OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 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 1:49 p.m. by Vice Chair Garrett Tyson.

The following members were present:

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| Ms. Paula Brookshire, City of Springfield (a)  Mr. Eric Claussen, City of Springfield (a)  Mr. King Coltrin, City of Strafford  Mr. Matt Crawford, City Utilities Transit  Ms. Brandie Fisher, City Utilities Transit (a)  Ms. Dawne Gardner, City of Springfield (a)  Mr. Adam Humphrey, Greene County | Mr. Kirk Juranas, City of Springfield  Mr. Frank Miller, MoDOT  Mr. Jeremy Parsons, City of Ozark  Mr. Danny Perches, Springfield Chamber of Commerce  Mr. Cole Pruitt, Missouri State University  Mr. Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa  Mr. Garrett Tyson, City of Republic (Vice Chair) |

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. Rick Artman, Greene County  Mr. Joshua Bird, Christian County (a)  Ms. Kristy Bork, Springfield/Branson Airport (a)  Mr. Randall Brown, City of Willard  Mr. John Caufield, BNSF  Ms. Megan Clark, SMCOG (a)  Mr. Doug Colvin, City of Nixa (a)  Mr. Martin Gugel, City of Springfield  Mr. Zeke Hall, MoDOT  Mr. Joel Keller, Greene County (a)  Ms. Mary Kromrey, Ozark Greenways  Mr. Kevin Lambeth, City of Battlefield (a)  Mr. John McCart, City of Ozark (a) | Mr. Bradley McMahon, FHWA  Mr. John Montgomery, Ozark Greenways (a)  Mr. Kent Morris, Greene County Planning  Mr. Andrew Nelson, City of Republic (a)  Mr. David O’Connor, City of Willard (a), Chair  Mr. Jason Ray, SMOG  Mr. David Schaumburg, Springfield/Branson Airport  Mr. Mark Schenkelberg, FAA Representative  Mr. Jeremiah Shuler, FTA Representative (a)  Ms. Mary Lilly Smith, City of Springfield  Mr. Frank Schoneboom, City of Battlefield  Ms. Janette Vomund, MoDOT  Ms. Eva Voss, MoDOT  Mr. Todd Wiesehan, Christian County  Mr. Chad Zickefoose, MoDOT (a) |  |

Others present were: Mr. Jeremy Pruett, Congressman Billy Long’s Office; Mr. Dan Waddlington, Senator Blunt’s Office; Ms. Kimberly Cooper, Mr. David Faucett, Ms. Sara Fields, Ms. Natasha Longpine, Mr. Andy Thomason, and Mr. Brad Williams, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

1. **Administration**
2. **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. Juranas moved approval of the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for September 18, 2019. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the July 17, 2019 Minutes**

Mr. Parsons moved for approval of the minutes from the July 17, 2019 Technical Planning Committee Meeting. Mr. Pruitt 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. Mr. Tyson noted the correspondence that staff had received was included in the packet.

1. **Staff Report**

Sara Fields stated the Governor’s Cost Share program for this period included applications from Battlefield, Nixa, Ozark, and Springfield. She noted the next period applications are due in March.

Ms. Fields stated the Missouri Highway Commission had met in Bolivar on September 6. Ms. Fields said it was good for the Commission to hear what is happening in this area and what MoDOT is working on.

Ms. Fields stated the TEAP (Transportation Engineering Assistance program) is due September 29, 2019.

Ms. Fields thanked Vice Chair Garrett Tyson for agreeing to chair the meeting, noting that he would be chairing them for the remainder of the year as Mr. O’Connor was unable to do so.

Ms. Fields stated MoDOT is applying for a grant to build a roundabout at Farm Road 182 and ZZ. They are applying through a federal land grant access program.

1. **Legislative Reports**

Dan Waddlington, Senator Roy Blunt’s Office stated Congress is back at work following a recess. He stated they had ten days to pass a Continuing Resolution, but it is unclear if this will be accomplished. He stated at this time, there is no infrastructure bill being considered.

Jeremy Pruitt, Congressman Billy Long’s Office, stated there is nothing regarding transportation being considered by the House at this time. He updated the Committee on the bill that had passed the House from Congressman Long’s Committee that dealt with authorizing grant money to replace older diesel engines for better emissions.

1. **New Business:**

# FY 2020-2023 Administrative Modifications 1 and 2

Natasha Longpine noted the above Administrative Modifications are pending, waiting for USDOT to approve FY2020-2023 TIP. It was noted that the OTO had just received notice that this was approved.

Ms. Longpine reviewed the items included in the proposed Administrative Modifications. The first was for a bridge in Greene County, with a change in funding source. The second was the combining of two projects, both on Glenstone Avenue.

This item was for informational purposes only and no action was required.

# FY 2019-2022 Amendment Number One

Natasha Longpine briefly reviewed for the Committee the items included in the proposed Amendment. She noted that two of the items were related to the moving of funds for Kansas Expressway to ensure they are available for the next fiscal year. The third item was related to the roundabout at ZZ and FR 182. She noted the final two items were related to the grant that CU received for electric buses.

Mr. Humphrey moved to recommend the Board of Directors approve FY 2019-2022 Amendment Number One. Mr. Juranas seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

# Revised STIP Prioritization Criteria

Sara Fields stated that over the past year, the OTO had been working through a sub-committee to revise the criteria that is used to prioritize projects in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). She noted these criteria had been approved by the Board at the August meeting. She added that following the approval, the sub-committee had met and believed there needed to be a couple of modifications. Ms. Fields reviewed the proposed changes for the Committee.

Mr. Juranas moved to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Revised STIP Prioritization Criteria. Mr. Perches seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**D. 2021-2025 STIP Priorities**

Sara Fields stated the proposed projects were scored utilizing the newly adopted criteria. She noted the OTO attempts to get a recommendation by the end of the year. She briefly reviewed the top five items on the list. She noted she anticipated that these five projects will exceed any proposed funding but will wait until MoDOT has determined what funding is available.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Miller moved the priority list be amended to allow for the inclusion and/or combining of items #3 and #34, regarding James River Freeway. Mr. Juranas seconded the motion. Following the explanation of this request, the motion to amend was unanimously approved. Mr. Juranas moved to recommend the presented list of priorities as amended to the Board of Directors for consideration by MoDOT for inclusion in the 2021-2025 STIP. Mr. Perches seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. **State of Transportation Report**

Natasha Longpine reviewed for the Committee the history of the transportation report and its evolution to what is presented today. Ms. Longpine highlighted some of the specifics of the report, noting this is the fourth year the airport has tracked passenger numbers. The airport reached one million passengers in 2018. Ms. Longpine noted that the OTO is fortunate in that both the roadways and the bridges are in fair or better condition. Ms. Longpine highlighted the list of projects that will be moving into the construction phase in 2019.

Both the infographic and the report are available online for anyone wanting to review them in detail.

This item was for informational purposes only and no action was required.

1. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Funding Guidelines and Application**

Andy Thomason reviewed the history of the proposed funding guidelines and application. He added that the Board had approved the $1.6 million dedicated funding for the development and construction of trails in the OTO area. Mr. Thomason briefly outlined the timeline for the approval of the application and the deadline for the submission of projects. It was noted the funds for the approved projects will need to be obligated by 2020. Mr. Thomason outlined the development of the scoring criteria for the proposed projects, and a few minor changes to the application.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Parsons moved to approve the Funding for Transportation Trails: Guidebook and Application. Mr. Perches seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. **2020 Legislative Priorities**

Sara Fields stated the OTO annually establishes a list of Legislative Priorities for use when communicating with area legislators. She added it proves to be very valuable and is well received. Ms. Fields briefly reviewed the list of proposed federal and state priorities for 2020. Ms. Fields noted the Executive Committee had recommended approval by the Board of Directors at its September 11 meeting. Ms. Fields highlighted the Top 5 Transportation Investment Projects.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Pruitt moved to recommend adoption of the 2020 Legislative Priorities to the Board of Directors. Mr. Coltrin seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**III. Other Business:**

1. **Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements**

There were no announcements.

# Transportation Issues for Technical Planning Committee Member Review

There were no issues raised.

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

Vice Chair Garrett 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 2:50 p.m.