OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 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 1:38 p.m. by Co-Chair Kirk Juranas.

The following members were present:

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| Mr. Rick Artman, Greene County  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)  Mr. Frank Miller, MoDOT | Mr. Jeremy Parsons, City of Ozark (a)  Mr. Cole Pruitt, Missouri State University  Mr. Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa  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. Kristy Bork, Springfield/Branson Airport (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. Martin Gugel, City of Springfield (Co-Chair)  Ms. Mary Kromrey, Ozark Greenways  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  Mr. Kelly Turner, City Utilities Transit  Ms. Janette Vomund, MoDOT  Ms. Eva Voss, MoDOT  Mr. Todd Wiesehan, Christian County  Mr. Chad Zickefoose, MoDOT (a) |

Others present were: Jeremy Pruett, Congressman Billy Long’s Office; Mr. Garritt Brickner, City of Republic; Mr. Andrew Mueller, MoDOT; 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. Humphrey moved approval of the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for September 19, 2018. Mr. Claussen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of the July 18, 2018, Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Pruitt moved for approval of the minutes from the July 18, 2018, 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**

Sara Fields discussed the proposed Proposition D that will be on the ballot in November. She distributed the flyers that the OTO had developed, which outlines the benefits of this Proposition for our member entities. She noted there would be two informational meetings in the near future, one being held by the Chamber of Commerce and one by MoDOT.

Ms. Fields stated the OTO has been working to improve OzarksCommute.com. She added there had been some free advertising during August, informing citizens about this program. She noted that MoDOT had been requested to replace the signs that referenced the Ride Share program with the OzarksCommute.com information.

She noted that MoDOT has a new website that she believes is more user friendly and locating road construction is much simpler.

# MoDOT Update

Frank Miller stated he wanted to follow-up the discussion from the last TPC meeting regarding the Asset Management Plan. He stated MoDOT has completed a draft of this plan. He stated two changes to the plan are that funding assumptions were decreased, and the cost-share program funding was increased. He added there will be less funding for the regional projects due to the need to increase funding for repairing bridges.

In response to a question by Chair Juranas, Mr. Miller stated MoDOT plans to bring all MoDOT-owned sidewalks into ADA compliance by 2027. He added these are being done in conjunction with the resurfacing projects, so it could be done sooner.

Chair Juranas asked the format MoDOT would be using in conducting the informational meetings regarding Proposition D. Andy Mueller stated the key word would be flexibility; he added the meeting format and the information that will be highlighted may change with each meeting, depending on the questions of those in attendance.

Mr. Miller added the meetings will be utilized to showcase MoDOT’s project planning process, as some citizens have indicated they are not sure of the projects that will be completed if Proposition D passes. He noted MoDOT will be explaining how the MPOs and the Regional Planning Commissions determine what projects are needed for that area.

Ms. Fields noted that on October 17, 2018, MoDOT would host a Planning Partners meeting and each of the partners would be given about ten minutes to discuss their proposed projects.

Megan Clark, SMOG, asked if the Director would be at the Planning Partners’ Meeting on October 17, 2018. Mr. Mueller stated the Director would be attending, but that the highest ranking official present would be speaking on behalf of MoDOT, but they were not sure who that might be. Ms. Clark stated the Lt. Governor had addressed Proposition D at the recent Missouri Municipal League Conference in Branson and had done an excellent job discussing the project process.

1. **Legislative Reports**

Jeremy Pruett, Congressman Billy Long’s Office, stated that it has been quiet in Washington as the House and Senate are preparing for mid-term elections. He noted that the success of the President’s agenda for transportation will depend on the outcome of the mid-term elections.

* 1. **New Business**

1. 2020-2024 STIP Priorities

Sara Fields stated that this is the fourth year that the OTO has been involved in scoring and reviewing projects for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Projects (STIP) recommendation. She briefly reviewed the projects that were scored and placed on the STIP in 2016, stating that many have been programmed or completed. The 2017 STIP included less money for projects, however, a few were added for programming. She noted the projects that were added to the 2018 STIP, adding that even with the limited funding MoDOT has, they have been working hard to make progress on the priorities of the OTO.

Ms. Fields stated she did not anticipate there would be a lot of funding for the next STIP, and that MoDOT would not know until the Spring about how much that funding will be. However, MoDOT has asked the OTO provide them with their priorities so that when they know the funding available, they can begin estimating the projects.

Ms. Fields reviewed the list of projects that had been scored by the Project Prioritization Subcommittee, outlining the process and the timeframe that will be followed.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Tyson moved the Technical Planning Committee recommend approval of the Proposed 2020-2024 STIP Priorities to the Board of Directors. Mr. Parsons seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. Amendment Number One to the FY 2019-2022 TIP

Natasha Longpine stated the proposed amendment is being requested by MoDOT. It is to add a southbound turn lane from Plainview Road to Farm Road 157. This proposed change does not impact the cost estimate for the project.

Mr. Claussen moved the Technical Planning Committee recommend approval of FY 2019-2022 TIP Amendment Number One to the Board of Directors. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Funding Update

Andy Thomason provided an update on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Funding application process, noting it began on September 4, 2018 and ends on October 26, 2018. He noted the applications would be on the November Technical Planning Committee agenda for a recommendation to the Board of Directors.

He indicated the funding would be about $2.6 million, with some set aside for trails and some set aside for sidewalks. He briefly reviewed the application, highlighting some of the requirements for a successful outcome.

Mr. Thomason stated the application and guidebook had been approved by the Board of Directors at their August meeting and this was for informational purposes only and no Committee action was required at this time.

1. Bridge, Pavement, and System Performance Measures

Natasha Longpine stated the targets that will be established at this meeting, continue the performance-based transportation planning that is required in the FAST Act. She noted that in 2017, the OTO established the safety targets, and at this time, the targets for consideration are Bridge and Pavement, and System Performance. She added that a subcommittee met in August to review the data behind the baseline target and review the trends.

Ms. Longpine stated that the OTO has the ability to establish local targets or support the MoDOT targets. She added the subcommittee’s recommendation is to support the MoDOT targets. She reviewed the six measures to use to set targets for Pavement and Bridge and the three used to set targets for System Performance.

Mr. Humphrey moved the Technical Planning Committee recommend approval of the proposed performance measures to the Board of Directors. Mr. Coltrin seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

* 1. **Other Business**

1. **Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements**

Adam Humphrey announced that Federal Highway had approved the latest environmental evaluation on the Kansas Expressway extension.

Natasha Longpine announced the Ozarks Clean Air Alliance was hosting a workshop on September 22, at the Farmers Market beginning at 1:00 pm. She stated this would be an opportunity to test an electric lawnmower.

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, Mr. Claussen moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.