

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 20, 2019**

The Technical Planning Committee of the Ozarks Transportation Organization met at its scheduled time in the OTO Conference Room. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was called to order at approximately 1:35 p.m. by Vice Chair Garrett Tyson.

The following members were present:

Ms. Paula Brookshire, City of Springfield (a)	Mr. King Coltrin, City of Strafford
Ms. Brandie Fisher, City Utilities Transit (a)	Mr. Kirk Juranas, City of Springfield
Mr. Frank Miller, MoDOT	Mr. Todd Wiesehan, Christian County
Mr. Garret Tyson, City of Republic	Mr. Joel Keller, Greene County (a)
Mr. Adam Humphrey, Greene County	Mr. Joel Binkley, Greene County
Mr. Matt Crawford, City Utilities	Mr. Eric Claussen, City of Springfield (a)
Mr. Jeremy Parsons, City of Ozark	Mr. Dave Schaumburg, Airport Board
Mr. Danny Perches, Springfield Chamber of Commerce	Ms. Megan Clark, SMOG (a)

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

The following members not present:

Mr. John Caufield, BNSF	Mr. Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa
Mr. Frank Schoneboom, City of Battlefield	Mr. Randall Brown, City of Willard
Mr. Rick Artman, Greene County Highway	Mr. Cole Pruitt, MSU Transit
Ms. Eva Voss, MoDOT	Ms. Janette Vomund, MoDOT
Mr. Ezekiel Hall, MoDOT	Ms. Mary Kromery, Ozark Greenways
Mr. Travis Shaw, Springfield Public Schools	Mr. Martin Gugel, City of Springfield
Mr. Joshua Bird, Christian County (a)	Mr. Kevin Lambeth, City of Battlefield (a)
Mr. Doug Colvin, City of Nixa (a)	Mr. John McCart, City of Ozark (a)
Ms. Mary Lily Smith, City of Springfield	Mr. Andrew Nelson, City of Republic (a)
Mr. Garen McElroy, Greene County Highway (a)	Ms. Beth Schaller, MoDOT (a)
Mr. Chad Zickefoose, MoDOT (a)	Mr. John Montgomery, Ozark Greenways (a)
Mr. Jonathan Sheldon, Springfield Public Schools (a)	Ms. Dawne Gardner, City of Springfield (a)
Ms. Kristy Bork, Airport Board (a)	Mr. Mark Schenkelberg, FAA
Mr. Bradley McMahan, FHWA	Mr. Mokhtee Ahmad, FTA
Mr. Jason Ray, SMOG	Mr. Jeremiah Schuler, FTA (a)

Others Present were: Mr. Dan Waddlington, Senator Blunt's Office; Mr. Jeremy Pruett, Congressman Long's Office; Mr. John Sanders, MoDOT; Ms. Sara Fields, Ms. Kimberly Cooper, Ms. Markee Hebden, Ms. Natasha Longpine, Mr. Dave Faucett, Mr. Brad Williams, Mr. Andy Thomason, Ozarks Transportation

Organization; Mr. Steve Shultz, Mr. Neil Brady, Bartlett & West; Ms. Susan Prime, Ms. Tatyana Ojennyi, Mr. Curtis Jared, Mr. David Stone SR., City of Rogersville.

I. Administration

A. Introductions

Those in attendance made self-introductions stating their name and the organization they represent.

B. Approval of the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda

Mr. Juranas moved to approve the November 20, 2019 Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda. Mr. Perches seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

C. Approval of the September 18, 2019 Minutes

Mr. Perches moved to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2019 Technical Planning Committee Meeting. Mr. Claussen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

D. Public Comment Period for All Agenda Items

Citizens from Rogersville addressed the Committee about the 60/125 Interchange. The Rogersville representative, Mr. Curtis Jared, stated they are adamantly opposed to MoDOT's Option 2, due to the idea that this design will destroy any hope of growth in the area. They are more in favor of the newer Option 3, and state that most voters will support this option. Ms. Ojennyi pointed out that Option 3 would also keep residents and permit drivers off the highway. Mr. Jared focused on the economic viability of each of the three options for the town. He is concerned about the ease of exiting and re-entering the highway, as well as being able to see local businesses from the highway. He passed around a print out of MoDOT's Option 3 for the Committee to review. It is his opinion that anything but Option 3 will be detrimental to local businesses in Rogersville. Mr. Jared also provided letters from property owners to Vice Chair Tyson showing opposition to Option 2. Vice Chair Tyson asked for a comment from a MoDOT representative. Mr. Frank Miller and Mr. John Sanders agreed that Option 1 is a significantly more costly option to consider. Mr. Miller made a point that if additional funds are needed, this would come from the OTO allocation of Funding for Projects. Mr. Sanders also stated that due to the topography there will still be visibility concerns while driving west on Highway 60 with Option 1. Mr. Sanders clarified that Option 3 would be less expensive than Option 1, but more expensive than Option 2. Vice Chair Tyson as for the materials to be sent out to the Committee and that updates be provided to the Committee as available. Vice Chair Tyson asked for any other public comments, and seeing as there were none, he closed the public comment period.

E. Staff Report – Ms. Sara Fields

Ms. Fields started her report by reminding the Committee about Trail Funding Applications being due Friday November 22nd. She stated that the Attorney General has ruled that any entity using Tap Funds or STBG Funds, MoDOT will now have to do Risk Assessment forms. She spoke on the different trainings that took place in the area recently: Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian Training and the Traffic Incident Management Exercise. Ms. Field's mentioned the First Lady held a Press Conference at the Traffic Incident Management Exercise and reminded everyone to buckle up and put their phones down while driving.

F. Legislative Reports – Mr. Dan Waddlington, Mr. Jeremy Pruett

Mr. Waddlington spoke about the Highway Resolution being the main focus of the Senate.

Mr. Pruett stated that the House is immersed in the trails for the impeachment of President Trump.

II. New Business

A. *Grant Avenue Connect Parkway Presentation – Springfield Public Works*

Ms. Paula Brookshire presented on the vision for the *Grant Avenue Connect Parkway* Project and the BUILD Grant. She touched on reasons why Grant was chosen over other roads in the area; such as Grant being a two-way street, the connection of Wonders of Wildlife Museum and Downtown, as well as connecting multiple parks and neighborhoods along the way. She highlighted the design features amenities of having buried utility lines, a WiFi enabled trail, and traffic calming tools. Ms. Brookshire stated that Springfield was awarded \$21 million, and requires a local match of 20%, which is roughly \$5 million. She said this will be gained by the communities $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$ sales cent tax, as well as CU contributions, and possible private investors. The deadline for obligated funds is September 30, 2021 with a project completion deadline of September 30, 2026. Ms. Brookshire spoke on the challenges of this project including the scope of the overall project, meeting the timeline, and property impacts due to burying utility lines and trail spacing. She noted that opportunities include created something transformational, promoting pedestrian and bike safety, as well as connecting other projects that are currently happening in the community such as the Greenway Trails and Jordan Valley Daylighting Project.

B. *Transportation Plan 2020 Amendment 11 – Ms. Natasha Longpine*

Ms. Longpine presented for Committee consideration that the BUILD Grant be included in the *Transportation Plan 2020*, due to the size of the award, as opposed to including it with the Bike and Pedestrian plans. Mr. Perches motioned that Amendment 11 be recommended to the Board of Directors to be added to *Transportation Plan 2020*. Mr. Coltrin seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

C. FY 2020-2023 Amendment Number Two – Ms. Natasha Longpine

Ms. Longpine spoke on including the BUILD Grant in the TIP. The other items are adding sidewalks on 14, Ozark adding underpasses with their Jackson St compacity improvements, City of Springfield Overlay Project, and ADA projects that are now being split into two separate projects. Mr. Juranas moved to recommend Amendment Number Two. Mr. Coltrin seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

D. 2020 Safety Performance Targets – Ms. Natasha Longpine

Ms. Longpine stated that there are no safety targets that OTO wishes to review or deviate from MoDOT's Targets. She noted that trends for state-wide fatalities and serious injuries are trending down. The OTO Region, however, is trending upward. Ms. Longpine spoke on seeing a dramatic upward trend in bicycle and pedestrian injuries and fatalities.

Mr. Coltrin motioned to continue to support MoDOT's targets. Mr. Perches seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

E. Annual List of Obligated Projects – Ms. Natasha Longpine

Ms. Longpine explained that some projects have been de-obligated, meaning the funds are no longer required for that specific project. The agenda included the ALOP packet for Committee review. Mr. Juranas moved to accept the ALOP, Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

F. Federal Funds Balance Report – Ms. Natasha Longpine

Ms. Longpine distributed the September 2019 Funds Balance Report for Committee review. She pointed out the page that contains lapsed potential for each community. Ms. Longpine said that the balance with the cost shares is at \$17 million of the \$19 million that is allowed. Ms. Fields encouraged everyone to examine their balance sheets and think of ways to spend the money allocated to them.

G. OTO Technical Planning Committee Chair Rotation – Ms. Sara Fields

Ms. Fields stated that the chair nomination for the 2021 Chair is Mr. Todd Wiesehan of Christian County. Mr. Perches made a motion to accept this appointment, Mr. Parsons seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

H. OTO Technical Planning Committee 2020 Meeting Schedule – Ms. Sara Fields

Ms. Fields noted that there is a hardcopy of the 2020 Meeting Schedule for the Technical Planning Committee.

III. Other Business

A. Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements

There were no announcements.

B. Transportation Issues for Technical Planning Committee Member Review

There were no issues raised.

C. Articles for Technical Planning Committee Member Information

Vice Chair Tyson noted that there had been articles distributed in the agenda packet and encouraged the members of the Committee to review them as they had time. Ms. Fields stated that she included the list of 2020 BUILD Grant award recipients.

IV. Adjournment

With no additional business to come before the Committee, Mr. Coltrin moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Perches seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved, and Vice Chair Tyson adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:45 p.m.