OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2015

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. Travis Cossey, City of Nixa  Ms. Dawne Gardner, City of Springfield (a)  Mr. Jay Huff, Missouri State University (a)  Mr. Adam Humphrey, Greene County (Chair)  Mr. Tom Johnson, Missouri State University | Mr. Kirk Juranas, City of Springfield  Mr. Joel Keller, Greene County Hwy Dept. (a)  Mr. Larry Martin, City of Ozark  Mr. Frank Miller, MoDOT  Ms. Mary Lilly Smith, City of Springfield  Mr. Kelly Turner, CU Transit  Ms. Eva Voss, MoDOT  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. Joshua Bird, Christian County (a)  Mr. David Bishop, R-12 School District  Ms. Kristy Bork, SGF (a)  Mr. King Coltrin, City of Strafford  Mr. Doug Colvin, City of Nixa (a)  Mr. Rick Emling, R-12 School District (a)  Mr. Andrew Englert, Missouri State University (a)  Ms. Diane Gallion, City Utilities (a)  Mr. Martin Gugel, City of Springfield (a)  Mr. Jason Haynes, City of Springfield (a)  Mr. Rick Hess, City of Battlefield  Mr. Kevin Lambeth, City of Battlefield (a)  Ms. Diane May, SMCOG (a) | Mr. Brad McMahon, FHWA  Mr. J. Everett Mitchell (a)  Mr. Kent Morris, Greene County Planning  Mr. Kirk Nonen, BNSF  Ms. Beth Schaller, MoDOT (a)  Mr. Mark Schenkelberg, FAA Representative  Mr. Shawn Schroeder, Springfield-Branson National Airport  Mr. Andrew Seiler, MoDOT  Mr. Garrett Tyson, City of Republic (a)  Ms. Janette Vomund, MoDOT  Mr. Terry Whaley, Ozark Greenways  Mr. Bob Wilslef, City of Ozark (a)  Mr. Chad Zickefoose, MoDOT (a) |

Others present were: Mr. Matt Hough, Congressman Long’s Office; Mr. Joshua Boley, Ms. Sara Fields, Mr. Jacob Guthrie, Ms. Natasha Longpine, and Ms. Debbie Parks, Ozarks Transportation Organization; Mr. Rick Roberts, Gredell Engineering; Mr. Dan Wadlington, Senator Roy Blunt’s Office.

Mr. Adam Humphrey called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

* 1. **Administration**

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

Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the May 20, 2015 agenda. Mr. Brock seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

1. **Approval of the March 18, 2015 and the April 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the March 18, 2015 and the April 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Brock seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

1. **Executive Director’s Report**

Ms. Fields stated that Senate Bill 540 did not pass the legislature. There were high hopes of something going forward, but that did not happen. There is hope that it will be picked back up again in the next session. Staff has been working on the Long Range Transportation Plan and there are 452 participants, as of today, who have taken the online survey. The survey closes on Friday and then the winners of the Kindle and $50 fuel cards will be chosen.

Ms. Fields stated that there have been Major Thoroughfare Plan Meetings with every jurisdiction except Greene County. The meeting with Greene County will be held May 21. The changes to the Major Thoroughfare Plan will be wrapped up and will be taken to the Major Thoroughfare Plan Subcommittee. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee have been working on an implementation plan for the priority trail projects. The Committee has been working on a Bicycle Safety Summit, planned hopefully for the fall. The Local Coordinating Board for Transit has been working on ways to market transit better in the community. The subcommittee has been brainstorming on whether a website or a focus group would be the way to proceed.

Staff will be working on the Annual Performance Measures Report and should have that on the next agenda. In addition, the Long Range Transportation Plan will be gearing up and the LRTP Subcommittee meetings will start.

1. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Report**

Ms. Longpine stated that Ms. Fields mentioned a few of the items that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee had been working on. She wanted to share more details on the Safety Education Summit that has been proposed. The BPAC wants to invite all the regional stakeholders, including school and curriculum professionals, law enforcement, parks employees and those types of positions. The goal is a daylong multiple session event where all types of topics can be covered and how these different groups might be able to help with safety education for bicycle and pedestrian activities. The Committee is also doing a call for the annual report that is produced outlining all the activities that have happened in the previous fiscal year. If there is any organization that has activities that can be included in the report, the Committee is looking for information. The report covers everything related to any sort of events, sidewalk construction, trail construction, and that type of thing.

1. **MoDOT Update**

Mr. Miller stated that the Senate Bill 540 had failed. He had presented at the last TPC meeting about the bill being 2 cents + 2 cents + 2 cents plus indexing. This added 2 cents to the gas tax per year over 3 years. The Senate changed it to a one year proposal to address some of the concerns with trucks paying more to support the system. There was also a provision in there about taking on private and public partnerships. This was presumably between I-70 and private partnership and created concern for the bill in the State. The expectation is that these concerns will be discussed again in the fall. The Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for 2016 – 2020 is out on the internet for review. The OTO projects are in the agenda today as a series of TIP Amendments. Most of the projects are updates, but there are a few new projects as well.

1. **Legislative Reports**

Mr. Wadlington stated that he had discussed the Highway Bill with Senator Blunt. The Highway Bill deadline is at the end of the month. The Highway Bill expires and a new one is needed. He expects a 60 day extension. Senator Blunt is optimistic that there may be a 5 or 6 year bill after that. It is doubtful that the House would approve a gas tax increase. Where the revenue for a Highway Bill would come from is still unidentified. The Senator is optimistic for a bill, but it would not be before the end of May. The expectation is for a short term extension through the summer months. Mr. Hough stated that was the news that he had to report as well. Mr. Miller stated that he had heard that a 60-day extension had passed yesterday, but did not know if it was the House or Senate. Ms. Fields and Ms. Voss stated that they had read the extension had passed in the House.

Mr. Juranas asked Mr. Miller about the condition of US 65 since there was an $8 million pavement project. Mr. Miller stated it was going to be thicker asphalt because it will be overlaying concrete, but he did not know the current pavement condition. Mr. Juranas asked if it was in good or fair condition. Mr. Miller stated that Stacy Reece at MoDOT could check why the project was in the plan. Ms. Voss stated that part of US 65 was newly constructed. Mr. Miller stated that was part of the issue, because new concrete had to be overlaid in order to transition well.

1. **New Business**
2. **Administrative Modification 4 and 5 to the FY 2015-2018 TIP**

Ms. Longpine stated that staff is able to make slight changes to the Transportation Improvement Program with approval by staff and then notification to the Technical Planning Committee and the Board of Directors. Administrative Modification 4 is a notification to adjust the programmed amount for the East Chestnut Expressway overpass, as well as a funding source adjustment. The reason for the adjustment is that some of the cost estimates on the project were reduced and BNSF is bringing some funds to the project as well. Administrative Modification 5 contains a number of items that did not require going through the full TIP Amendment process. One modification is to move funding from Jackson and Main Street. There is also annual on-call work zone enforcement and annual guardrail and cable improvements from MoDOT. These projects involved changing funding sources between federal categories. She explained the rest of the projects in the Administrative Modifications.

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

Ms. Longpine stated that the OTO was not producing a new Transportation Improvement Program for 2016 – 2019. There are a lot of changes to the OTO TIP as MoDOT is updating the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan. There was a handout passed out that shows some of the final STIP information. There were 7 additional revisions since the agenda was printed. There were 28 separate changes including 9 new projects. She went through some of the projects. Mr. Miller clarified that on the James River Freeway, MoDOT would be diamond grinding, that is why the estimate is less than the US 65 project where the plan is to overlay the road.

Mr. Martin made the motion to recommend approval of the TIP Amendment Number Five to the Board of Directors. Mr. Cossey seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

1. **Federal Funds Balance Report**

Ms. Longpine presented the Semi-Annual Funds Balance Report that shows the balances of the BRM, Transportation Alternative Program, and STP-Urban Funding. It shows the obligations through March 31 and the partial allocation for FY 2015 which goes through May 31. There may be a 2 month extension at this point, but it might not go through September 30. The amounts are unknown for the rest of the year. There is a table in the introduction that shows the estimated allocations for a complete 2015 and 2016 and what the balances would be for each community. Without the Cost Share Program, these balances are going to accumulate faster since it takes time to get projects programmed through the system. Staff continues to encourage jurisdictions to program the funding.

1. **Federal Functional Classification Map Change Request**

Ms. Longpine stated that this change is for the Federal Functional Classification System, which is different than the OTO’s Major Thoroughfare Plan. This is supposed to represent how the roadways currently function compared to the Major Thoroughfare Plan which is how the roads are desired to function. The City of Strafford requested that Washington Avenue from OO to Bumgarner be realigned. The request is to upgrade that section to a collector. It is currently classified as local. In discussion between the City of Strafford, MoDOT, and the OTO, the whole roadway network on the southside of the City of Strafford was examined. There are additional changes because of that. The change takes Bumgarner across over to Farm Road 245 and back up to OO. The majority of that road is major collector and the eastern portion is minor collector. Madison just south of Bumgarner is recommended to be a minor collector.

MoDOT also requested some cleanup work around Evans Road around the new Mercy Orthopedic Hospital. That would change from a minor arterial to local. The roads realign, so there is no reason to maintain that classification on the little piece that comes out.

Mr. Brown inquired if the extension of Washington is something that the City of Strafford was looking at building. Ms. Longpine stated that on one of the zoomed out maps the house is already gone where the extension would be going. The thought was that the City of Strafford was looking to move on it in the next few years.

Mr. Miller made the motion to recommend approval of the proposed Federal Functional Class changes to the Board of Directors. Mr. Brown seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Ms. Fields stated that there was a Route 65 public meeting at the Nature Center at 4 PM on June 9. Mr. Turner stated that the week of June 15 will be Communities in Motion Week. There will be a lot of activities around the transit system, including a free ride day on Thursday, June 18.

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

None.

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

Ms. Fields pointed out that staff passed out articles entitled Transportation Management Feature. Joshua Boley has written three with one more on the way, on what happens at the Transportation Management Center. Right now staff is just putting it out on social media to inform the public on the importance on what the Transportation Management Center does.

1. **Adjournment**

Mr. Martin made the motion to adjourn at 1:56 p.m. Mr. Juranas seconded and the meeting was adjourned.