

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 2022**

The Technical Planning Committee of the Ozarks Transportation Organization met at its scheduled time in person. Chair VanHorn began the meeting at approximately 1:33 p.m.

The following members were present:

Ms. Paula Brookshire (a), City of Springfield	Mr. Frank Miller, MoDOT
Ms. Brandie Fisher (a), City Utilities	Mr. Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa (Vice-Chair)
Mr. Martin Gugel, City of Springfield	Ms. Aishwarya Shrestha, SMCOG
Ms. Karen Haynes (a), City of Republic	Mr. Tommy VanHorn, City of Battlefield (Chair)
Mr. Joel Keller (a), Greene County	Mr. Todd Wiesehan, Christian County
Ms. Mary Kromrey, Ozark Greenways	

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

The following members were not present:

Mr. Rick Artman, Greene County	Mr. Jeremy Parsons, City of Ozark
Ms. Emily Denniston, Spfld Chamber of Commerce	Ms. Beth Schaller, MoDOT
Mr. Scott Hayes, City of Willard	Mr. David Schaumburg, Springfield-Branson Airport
Mr. Adam Humphrey, Greene County	Mr. Mark Schenkelberg, FAA
Mr. Kirk Juranas, City of Springfield	Mr. Travis Shaw, Springfield Public Schools
Mr. John Matthews, MSU	Ms. Janet Vomund, MoDOT
Mr. Ahmad Mokhtee, FTA	Mr. Jeremy Wegner, BNSF
Ms. Britni O'Connor, MoDOT	

Others present were: Mr. Neil Brady, Bartlett West; Mr. Peter Bryant, Cochran Engineering; Ms. Sonya Anderson, Senator Blunt's Office; Mr. Jeremy Pruett, Congressman Long's Office; Mr. David Faucett, Ms. Sara Fields, Ms. Natasha Longpine, Ms. Nicole Stokes, and Mr. Andy Thomason, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

I. Administration

A. Introductions

Chair VanHorn welcomed everyone.

B. Approval of the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda

Due to a lack of a quorum, the agenda item was not brought to the committee.

C. Approval of June 15, August 17, and August 29, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Due to a lack of the quorum, the agenda item will be moved to the December 21, 2022 Technical Planning Committee agenda.

D. Public Comment Period for All Agenda Items

Chairman VanHorn advised there were public comments included in the packet. Chairman VanHorn asked for comments or questions.

E. Staff Report

Ms. Fields stated that staff submitted the Safe Streets for All Grant with the US DOT. This was for a planning grant to write a safety plan that would outline projects in the plan that could be funded later.

A grant request was submitted for I-44. It was a multimodal grant which made it eligible under INFRA or MEGA. The INFRA Grant was not awarded for the I-44 project but it could still be awarded under the MEGA Grants.

The Chadwick Flyer Trail Phase III's rail removal contract has been approved. Removal should begin soon. The trail project is projected to bid out early in 2023 with completed construction by the end of the summer.

CRRSSA funds went to the Chadwick Flyer Trail Phase II in Ozark and the Wilson's Creek Battlefield Trail.

Staff is applying for an ARPA Department of Economic Development Tourism Grant for the Chadwick Flyer Overpass in Ozark. It is for \$1.5 million. A local match of \$1.5 million from the TAP funds will be put before the OTO Board of Directors for consideration if the ARPA Grant is awarded. The deadline for the grant is in December so awarding would not be announced until the first of 2023.

Staff have been sending out Federal Funding Notices to OTO MPO member jurisdictions. Member jurisdictions are encouraged to reach out to OTO staff with questions and project ideas.

Two applications from the OTO MPO area were submitted for the Governor's Cost Share Program. One was submitted by the City of Springfield for an Eastgate project near the Underground. The second one was submitted by the City of Nixa for a Main Street additional lane project.

F. Legislative Report

Ms. Anderson, with Senator Blunt's Office, shared the Senate along with the House passed a Continuing Resolution to fund the government through December 14th.

Mr. Pruet, with Congressman Long's Office, stated the Congressman had a last minute change in schedule and will be able to attend the OTO's Legislative Breakfast.

G. MoDOT Report

Mr. Miller reported that staff have been working on the Unfunded Needs list and the STIP Prioritization. Staff have been monitoring inflation, and before letting for the fiscal year, the SW District is up 25%.

The SW District's current projects include bridge approach work on James River Freeway between Springfield and Republic. There are concrete repair projects being done across the area with most work being done at night.

H. Committee Reports

Mr. Thomason gave committee updates for the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), Local Coordinating Board for Transit (LCBT), and the Traffic Incident Management Subcommittee (TIM).

II. New Business

A. **Presentation – Before and After Roadway Improvement Travel Speed Analysis**

Mr. Faucett presented data on travel time changes.

This was informational only. No action was required.

B. **FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment Two**

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

1. ***Revised* Route CC Capital Improvements (OK2102-23A2)**
The City of Ozark received MoDOT Cost Share funding in June and the project has been updated to reflect current costs, funding responsibilities and construction in FY 2025. The total programmed cost is \$6,872,528 plus \$100,000 in prior funding.
2. ***Revised* Walnut Street Bridge (SP2104-23A2)**
The City of Springfield was awarded funds for the Walnut Street Bridge through the MoDOT Regional Bridge Program. These funds will replace STBG-U funding in the project, which has also increased in cost. The total programmed amount is \$2,400,338 plus \$300,000 in prior funding.
3. ***New* I-44 and Mulroy Road Improvements (SP2311-23A2)**
While privately funded at \$6,000,000, this project impacts the Interstate system and requires coordination with FHWA for access justification.
4. ***New* LeCompte Road Improvements (SP2312-23A2)**
The City of Springfield received EDA funding for improvements to LeCompte north of Division and at the intersection with Division. Remaining funding comes from the City of Springfield and the Erlen Group. The total programmed amount is \$4,012,020.

Due to a lack of 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 scheduled for November 3, 2022.

C. **Federal Functional Classification Change Request**

Mr. Thomason stated that Pursuant §470.105.b, the State of Missouri, in conjunction with OTO, must maintain a functional classification map. This map is different from the Major Thoroughfare Plan, which is part of the Long Range Transportation Plan. The Federal Functional Classification System designates Federal Aid Highways, i.e., those eligible for federal funding.

The following information is a summary of the submitted application materials.

The OTO has requested the following changes to the federal functional classification system. The application included:

1. Roadway Name – West Ave, US 60 to Miller Rd
Current Functional Classification – Local
Requested Functional Classification – Minor Collector

Major Thoroughfare Plan – Collector

2. Roadway Name – Miller Rd, Western Terminus to West Ave

Current Functional Classification – Major Collector

Requested Functional Classification – Local

Major Thoroughfare Plan – Collector

Note: The City of Republic has submitted a letter of support for this reclassification.

Due to a lack of the quorum, the agenda item will be moved to the December 21, 2022 Technical Planning Committee agenda.

D. September 30, 2022 Federal Funds Balance Report

Ms. Longpine shared that OTO is allocated Urban Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG-Urban) funds, formally known as STP-Urban funds, each year through MoDOT from the Federal Highway Administration. MoDOT has enacted a policy of allowing no more than three years of this STBG-Urban allocation to accrue. If a balance greater than 3 years accrues, funds will lapse (be forfeited).

OTO has elected to sub-allocate the STBG-Urban funds among the jurisdictions within the MPO area. Each of these jurisdiction's allocations are based upon the population within the MPO area. OTO's balance is monitored as a whole by MoDOT, while OTO staff monitors each jurisdiction's individual balance. The next deadline to meet the MoDOT funds lapse policy is September 30, 2023.

Staff has developed a report which documents the balance allowed, the balance obligated, and the balance that needs to be obligated by the end of the Federal Fiscal Year in order to not be rescinded by MoDOT. The report also outlines projects programmed to use STBG-Urban funding, so jurisdictions can have a clear picture of what is remaining. Ms. Longpine reviewed the report for the Committee.

Ms. Longpine further reviewed the impacts of obligation limitation on OTO's allocation.

This was informational only. No action was required.

E. FY 2024-2028 STIP Priorities

Ms. Fields shared that in early 2023, MoDOT is expected to develop funding estimates for use in the 2024-2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Once those estimates are developed, there is a very short window to add projects to the program. Therefore, MoDOT has asked for a list of prioritized projects to begin estimating project costs. Projects will only be considered after the funding of the asset management plan ensuring that pavement and bridges are kept in good condition.

Once adopted by the OTO Board of Directors, the list will be forwarded to MoDOT for consideration. The projects will be considered in order. The proposed list has impacts from existing projects which might delay a project from consideration while the impacts of the improvement are assessed. If a top project cannot be ready, costs more than the funding available, or is being impacted by a planned construction project, the next project would be considered. The list serves as OTO's request, not a final expected listing of projects. Ms. Fields reviewed the priorities list with the Committee.

Due to the lack of a quorum, no vote was taken. There were no objections from those in attendance. Suggestions were noted. This item will be on the November 17, 2022 Board of Directors meeting agenda for final approval.

F. Unfunded Needs List

Ms. Fields stated that MoDOT has requested a list of unfunded needs that can be used in planning for different scenarios. The request proposed specific funding for three tiers of projects. Projects should not be removed from the list until programmed in the STIP. It should be noted that the cost estimates provided are educated estimates and, in some cases, once a final project is determined, the estimate will be revised. Ms. Fields highlighted the Southwest District Unfunded Needs List for the Committee.

Due to the lack of a quorum, no vote was taken. There were no objections, or suggested changes from those in attendance. This item will be on the November 17, 2022 Board of Directors meeting agenda for final approval.

G. Unfunded Multimodal Needs List

Mr. Thomason reported that a multimodal unfunded needs list has been developed and shared with MoDOT. This list has been incorporated into a statewide list identifying \$1 billion in unfunded multimodal needs. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the STIP Priorities Subcommittee participated in the creation of OTO's list.

Due to a lack of quorum, no vote was taken. There were no objections from those in attendance. Suggestions were noted. This item will be on the November 17, 2022 Board of Directors meeting agenda for final approval.

H. Amendment to the OTO Technical Planning Committee Bylaws

Ms. Fields stated OTO Staff is proposing a bylaw amendment to reduce the number of Technical Planning Committee voting members, facilitating a quorum at the bimonthly meetings. Ms. Fields reviewed the changes.

Due to a lack of quorum, no vote was taken. There were no objections from those in attendance. Suggestions were noted. This item will be on the November 17, 2022 Board of Directors meeting agenda for final approval.

III. Other Business

A. Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements

Ms. Fields reminded the Committee of the Legislative Breakfast on October 20th.

B. Transportation Issues for Technical Planning Committee Review

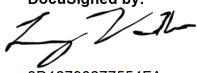
There were no transportation issues for Committee review.

C. Articles for Technical Planning Committee Member Information

Chairman VanHorn noted there were articles of interest included in the Agenda Packet.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:36 p.m.

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Tommy VanHorn
Technical Planning Committee Chair