OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2018

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 1:30 p.m. by Co-Chair Kirk Juranas.

The following members were present:

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| Mr. Rick Artman, Greene County  Ms. Kristy Bork, Springfield/Branson Airport (a)  Ms. Megan Clark, SMCOG  Mr. Eric Claussen, City of Springfield (a)  Mr. King Coltrin, City of Strafford  Ms. Dawn Gardner, City of Springfield (a)  Mr. Zeke Hall, MoDOT  Mr. Adam Humphrey, Greene County  Mr. Kirk Juranas, City of Springfield (Co-Chair)  Mr. Joel Keller, Greene County (a)  Ms. Mary Kromrey, Ozark Greenways | Mr. Frank Miller, MoDOT  Mr. Jeremy Parsons, City of Ozark (a)  Mr. Cole Pruitt, Missouri State University  Mr. Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa  Mr. Kelly Turner, City Utilities Transit  Mr. Garrett Tyson, City of Republic |

1. *Denotes alternate given voting privileges as a substitute when voting member not present*

The following members were not present:

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| Mr. Mokhtee Ahmad, FTA Representative  Mr. Joshua Bird, Christian County (a)  Ms. Paula Brookshire, City of Springfield (a)  Mr. Randall Brown, City of Willard (Vice Chair)  Mr. John Caufield, BNSF  Mr. Doug Colvin, City of Nixa (a)  Mr. Justin Coyan, Springfield Chamber of Commerce  Mr. Martin Gugel, City of Springfield (Co-Chair)  Mr. Kevin Lambeth, City of Battlefield (a)  Mr. Bradley McMahon, FHWA  Mr. Kent Morris, Greene County Planning  Mr. Andrew Nelson, City of Republic (a) | Mr. David O’Connor, City of Willard (a)  Mr. Jason Ray, SMOG (a)  Mr. David Schaumburg, Springfield/Branson Airport  Mr. Mark Schenkelberg, FAA Representative  Mr. Frank Schoneboom, City of Battlefield  Mr. Jeremiah Shuler, FTA Representative (a)  Ms. Mary Lilly Smith, City of Springfield  Ms. Janette Vomund, MoDOT  Ms. Eva Voss, MoDOT  Mr. Todd Wiesehan, Christian County  Mr. Chad Zickefoose, MoDOT |

Others present were: Jeremy Pruett, Congressman Billy Long’s Office; Dan Wadlington, Senator Roy Blunt’s Office; Mr. Cory Imhoff and Mr. Jason Haynes, HDR; Mr. Carl Carlson, Olsson Associates; Ms. Brenda Cirtin, Ms. Kimberly Cooper, Mr. David Faucett, Ms. Sara Fields, Ms. Natasha Longpine, and Mr. Andy Thomason, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

* 1. **Administration**

1. **Introductions**

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

1. **Approval of the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda**

Mr. Artman moved approval of the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for July 18, 2018. Mr. Pruitt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the May 16, 2018, Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Roussell moved for approval of the minutes from the May 16, 2018, Technical Planning Committee Meeting. Mr. Turner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. **Public Comment Period for All Agenda Items**

There were no speakers present to address the Committee.

1. **Staff Report**

Sara Fields stated staff has been working on prioritizing projects for the September Technical Planning Committee meeting and the October Board of Directors meeting for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). She added a subcommittee meeting will be scheduled in August to perform the initial scoring based on a list of criteria. It is then discussed at the Technical Planning Committee and an opportunity is given to change the priorities.

Ms. Fields noted that at the Board of Directors meeting, the City of Springfield had advised they were applying for a BUILD grant to connect the Wonders of Wildlife to downtown. She noted the application was due on July 19, 2018. She added the Board of Directors had authorized staff to write a letter of support for this application. She stated the application was asking for $26 million to build a multi-modal corridor down Grant Street.

Ms. Fields thanked those who had attended the Traffic Impact Study that the OTO had hosted in June. She added they are working on a final draft of the guidelines for the member entities to use if appropriate. She noted once she receives these guidelines, she will call a meeting of the subcommittee to review them and make any changes deemed appropriate.

Ms. Fields stated the Board of Directors had accepted the recommendation of the Technical Planning Committee and had added $2.5 million to the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds. She added staff is planning on a Fall timeline for applications.

Ms. Fields said she had presented to the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission last week. She noted it had gone well and that the Commission has asked some questions about the sustained growth of the OTO area. She noted they were very impressed with the growth over time. She added she had pointed out to the Commission that the OTO is planning for projects based on needs, which is supported by real data.

Ms. Fields stated she had no information on the 10-cent fuel tax, adding that the ballot language is very confusing. She said the campaign is going to be led by the Missouri Chamber of Commerce, however, they are going to wait to begin the campaign until after the August election. She added Andy Thomason is working on a brochure that will discuss the amount of funding that will be given to each of the member entities if the tax passes.

In response to question regarding the TAP funding, Ms. Fields stated she had met with all the member entities and none of them had expressed a desire to just fund trails. She noted that a subcommittee would be defining the scoring criteria for the applications prior to date of acceptance. She explained the group would decide the criteria and they may or may not weight trails higher than sidewalks or vice versa. She added the cap on the project size is $250,000, however, this amount could be changed if necessary.

# MoDOT Update

Mr. Frank Miller noted that MoDOT has a master plan to look at bridges, paving of roads, etc. He noted they have been looking at this for the past two years and have seen the paving conditions improve, but the bridges are getting worse. He stated he did not believe any of the 185 that are in very poor shape are in the OTO area, but they are in Southwest Missouri.

In response to a request from Ms. Fields, Mr. Miller addressed low water crossings. He stated that in the past low water crossings have been able to be replaced using road and bridge funds. However, USDOT is no longer allowing that, so it has created an issue among Counties. He noted MoDOT had sent a letter out last week explaining the new rules and regulations.

1. **Legislative Reports**

Dan Waddlington, Senator Roy Blunt’s Office, noted that Congress will be in recess in about a week. He stated there are no transportation bills pending in the Senate at this time.

Jeremy Pruitt, Representative Billy Long’s Office, noted the House of Representatives will be taking the month of August off. He added there are no transportation bills pending in the House at this time.

* 1. **New Business**

1. *Transportation Plan 2040* Amendment 9A

Natasha Longpine stated this proposed amendment is for the Hwy 60/Route 125 interchange. She added this project has been in scoping the past few years and is now ready to be moved to the constrained list so that it can be programmed into the TIP. She stated the FAST Act also requires any updates to the TIP or the Long Range Plan, requires performance-based planning must be included. This amendment also updates Chapter 3 – Goals, to include the most recent guidance on the National Performance Goals.

Mr. Coltrin moved the Technical Planning Committee recommend the Board of Directors approve *Transportation Plan 2040* Amendment 9A. Mr. Artman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. *Transportation Plan 2040* Amendment 9B – Greene County MTP Amendments

Natasha Longpine stated this proposed amendment consists of two changes requested by Greene County. The first is a realignment of proposed Farm Road 94 to connect straight across to AB. The second is the removal of proposed Farm Road 140 between Orchard Crest and West Bypass. Ms. Longpine noted this approval is based upon Greene County approving the Board of Directors’ recommendation. This request will be considered pending until it is formally approved by Greene County.

Adam Humphrey briefly commented on the proposed changes and explained why Greene County was requesting these changes. With no further discussion, Mr. Artman moved the Technical Planning Committee recommend the Board of Directors approve *Transportation Plan 2040* Amendment 9B, pending Greene County approval. Mr. Claussen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. Federal Functional Classification Map Change Request

Andy Thomason stated the City of Nixa had applied for a Federal Functional Classification change. He added they are asking to change portions of Truman Blvd., and Norton Rd. He said the two roads do not currently connect, but some proposed development will create a north/south corridor. He stated this requested change would make the classifications Major Collector, which is more in keeping with their use.

Mr. Pruitt moved the Technical Planning Committee recommend approval of the Federal Functional Classification Change to the Board of Directors. Mr. Roussell seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. Nixa Trail Study Addendum

Andy Thomason stated staff is excited to have the completed Nixa Addendum to the Regional Trail Study. He briefly reviewed the history and the process that had been followed for this project. He noted that Nixa had been donated some land on Route AA, which bordered the James River. The Community leaders wanted to see this area connected to the developed portions of Nixa, so Alta was asked to propose two or three possible trail connections. Mr. Thomason reviewed the proposed trail alignment for the Committee, noting there was approximately 84 miles of trails, with 12 miles being incorporated into the Regional Trail Study.

Mr. Keller moved the Technical Planning Committee recommend acceptance of the Nixa Trail Study Addendum to the Board of Directors. Ms. Gardner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. Approved 2019-2023 STIP

Frank Miller stated the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission approved the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for fiscal years 2019-2023. He stated the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which Ms. Longpine will be discussing later in the meeting, and the STIP both match.

Chair Juranas noted that this was for informational purposes only and no action by the Committee was required.

1. Draft FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program

Natasha Longpine stated the Draft FY 2019-2022 had been sent to the Kindles and explained to the Committee how to access it. She noted the TIP takes projects from the Long Range Plan and designates which projects will be constructed over the next four years. She said TIP reflects our investment priorities from *Transportation Plan 2040* and will help us achieve our performance targets. She noted the OTO is required to include any projects that receive federal funding and any project that is regionally significant. Ms. Longpine outlined the process that is used to compile the Draft TIP. She noted the only public comment that had been received was from CC Links in Christian County who contracts with OATS for service. Ms. Longpine stated CC Links had requested OATS services be expanded from what they are currently providing, but she noted the OTO does not have funding available for this service. Ms. Longpine reviewed the Draft TIP with the Committee highlighting the performance-based planning section, which is new this year.

Ms. Gardner moved the Technical Planning Committee recommend approval of the Draft FY 2019-2022 TIP to the Board of Directors. Mr. Humphreys seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. OTO/MoDOT Freeway Study

Chair Juranas introduced Jason Haynes, the consultant with HDR who had prepared the OTO/MoDOT Freeway Study. Mr. Haynes stated this study is in line with the mission of the OTO, which is to determine priority projects using real data. Mr. Haynes reviewed for the Committee his PowerPoint presentation on the process for performing the study and the subsequent recommendations. He noted the study centered on I-44 and US 60 from West Bypass to Highway 125.

Mr. Haynes stated the study looked at 2017 traffic counts and then used the OTO travel demand model growth rates to project traffic demands for 2040. He added this resulted in 20 projects being identified, based on high crass rates and poor LOS/capacity deficiencies, bridge and roadway deficiencies, and excessive queue lengths. Mr. Haynes outlined the process and formula used to project the cost of the projects. He then reviewed the list of projects, both using the Benefit/Cost Methodology and the Net Benefits Methodology.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Turner moved the Technical Planning Committee recommend the acceptance of this study to the Board of Directors. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

* 1. **Other Business**

1. **Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements**

Sara Fields announced there was a public meeting on July 24, 2018, regarding Highway 160, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., at the Library Center.

Frank Miller introduced Zeke Hall, who is taking Andrew Seiler’s position at MoDOT.

1. **Transportation Issues for Technical Planning Committee Member Review**

None.

1. **Articles for Technical Planning Committee Member Information**

Co-Chair Juranas noted there had been several articles distributed in the agenda packet and encouraged the members of the Committee to review them as they had time.

**Adjournment**

With no additional business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.