiesehan made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve TAP/CRP funding for Ozark in the amount of \$134,836 for a sidewalk cost share with MoDOT along South Street from 6th to

14th and for Strafford in the amount of \$196,006 to construct sidewalk along Route OO between 125 and the east side of Dollar General. Jeremy Parsons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. FY 2023-2026 TIP Administrative Modification One

Natasha Longpine stated there were 2 items included as part of the Administrative Modification 1 to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program. These changes do not affect Fiscal Constraint as the funding sources and funding years remain the same.

1. Wilson’s Creek Boulevard Trail (EN2205-23AM1)
Moving funding from Construction to Right-of-Way for temporary construction easements.
2. J-Turns on US65 at Bluegrass Road (SP2308-23AM1)
Moving funding from Construction to Right-of-Way for temporary construction easements.

This was informational only. No action was required.

E. FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment Four

Natasha Longpine shared that there were four items included as part of Amendment Number Four to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program.

1. **Revised** Various ADA Enhancement Projects (CU2205-23A4)
City Utilities applied for FY 2021-2023 FTA 5310 funding, which will be considered for award by the OTO Board of Directors at their March meeting. Projects will address ADA enhancements throughout the CU Transit system for a total programmed amount of \$566,251.
2. **New** FY 220 5307 ARP Capital Funding (CU2304-23A4)
City Utilities is programming additional funding received through the FTA Section 5307 ARP apportionment for a total programmed amount of \$4,447,855.
3. **Revised** I-44 Pavement Improvements (GR2302-23A4)
MoDOT is programming additional funding to address an increase in construction costs due to pavement pricing and inflation for a new total programmed amount of \$4,708,200.
4. **New** Route OO East Sidewalks (ST2302-23A4)
Strafford has been recommended for TAP funds to construct sidewalks along Route OO from Route 125 to east of the Dollar General for a total programmed amount of \$245,008.

Kirk Juranas made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve Amendment 4 to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program. Garrett Brickner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. STBG-U Advance Agreement Revisions

Natasha Longpine reported that in an effort to reduce the OTO STBG-Urban fund balance, a policy was approved that allows for jurisdictions to spend up to three years funding in advance. This policy has been previously amended to allow jurisdictions receiving less than \$2 million per year to spend up to three years in advance, while those receiving more than \$2 million can spend up to one year in advance.

Staff is proposing an amendment to the policy to allow the OTO Executive Director to sign Advance Agreements, since the agreement itself states that the Board of Directors approval of the funding through the TIP demonstrates their concurrence. Additional text was modified for clarification.

Todd Wiesehan made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the amended STBG-U Advance Policy. Mary Kromrey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

G. UPWP Committee

Debbie Parks requested appointments for the UPWP Subcommittee to assist in preparing the FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program.

Todd Wiesehan made a motion to appoint Brandie Fisher, City Utilities; Britni O'Connor, MoDOT; Corey Becker, City of Nixa; Tom Dancey, City of Springfield; and Daniel Weitkamp, FHWA to the UPWP Subcommittee. Kirk Juranas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

H. TIP Committee

Natasha Longpine requested appointments for a subcommittee to prepare the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program.

Beth Schaller made a motion to appoint Frank Miller, MoDOT; Brandie Fisher, City Utilities; Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa; and Jeremy Parsons, City of Ozark to the TIP Subcommittee. Kirk Juranas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Other Business

A. Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements

Mary Kromrey shared Ozark Greenways' Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, February 23rd from 5:00-7:00pm at the Barley House at the Moon Town Crossing. Everyone is invited.

B. Transportation Issues for Technical Planning Committee Review

Jeff Roussell stated the City of Nixa has received more phone calls regarding the Old Castle and CC corridor.

C. Articles for Technical Planning Committee Member Information

Chair Roussell noted there were articles of interest included in the Agenda Packet.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:37 p.m.

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Jeff Roussell

Technical Planning Committee Chair