

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 15, 2020**

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 1:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Todd Wiesehan in Chair Garrett Tyson's absence.

The following members were present:

Mr. Rick Artman, Greene Co Highway Department	Mr. Joel Keller, Greene County (a)
Mr. Joel Binkley, Greene County	Ms. Mary Kromrey, Ozark Greenways
Ms. Kristy Bork, Springfield/Branson Airport (a)	Mr. Frank Miller, MoDOT
Ms. Paula Brookshire, City of Springfield (a)	Mr. Andrew Nelson, City of Republic (a)
Mr. Randy Brown, City of Willard	Mr. Jeremy Parsons, City of Ozark (a)
Mr. Eric Claussen, City of Springfield (a)	Mr. Danny Perches, Springfield Chamber
Ms. Brandie Fisher, City Utilities Transit	Mr. Cole Pruitt, Missouri State University
Mr. Martin Gugel, City of Springfield	Mr. Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa
Mr. Zeke Hall, MoDOT	Mr. Frank Schoneboom, City of Battlefield
Mr. Adam Humphrey, Greene County	Mr. Todd Wiesehan, Christian County
Mr. Kirk Juranas, Springfield Public Works	Ms. Eva Voss, MoDOT

(a) Denotes alternate given voting privileges as a substitute when voting member not present

The following members were not present:

Mr. Mokhtee Ahmad, FTA Representative	Mr. Mr. John McCart, City of Ozark (a)
Mr. Joshua Bird, Christian County (a)	Mr. Dave O'Conner, City of Willard (a)
Mr. King Coltrin, City of Strafford	Mr. Jason Ray, SMOG (a)
Mr. Matt Crawford, City Utilities	Ms. Beth Schaller, MoDOT (a)
Mr. John Caufield, BNSF	Mr. David Schaumburg, Springfield/Branson Airport
Mr. Doug Colvin, City of Nixa (a)	Mr. Frank Schoneboom, City of Battlefield
Ms. Brandi Fischer, City Utilities (a)	Mr. Travis Shaw, Springfield Public Schools
Ms. Dawne Gardner, City of Springfield (a)	Mr. Jonathan Shelden, Springfield Public Schools (a)
Mr. Kevin Lambeth, City of Battlefield (a)	Mr. Jeremiah Shuler, FTA Representative (a)
Mr. Bradley McMahon, FHWA	Ms. Mary Lilly Smith, City of Springfield
Mr. Joel Keller, Greene County (a)	Ms. Janette Vomund, MoDOT
Mr. Garen McElroy, Greene Co Highway (a)	Mr. Chad Zickefoose, MoDOT (a)
Mr. John Montgomery, Ozarks Greenways (a)	

Others present: Mr. Jeremy Pruett, Congressman Billy Long's Office; Mr. Dan Wadlington, Senator Blunt's Office; Mr. Neil Brady, Bartlett West; Ms. Megan Clark, SMOG; Ms. Rachel Krispin, Ozark Greenways; Mr. Chad Bybee, City of Rogersville; Mr. Brad Kelley, MoDOT; Mr. Garrett Brickner, City of Republic; Mr. David Faucett, Ms. Sara Fields, Ms. Markee Hebden, Ms. Natasha Longpine, and Mr. Andy Thomason, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

I. Administration

A. Introductions

Those in attendance made self-introductions stating their name and the organization they represent.

B. Approval of the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda

Mr. Perches moved for approval of the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for January 15, 2020. Mr. Juranas seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

C. Approval of the November 20, 2019, Meeting Minutes

Ms. Kromrey moved for approval of the minutes from the November 20, 2019 Technical Planning Committee Meeting. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

D. Public Comment Period for All Agenda Items

There were no speakers present to address the Committee.

E. Staff Report – Ms. Sara Fields

Ms. Fields began her report by speaking about the OTO's Long Range Transportation Plan, *Destination 2045*. She made sure to mention the Public Input process, including a TPC event on February 5th at the Library Center.

She said she is keeping a close eye on the legislative session, where Speaker Elijah Haahr has said they will not be considering a fuel tax this session.

Ms. Fields moved onto MoDOT talking about increasing registration and licensing fees for additional revenue. She explained that the Governor's Bridge Bonding Program will need to be paid back, and these additional fees will help. Income projections should be available in the near future.

She spoke about the joint MoDOT/OTO/Republic public meeting for the US60 West Planning and Safety Study to get out ahead of any engineering solutions. They would like to get ideas on balancing access with travel times, traffic flow, and safety. She noted that funding was not promised, but they are looking for the public's initial thoughts on the development of that corridor.

Ms. Fields ended her report by saying she believes there is more Omnibus funding that came out of the Federal Funding Bill, but she does not know the exact amount as of yet.

F. Legislative Reports – Mr. Dan Wadlington and Mr. Jeremy Pruett

Mr. Wadlington began by stating the senate will not be operating for the next 6 weeks outside of the impeachment trials. They were able to sign a deal on trade with China before the trials begin.

Mr. Pruett spoke on the idea that there will not be a lot passed this year due to 2020 being an election year. He confirmed there will not be a gas tax, as Ms. Fields stated in her report.

II. New Business

A. **OTO Area Online Base Map Demo – Mr. Dave Faucett**

Mr. Faucett gave a demonstration of the OTO's online Base Map that provides a plethora of information about the OTO region. He pointed out how the map functions and how it is layered to reveal different pieces of information at varying zoom levels. The layers include trails, major highways and local roads, building footprints, housing permits, the Major Thoroughfare Plan, bus routes, bridges, and crash statistics, among other informational components.

B. **Transportation Alternatives Project Award Recommendation – Mr. Andy Thomason**

Mr. Thomason began by pointing out that this round of funding was geared specifically toward trail creation and maintenance. He said that there is roughly \$1.7 million available, \$100,000 set aside for planning services, and the last \$1.6 million is for construction costs. Mr. Thomason stated that in total there were five applications: Ozarks Greenways applied for the \$100,000 for planning services, then Ozark, Springfield, Republic and Battlefield, applied for projects that added up to \$2.4 million. He explained that after much deliberation from the Scoring Committee, they decided it would be best to recommend the funds to be awarded as such: fully funding Ozark and Springfield, leaving \$500,000 to be divided among Republic and Battlefield. He said that Republic could do Right-of-Way and design for about \$400,000, and the remaining \$100,00 would go to Battlefield, who would commit their own STBG-Urban funding for the remainder of their project.

Mr. Thomason then went on to highlight what the construction projects will be in the different cities. He said the City of Ozark would like to put the funds toward the Chadwick Flyer with pedestrian walkways under Highway 65 and along Highway 14. He said that this will benefit both trail users and students of the high school and junior high. The Ozark Public School System is a major partner in this project. The City of Springfield would like to extend the Fassnight Trail through Phelps Grove Park and up to the Art Museum. This plan supports the Art Museum Master Plan. The City of Republic applied to extend the Shuyler Creek Trail from Elm Street & FR 182 out to connect to the entryway of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. Battlefield applied to connect Elm to Somerset through Trail of Tears Park with trail.

Mr. Juranas motioned to recommend these projects for funding to the Board. Mr. Perches seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

C. **Amendment Number 3 to the FY 2020-2023 TIP – Ms. Natasha Longpine**

Ms. Longpine explained there are eight items to this TIP Amendment, the first five of which are the projects that Mr. Thomason had just spoken on. She moved onto item six, which is to add scoping for the CRISI Rail project in Republic. Item seven was to add funding to the Campbell and Republic Road project in Springfield. The last item is for US 65 bridge preventative maintenance.

Mr. Cole Pruitt moved to recommend Amendment 3 to the FY 2020-2023 TIP to the Board. Mr. Perches seconded and it was unanimously approved.

D. Federal Functional Classification Change Request – Mr. Andy Thomason

Mr. Thomason explained the City of Battlefield has put in an application for Azalea and Cloverdale. He showed on a graphic that Azalea has a gap, and Battlefield would like to connect Azalea to make it one street. Battlefield is applying to have both streets gain the status of Minor Collector so they would be eligible for federal funding. Mr. Thomason showed that both streets are predicted to have the traffic flow in the future that would coincide with Minor Collector roads. He said that the OTO needs to recommend the classification change before the request is sent to MoDOT and Federal Highway.

Mr. Artman motioned to recommend the approval of the change. Mr. Juranas seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

E. MoDOT Update – Mr. Frank Miller

Mr. Miller presented on the updates for the 2021-2025 STIP. He mentioned that the Governor's Bridge Program created a funding source, which for OTO is about \$18 million will be available for programming. He said that there are meetings in February where the use of funding through FY 2025 will be discussed.

He addressed the interchange at 60 and 125, stating that MoDOT is currently looking at a compromise between the less expensive option that many local business owners were upset about and a new, more expensive option that was agreeable with the business owners. He said he does not have any cost estimates as of yet.

F. FY 2021 UPWP Subcommittee – Ms. Sara Fields

Ms. Fields asked the members of the Committee to volunteer to be a part of the UPWP Subcommittee, which discusses projects and ideas for projects for the upcoming fiscal year. Cole Pruitt, Eva Voss, and Kirk Juranas volunteered to be on the committee.

Mr. Parsons motioned to adopt the members. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

III. Other Business

A. Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements

Ms. Eva Voss invited members of the committee to the Statewide MPO meeting in Jefferson City.

B. Transportation Issues for Technical Planning Committee Member Review

There were no issues from members of the Committee.

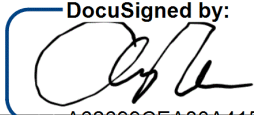
C. Articles for Technical Planning Committee Member Information

Ms. Fields pointed out the article that covers Kansas City providing free public transit. She said there were more articles of interest, including one covering electric vehicles verses gas tax, and what is currently going on in Washington D.C.

IV. Adjournment

With no additional business to come before the Committee, Mr. Perches moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Brown seconded the motion. It carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m.

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Andrew Nelson

Technical Planning Committee Chair