

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2023**

The Technical Planning Committee of the Ozarks Transportation Organization met at its scheduled time in person. A quorum was declared present. 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
King Coltrin (a), City of Springfield	Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa (Chair)
Matt Crawford, City Utilities	Beth Schaller, MoDOT
Adam Humphrey, Greene County	Randall Whitman (a), City of Springfield
Mary Kromrey, Ozark Greenways	
John Matthews, Missouri State University	

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

The following members were not present:

Keith Adams, Springfield Public Schools	Tim Schowe, City of Strafford
Scott Hayes, City of Willard	Aishwarya Shrestha, SMCOG
Joel Keller (a), Greene County	Mark Webb, Greene County
Tristan Losh, City of Battlefield	Jeremy Wegner, BNSF
Ahmad Mokhtee, FTA	Daniel Weitkamp, FHWA
David Schaumburg, Springfield-Branson Airport	Todd Wiesehan, Christian County
Mark Schenkelberg, FAA	

Others present were: Kimberly Ader, MoDOT; Tom Dancey, City of Springfield; John McCart, City of Ozark; Matthew Smith, Congressman Eric Burlison's Office; Ryan Stehn and Matt DeMoss, CMT; Dave Faucett, Sara Fields, David Knaut, Natasha Longpine, Debbie Parks, 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 August 16, 2023. Beth Schaller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. Approval of May 17, 2023 E-Meeting and June 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Mary Kromrey made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2023 E-Meeting and June 21, 2023 Technical Planning Committee Meeting. Frank Miller 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 and asked for comments or questions.

E. Executive Director's Report

Sara Fields stated that the Board of Directors approved the Transportation Improvement Program last month. It is in Jefferson City waiting for approval. Award letters for the TAP and Carbon Reduction Program funds for trails, sidewalk projects, and EV chargers will be sent out once approved.

The Board of Directors has been working on the OTO Legislative Priorities. Members were asked to contact Sara Fields if they have any suggestions for Board consideration.

The STIP Prioritization meetings have been scheduled and calendar invitations sent for August 31, September 14, and October 5.

F. Legislative Report

Matthew Smith with Congressman Eric Burlison's office shared that the major item they have been working on is the Federal Aviation Administration's Reauthorization. One of their focuses was the new perimeter rule. Part of that rule would have allowed direct flights from Springfield to DCA. It did not make it to the Rules Committee. They also put forward an amendment that would create a study for simulator training and how it could improve a pilot's ability to train. This also did not make it through the Rules Committee. Congressman Burlison did support the FAA Reauthorization.

The Office filed legislation entitled Freights First Act. This bill addresses Amtrak's right of preference over rail lines. This bill would take away Amtrak's right of preference within 50 miles of a railyard or a freight hub.

The PHMSA Reauthorization is coming up. Their office is looking for ways to streamline projects and cut down on regulations so that infrastructure can be built in a more efficient way.

Next year they have the Water Resource Development Act Reauthorization. They will be looking to update Table Rock Lake Laws and improve recreational purposes for the Table Rock area.

G. MoDOT Report

Frank Miller reported MoDOT has held a couple of meetings for the High Priority Unfunded Needs. MoDOT will be having meetings regarding the smoothing of the updated Urban Area boundaries from the recent census.

Beth Schaller shared MoDOT is staying busy with construction. MoDOT has a new outreach effort for safety around road construction and maintenance crews.

H. Committee Reports and Grant Opportunities

David Knaut stated the Local Coordinating Board for Transit has been working on updating the guidelines for the OTO Program Management Plan. There have been new members added.

The Traffic Incident Management Subcommittee has seen a reduction in overall crashes in the OTO region.

The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee has been working on finalizing the Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvement Report. In the spring, 28 miles of single track trail were completed around the Fellow Lake area. The Committee is also finalizing the Pedestrian Safety Analysis.

Debbie Parks shared that there are several grant opportunities that are open and highlighted them.

II. **New Business**

A. **Route 66 Trail Alignment Study**

Sara Fields stated Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly will present the final Route 66 Trail Study which evaluated trail locations between LeCompte Road in Springfield and Strafford. Ryan Stehn and Matt DeMoss with CMT presented the study.

Garrett Brickner made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors accept the Route 66 Trail Alignment Study. Beth Schaller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. **FY 2023-2026 TIP Administrative Modification Seven**

Natasha Longpine reviewed the one revision that was made to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program.

This was informational only. No action was required.

C. **FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendment One**

Natasha Longpine shared the three changes proposed to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program. They were for Weaver Road improvements, the Grand Street Trail, and the Evergreen Road improvements.

Jeremy Parsons made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve Amendment 1 to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program. Garrett Brickner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. **UPWP Administrative Modification One**

Debbie Parks reported that revisions had been made to the FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program.

This was informational only. No action was required.

E. **Federal Functional Classification Change Request**

Natasha Longpine stated there was one change request to the federal functional classification system for E Evergreen Street / N Farm Road 249 / E Farm Road 84 / N Farm Road 243 from local to minor collector.

Frank Miller made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Functional Classification Change request. Jeremy Parsons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. **Annual Listing of Obligated Projects**

Natasha Longpine presented the annual listing of obligated projects for program year 2023 in the OTO area.

Beth Schaller made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors accept the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects. Garrett Brickner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

G. Safe Streets and Roads for All Advisory Committee

Natasha Longpine requested members to appoint an Advisory Committee to guide the development of the Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan.

Jeff Roussell made a motion to appoint Corey Becker (Nixa), John Matthews (MSU), a representative from the City of Springfield, a representative from MoDOT, a representative from Greene County, and a representative from the City of Ozark to the SS4A Advisory Committee. Garrett Brickner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

H. Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Goals

Natasha Longpine led a discussion regarding the setting of Safety Goals as required by the Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Planning Grant. This will be discussed again at a future meeting.

This was informational only. No action was required.

III. Other Business

A. Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements

Mary Kromrey shared that a Chadwick Flyer Open House was held August 15th for the immediate adjacent landowners that went well.

Beth Schaller stated MoDOT is currently doing an economic analysis for East Sunshine Street. A MoDOT consultant is working on reaching all the businesses east of Glenstone to Blackman Road. Roundtables are scheduled for August 19th.

Jeff Roussell shared the City of Nixa is looking to update the Street and ADA Compliance Master Plan.

B. Transportation Issues for Technical Planning Committee Review

There were no transportation issues for Committee review.

C. Articles for Technical Planning Committee Member Information

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

IV. Adjournment

Randall Whitman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mary Kromrey seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:36 p.m.

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Jeff Roussell

Technical Planning Committee Chair