OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2016

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 County Highway  Mr. David Brock, City of Republic  Mr. Randall Brown, City of Willard  Mr. King Coltrin, City of Strafford (Vice-Chair)  Mr. Brian Doubrava, City of Springfield (a)  Mr. Rick Hess, City of Battlefield  Mr. Adam Humphrey, Greene County | Mr. Kirk Juranas, City of Springfield  Mr. Joel Keller, Greene County Hwy Dept. (a)  Mr. Frank Miller, MoDOT  Mr. Jason Ray, SMCOG  Mr. Andrew Seiler, MoDOT  Mr. Kelly Turner, City Utilities Transit  Mr. Todd Wiesehan, Christian County |

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. David Bishop, R-12 School District  Mr. Justin Coyan, Springfield Chamber of Commerce  Mr. Travis Cossey, City of Nixa  Mr. Martin Gugel, City of Springfield  Mr. Tom Johnson, Missouri State University  Mr. Brad McMahon, FHWA  Mr. Kent Morris, Greene County Planning  Mr. Nicholas Konen, BNSF | Mr. Larry Martin, City of Ozark (Chair)  Mr. Mark Schenkelberg, FAA Representative  Mr. Shawn Schroeder, Springfield-Branson National Airport  Mr. Jeremiah Shuler, FTA Representative  Ms. Mary Lilly Smith, City of Springfield  Ms. Janette Vomund, MoDOT  Ms. Eva Voss, MoDOT  Mr. Terry Whaley, Ozark Greenways |

Others present were: Mr. Dan Wadlington, Senator Roy Blunt’s Office; Ms. Paula Brookshire, City of Springfield; Mr. Matt Hough and Mr. Jeremy Pruett, Congressman Billy Long’s Office; Mr. David Stokely, Senator Claire McCaskill’s Office; Mr. Carl Carlson, Olsson Associates; Mr. Joshua Boley, Mr. Jacob Guthrie, Ms. Natasha Longpine, and Ms. Debbie Parks, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

Mr. Coltrin, Vice-Chair, stood in for Mr. Martin. He called the meeting to order at 1:37 pm.

* 1. **Administration**

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

Mr. Artman made the motion to approve the January 20, 2016 Technical Planning Committee meeting agenda. Mr. Hess seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

1. **Approval of the November 18, 2015 Meeting Minutes and December 3, 2015 E-Meeting Minutes.**

Mr. Brock made the motion to approve the November 18, 2015 Minutes and December 3, 2015 E-Meeting Minutes. Mr. Brown seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

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

None.

1. **Staff Report**

Ms. Longpine stated that Ms. Fields was out of the office for the week. The biggest project for the OTO has been the office relocation. The office moved right after the Board of Directors meeting on December 17, 2015. There will be an Open House on January 29.

Staff attended federal grant management training since the last meeting. Staff has also been working on the Long Range Transportation Plan. There are two handouts at the table. The first one is the Existing Conditions and Special Studies. This is a draft and staff worked hard to keep the plan small. The goal is to have the plan be more manageable. Staff is requesting members of the TPC to review and provide feedback. The second handout is the information used to project local revenue for the Long Range Transportation Plan. The amounts listed are from the prior TIP. The revenues for the jurisdictions need to be updated. If there is a percentage of that, which should go to the projects in the LRTP then staff needs that number and then it will be multiplied over the course of the plan and used to match the federal dollars. It will help show the fiscally constrained portion of the plan and use it as match for the federal funds that are shown.

There will be a special TPC meeting to go over the plan, projections, and projects on February 3 and lunch will be provided. The goal is to pull a draft together. Staff has signed up for City of Republic, City of Nixa, and City of Ozark Expos in March, to go back out for public comment on the proposed plan.

1. **MoDOT Update**

Mr. Miller stated that there was not a lot to report. There was news that MoDOT has revised the funding projections based on how the Fiscal Year 2015 came in. MoDOT anticipates matching federal funds for the next five years. That makes for a larger construction program. The 325 Plan had MoDOT only programming on Primary Routes. The Commission voted to end that with the new funding projections, so MoDOT can continue to program projects on both primary and supplementary routes. MoDOT will be looking at it from a major versus minor routes perspective. The arterial will focus on a more frequent resurfacing program than minor roads. It is not certain how it will affect the OTO region. The Commission will be looking at a funding distribution on February 3, on how to use this new funding distribution around the state. MoDOT is also working on a Statewide Asset Management Plan to determine how much work is needed on the bridges and to make progress on the pavement. More information will be available at the next meeting.

Mr. Coltrin inquired if there would be help for some of the bridges that were closed. Mr. Miller stated that yes, the new director has specifically mentioned that it was unacceptable to have critical bridges in the system.

1. **Legislative Reports**

Mr. Wadlington stated that there was now a Highway Bill. There is something on paper from the Federal Government stating there is funding for the next five years. It is funded for three not five, but it is a five-year plan. The ball is now in the State of Missouri’s court to match the funds. The appropriations bills will be up again this fall and there is not an expectation for major legislation to come down the pike.

1. **New Business**
2. **Amendment Number 2 to the Long Range Transportation Plan**

The OTO has a request to use BRM Funding to replace the Mr. Vernon bridge over Jordan Creek. The project is not currently in the LRTP. There is funding in the funding projections to cover it. There is a standard 15 day public comment period.

Mr. Juranas made the motion to approve Amendment 2 to the Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Miller seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

1. **Amendment Number Nine to the FY 2015-2018 TIP**

Ms. Longpine stated this amendment includes four new projects. Three are for scoping for Route 160 Safety Improvements, Kansas Expressway Safety Improvements and Chestnut Expressway Safety Improvements. Then there is the Mr. Vernon bridge over Jordan Creek. The BRM funding comes from a balance that has built up over several years. There are a limited number of bridges that are eligible for the funding. It was between a MoDOT bridge project and a bridge within the City of Springfield. MoDOT did not want to compete for the funding. This is the project that the City of Springfield chose to do. There is a process in place should there be more competition in the future, but this is how this project was selected. Mr. Miller stated that the first project, Route 160 at AA, north of the City of Nixa, has been in the TIP before. The Commission took action and ruled that work could not be done on supplementary routes and 160 is a supplementary route. It is being brought back now that supplementary routes can be worked on again.

Mr. Miller stated that the reason that MoDOT is not interested in the BRM funds is that there is only one critical bridge left in the OTO region that is not programmed. Looking at the status of bridges, the City of Springfield bridge has a more critical need. Mr. Juranas inquired if the routes were having slippery when wet issues or safety issues. Mr. Miller stated this high friction treatment was originally intended to help with crashes during wet incidents. It is helpful in situations when people are going down a hill and have to stop at a signal and it is rainy and slick. There is a benefit when it is dry as well, it lets people stop faster and helps reduce some of the rear ends. There was discussion on areas in the state that have the applications.

Mr. Juranas made the motion to approve the TIP Amendment Number Seven to the Board of Directors. Mr. Turner seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

1. **Administrative Modification Number Six to the FY2015-2018 TIP**

Ms. Longpine stated that there was twenty one administrative modifications. Most of the modifications were from moving funding from Fiscal Year 2015 to Fiscal Year 2016 in the TIP, for projects that were not fully obligated during the time frame. The last project on the list is the Chestnut Expressway Railroad, that project basically split the utilities away from the rest of the project. That part will be let this spring, instead of in the fall with the rest of the project.

1. **FAST ACT Update**

Ms. Longpine stated that there was a five-year transportation bill. It is called the FAST Act or Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act. As Mr. Miller mentioned, MoDOT will have the money to match the funds. Ms. Longpine detailed a few of the changes associated with the bill such as STP Set Aside replacing the TAP funding.

1. **STP Urban Advance Notice**

Ms. Longpine stated that in accordance with the STP-Urban Advance Policy the City of Republic is looking to borrow almost the three year limit. It is about $546,531 in advance for the Oakwood and Hines Corridor Project. That project is in the TIP, but the funding would be cleaned up to show the use of the agreement.

Mr. Brock asked if it was the first time any jurisdiction had taken advantage of the program. Ms. Longpine stated it was but others were interested in using it.

1. **OTO In-Kind Match Letters**

Ms. Parks stated it was time to fill out new In-Kind forms. There were forms at everyone’s seat. The OTO is allowed to use member attendance at meetings (in-kind time) and count it as match. Staff budgets about $10,000 annually, which comes from the attendance at meetings. She described the two forms.

1. **FY 2017 UPWP Subcommittee and Project Proposals**

Ms. Parks stated it was time for the OTO to work on the Unified Planning Work Program. A small subcommittee of members were needed to get together and compile a list of projects. Every year the OTO has done a regional project that has benefited everyone. The Travel Demand Model Consultant, Transit Study, and the Travel Time Sensing Units are examples of past projects. Staff is looking for ideas for a regional project that could be put into the OTO budget. The subcommittee would meet one time during the first or second week of February, in order to have a draft UPWP in place by March.

Mr. Juranas inquired if there was a time or date set. Ms. Parks stated that a poll of the members would be taken to select a day and time that works for the subcommittee.

Mr. Hess made the motion to appoint Mr. Brock, Mr. Juranas, Ms. Voss, and Mr. Ray to the FY 2017 UPWP Subcommittee. Mr. Humphrey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Humphrey announced the Greene County Highway Department had scheduled a public meeting for the Kansas Extension Project on February 2. Ms. Longpine mentioned that Greene County was able to use the OTO model to help review some of the information.

Mr. Brown stated that the City of Willard had requested permission to annex the right-of-way over to AB/EE. That would be just to the current municipal boundaries of that intersection. The city also annexed the right-of-ways along EE to a point just east of Farm Road 103. It will allow the City of Willard to have more room to grow and provide more service. He thanked MoDOT and the City of Springfield for their support.

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

Mr. Juranas inquired if there was an update on the bills in the State Legislature. Mr. Miller stated that the Senate was supposed to vote on Senator Libla’s bill today for the 1 ½ cent motor fuel tax and 3 ½ cent diesel tax. There was discussion on the various proposals currently in the Legislature.

1. **Articles For Technical Planning Committee Member Information**
2. **Adjournment**

Mr. Hess made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Juranas seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.