OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2017

The Technical Planning Committee of the Ozarks Transportation Organization met at its scheduled time of 1:30 p.m. in the OTO Conference Room.

The following members were present:

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| Mr. Rick Artman, Greene CountyMs. Paula Brookshire, City of Springfield (a)Mr. Randall Brown, City of WillardMr. Eric Claussen, City of Springfield (a)Mr. King Coltrin, City of Strafford Ms. Dawn Gardner, City of Springfield (a)\*Mr. Adam Humphrey, Greene County Mr. Kirk Juranas, City of Springfield (Co-Chair)Mr. Joel Keller, Greene County (a) Mr. Frank Miller, MoDOT  | Mr. Jeremy Parsons, City of Ozark (a)Mr. Jeff Roussell, City of NixaMr. Andrew Seiler, MoDOTMr. Kelly Turner, City Utilities Transit |

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 RepresentativeMr. Joshua Bird, Christian County (a)Ms. Kristy Bork, Springfield/Branson Airport (a)Mr. John Caufield, BNSF Mr. Doug Colvin, City of Nixa (a)Mr. Justin Coyan, Springfield Chamber of CommerceMr. Rick Emling, R-12 School District (a)Ms. Rachael Garrett, City of Republic (a)Mr. Martin Gugel, City of Springfield (Co-Chair)Mr. Tom Johnson, Missouri State UniversityMr. Mary Kromrey, Ozark GreenwaysMr. Kevin Lambeth, City of Battlefield (a)Mr. Bradley McMahon, FHWA | Mr. Kent Morris, Greene County PlanningMr. David O’Connor, City of Willard (a)Mr. Jason Ray, SMCOGMr. David Schaumburg, Springfield/Branson AirportMr. Mark Schenkelberg, FAA RepresentativeMr. Frank Schoneboom, City of Battlefield Mr. Jeremiah Shuler, FTA Representative (a)Ms. Mary Lilly Smith, City of SpringfieldMr. Garrett Tyson, City of RepublicMs. Janette Vomund, MoDOT Ms. Eva Voss, MoDOT Mr. Todd Wiesehan, Christian CountyMr. Chad Zickefoose, MoDOT |

Others present were: Ms. Kimberly Cooper, Mr. Dave Faucett, Mr. Scott Godbey, Ms. Natasha Longpine, and Mr. Andy Thomason, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

Mr. King Coltrin, Technical Planning Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:34 pm.

* 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. Miller moved for approval of the September 20, 2017 Technical Planning Committee agenda. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the June 8, 2017 and July 19, 2017, Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Kelly moved for approval of the minutes from the June 8, 2017 E-Meeting and the July 19, 2017 Technical Planning Committee Meeting. Mr. Humphrey 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**

Natasha Longpine stated that Ms. Fields was unable to be at this meeting as she was out of town for Leadership Springfield.

Ms. Longpine stated the trail study is being finalized and Alta is in the process of collecting all the information into one final report. She added they are finalizing the priorities of the segments along the corridors, starting with the highest priority.

Ms. Longpine noted that TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) funds are once again available for interested parties. Ms. Longpine indicated that there had been two inquiries and that the City of Republic may be considering revisiting the MM Corridor project and the City of Springfield is also considering some possibilities. She added the deadline is in October.

Ms. Longpine stated the OTO has received the audit and that it was good. She also noted staff is currently reviewing the draft of the Federal Certification Review and are determining how best to respond. There were no corrective actions; just a few recommendations and several commendations.

Ms. Longpine stated the OTO will be hosting a Legislative Breakfast on November 16, 2017 for the area Legislators. It is anticipated this will be an opportunity for them to learn how projects are selected and how the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) is developed.

Ms. Longpine noted that when the House was passing their Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development appropriations bill they included a rescission of approximately $800 million. It is unknown what programs this will affect; so far staff believes it will include sub-allocated funds and this could still impact other projects. The current continuing esolution pushed the deadline back to December. There is no word on how the Senate will act.

Kelly Turner stated he wanted to continue to advocate for TIGER funding. He stated this is one of the areas this community has been behind other communities. He stated that each time there is a notice of funding, then the communities appear to have to work hard to put a project together. He said he believed that the OTO needs to work to ensure there are projects that are well thought-through and ready to begin before the notice of funding is received. Ms. Longpine stated the OTO has a Funding Subcommittee assigned and this will assist in the future, adding that it appears that TIGER in some form will continue to exist.

# MoDOT Update

Frank Miller stated that MoDOT was updating the Long Range Transportation Plan for the State of Missouri. The purpose of the plan, which was last updated in 2014, is to bring the State into Federal Compliance by addressing Performance Measures, add information on how technology will impact transportation in the future, and highlight the public involvement process. He noted that MoDOT had put a survey online and encouraged those present to share it on their social media sites. He added they are receiving a good response to this survey.

Mr. Miller stated applications for the Cost Share program will be due in early October. He stated he did not think any entity in the OTO area was going to apply, but if that had changed, to please let him know as soon as possible.

1. **Legislative Reports**

None.

1. **New Business**
2. 2019 – 2023 STIP Priorities

Natasha Longpine stated that many of the members of the Technical Planning Committee had worked on the subcommittee for planning the priorities for the 2019-2023 STIP. She added most of the projects would be programmed out in the State fiscal years of 2022-2023. She stated it was a similar process as that used for the Long Range Plan. She briefly reviewed the top few priorities for those present.

Mr. Juranas moved to recommend approval of the presented list of priorities to the Board of Directors for consideration by MoDOT for inclusion in the 2019-2023 STIP. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. Amendment Number One to the FY 2018-2021 TIP

Natasha Longpine stated there are four changes being proposed as part of this amendment. She stated they were all for scoping and reviewed for the Committee the proposed projects.

Frank Miller stated that MoDOT had some monies set aside for scoping, but wanted to determine what improvements could be made to the four corridors this amendment represents. He noted these projects will be large and MoDOT wanted to determine how to break them down into manageable pieces.

Mr. Juranas moved to recommend approval of FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Number One to the Board of Directors. Ms. Voss seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. 2016 State of Transportation Report

Natasha Longpine stated she wanted to bring the Committee’s attention to the Infographic regarding the performance measures that had been discussed at the last meeting. She noted this had been distributed to the Board of Directors and she wanted to ensure the Committee had a copy as well.

Ms. Longpine stated staff has been discussing the need to develop a report that could be used in meetings or public presentations to demonstrate specific facts regarding transportation in the region. She stated that the performance measures do not always contain some of the information that the public is seeking. She stated the 2016 State of Transportation Report provides some basic information and background facts for each category.

Following a brief review of the report, Ms. Longpine noted that there was no action necessary for this item. This was being presented for informational purposes only.

1. Amendment Number One to the FY 2018 UPWP

Kimberly Cooper stated there are three amendments that staff is requesting be made to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY 2018. She reviewed for the Committee the proposed changes and indicated the pages in the report where additional information could be found.

Mr. Parsons moved to recommend approval of the proposed FY 2018 UPWP Amendment Number One to the Board of Directors. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. Performance Measures Subcommittee

Natasha Longpine stated that through the long range planning process, staff has been discussing the performance measures that are required federally. She added that with the long range planning, it was known that as these measures were released, the OTO would be incorporating them in the plan. She stated the first set is regarding safety and the performance measures will need to be submitted by the end of February 2018.

She said these measures will need to be reviewed annually, so staff is requesting a Performance Measures Subcommittee be established. She added these measures will be used to determine planning and prioritization for future long range plans.

The following Committee members volunteered to serve on the Performance Measures Subcommittee: Kirk Juranas, Andrew Seiler, Eva Voss, Randall Brown, and King Coltrin.

Mr. Juranas moved the Technical Planning Committee appoint the above individuals to the Performance Measures Subcommittee. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. **Other Business**
	1. **Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements**

Mr. Coltrin announced that a long-time member of the Committee, Larry Martin, had passed away as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident, and provided the schedule for visitation and the funeral.

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

Kelly Turner noted the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce has a Visioning subcommittee that is looking to the future needs and possibilities of Springfield. He stated one of the areas of discussion is the Trail system. He suggested staff might discuss with them the findings of OTO’s study.

Adam Humphrey provided a brief update on the Kansas extension project and timeline for beginning construction.

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

Mr. Coltrin 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 adjourned at approximately 2:10 p.m.