

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2020**

The Technical Planning Committee of the Ozarks Transportation Organization met at its scheduled time via Zoom video conferencing. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was called to order at approximately 1:35 p.m. by Chair Adam Humphrey.

The following members were present:

<p>Mr. Rick Artman, Greene County Mr. Chris Boone, City of Strafford Mr. Garrett Brickner, City of Republic (a) Mr. Randall Brown, City of Willard Mr. Matt Crawford, City Utilities Transit Mr. Tom Dancey, City of Springfield (a) Mr. Brian Doubrava, City of Springfield (a) Ms. Dawne Gardner, City of Springfield (a) Mr. Ezekiel Hall, MoDOT Mr. Adam Humphrey, Greene County (Chair) Mr. Joel Keller, Greene County (a)</p>	<p>Mr. Frank Miller, MoDOT Mr. John Montgomery, Ozark Greenways (a) Ms. Britni O'Connor, 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. David Schaumburg, Springfield/Branson Airport Mr. Frank Schoneboom, City of Battlefield Mr. Todd Wiesehan, Christian County</p>
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(a) Denotes alternate given voting privileges as a substitute when voting member not present

Others present were: Mr. Dan Wadlington, Senator Blunt's Office; Ms. Brandie Fisher, City Utilities; Mr. David Faucett, Ms. Sara Fields, Ms. Natasha Longpine, Ms. Nicole Stokes, and Mr. Andy Thomason, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

I. Administration

A. Introductions

Chair Adam Humphrey welcomed everyone and requested introductions by a roll call.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Present	Miller, Frank	Present
Boone, Chris	Present	Montgomery, John	Present
Brickner, Garrett	Present	O'Connor, Britni	Present
Brown, Randy	Present	Parsons, Jeremy	Present
Caufield, John	Absent	Perches, Danny	Present
Crawford, Matt	Present	Pruitt, Cole	Present
Dancey, Tom	Present	Roussell, Jeff	Present
Doubrava, Brian	Present	Schaumburg, David	Present
Gardner, Dawne	Present	Schoneboom, Frank	Present
Hall, Ezekiel	Present	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Present	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Keller, Joel	Present	Wiesehan, Todd	Present

A quorum was present.

B. Approval of the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda

Mr. Artman made a motion to approve the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for September 17, 2020. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Humphrey asked for a roll call vote.

Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Artman, Rick	Aye	Miller, Frank	-
Boone, Chris	Aye	Montgomery, John	Aye
Brickner, Garrett	Aye	O'Connor, Britni	Aye
Brown, Randy	Aye	Parsons, Jeremy	Aye
Caufield, John	Absent	Perches, Danny	Aye
Crawford, Matt	Aye	Pruitt, Cole	Aye
Dancey, Tom	Aye	Rousell, Jeff	Aye
Doubrava, Brian	Aye	Schaumburg, David	Aye
Gardner, Dawne	Aye	Schoneboom, Frank	Aye
Hall, Ezekiel	Aye	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Aye	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Keller, Joel	Aye	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye

The motion passed.

C. Approval of the July 15, 2020 Meeting and July 31, 2020 E-Meeting Minutes

Mr. Boone made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2020 Technical Planning Committee Meeting and July 31, 2020 E-Meeting. Mr. Perches seconded the motion. Mr. Humphrey asked for a roll call vote.

Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Artman, Rick	Aye	Miller, Frank	-
Boone, Chris	Aye	Montgomery, John	Aye
Brickner, Garrett	Aye	O'Connor, Britni	Aye
Brown, Randy	Aye	Parsons, Jeremy	Aye
Caufield, John	Absent	Perches, Danny	Aye
Crawford, Matt	Aye	Pruitt, Cole	Aye
Dancey, Tom	Aye	Rousell, Jeff	Aye
Doubrava, Brian	Aye	Schaumburg, David	Aye
Gardner, Dawne	Aye	Schoneboom, Frank	Aye
Hall, Ezekiel	Aye	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Aye	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Keller, Joel	Aye	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye

The motion passed.

D. Public Comment Period for All Agenda Items

There were no speakers present to address the Committee.

E. Staff Report

Ms. Fields stated there was no updates regarding the Federal Infrastructure Bill. The FAST Act is expected to be extended another year. There is no infrastructure included in the talk of a new stimulus bill. OTO staff is waiting on final funding numbers due to the impacts of COVID on the statewide transportation program for next year. Unless something changes with Federal funds, the final numbers will probably not be available until MoDOT does new budget projections in February or March 2021.

OTO continues to work on the long range transportation plan including trail planning into 2040 done by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Mr. Thomason is working with a group on a statewide freight plan. Ms. Fields pointed out there is an article about movement of a nationwide freight plan included in the Articles tab of the agenda.

F. Legislative Reports

There were no legislative reports.

G. MoDOT Report

There was no MoDOT report.

II. New Business:

A. 2019 State of Transportation Report

Ms. Longpine stated as another step to inform the public of transportation concerns in the region, OTO has produced a State of Transportation Report, which includes achievements and statistics from 2019. This report is produced annually and made available at public events and on the OTO website. Accompanying the report is an infographic showing progress on the performance measure from the long range transportation plan, *Transportation Plan 2040*.

Ms. Gardner asked how data was collected for the carpooling and travel alone. She asked if it was through the census data. Ms. Longpine confirmed it was through the American Communities Survey. She stated it is a very small sample that is collected over a 5 year period.

Ms. Longpine advised this was informational only.

B. Amendment Number Six to the FY 2020-2023 TIP

Ms. Longpine said there are 16 items requested by MoDOT and OTO members included as part of Amendment Number Six to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Longpine highlighted the 16 items.

Mr. Pruitt made a motion to approve and recommend the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Six to the Board of Directors. Mr. Parsons seconded the motion. Mr. Humphrey asked for a roll call vote.

Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Artman, Rick	Aye	Miller, Frank	-
Boone, Chris	Aye	Montgomery, John	Aye
Brickner, Garrett	Aye	O'Connor, Britni	Aye
Brown, Randy	Aye	Parsons, Jeremy	Aye
Caufield, John	Absent	Perches, Danny	Aye
Crawford, Matt	Aye	Pruitt, Cole	Aye
Dancey, Tom	Aye	Rousell, Jeff	Aye
Doubrava, Brian	Aye	Schaumburg, David	Aye
Gardner, Dawne	Aye	Schoneboom, Frank	Aye
Hall, Ezekiel	Aye	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Aye	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Keller, Joel	Aye	Wiesehan, Todd	-

The motion passed.

C. FY 2021 UPWP/Operational Budget Amendment One

Ms. Fields stated there is an amendment to the 2021 Unified Planning Work Program, with the following proposed changes; to add the purchase of aerial photos, to decrease the salary/fringe line, to decrease the transportation consultant line, and to remove the 2021-2024 TIP. The total budget amount will remain the same.

Ms. Fields said Federal Highway has asked OTO to realign their fiscal year of the Transportation Improvement Program with MoDOT's fiscal year. Previously, OTO aligned with the Federal fiscal year, which is October 1. Going forward OTO will try to have the new TIP start on July 1. This will align with MoDOT's fiscal year.

Mr. Perches made a motion to recommend approval of the FY 2021 UPWP Amendment One and Operating Budget Amendment One to the Board of Directors. Mr. Montgomery seconded the motion. Mr. Humphrey asked for a roll call vote.

Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Artman, Rick	Aye	Miller, Frank	-
Boone, Chris	Aye	Montgomery, John	Aye
Brickner, Garrett	Aye	O'Connor, Britni	Aye
Brown, Randy	Aye	Parsons, Jeremy	Aye
Caufield, John	Absent	Perches, Danny	Aye
Crawford, Matt	Aye	Pruitt, Cole	Aye
Dancey, Tom	Aye	Rousell, Jeff	Aye
Doubrava, Brian	Aye	Schaumburg, David	Aye
Gardner, Dawne	Aye	Schoneboom, Frank	Aye
Hall, Ezekiel	Aye	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Aye	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Keller, Joel	Aye	Wiesehan, Todd	-

The motion passed.

D. STIP Prioritization

Ms. Fields reported, at the end of 2019, OTO worked to prioritize projects for the region. This prioritization is used by MoDOT to program new projects in the STIP. After working with MoDOT through the winter, the Technical Committee agreed to a list of projects that could be added with the available funding. A Draft STIP was developed and submitted to the MoDOT leadership for final approval in March. The Draft STIP was never approved due to the funding challenges associated with COVID.

The projects believed to have been proposed in various years between FY 21 and FY 25 include:

- James River Freeway widening from National to Kansas Expressway
- I-44 widening from US65 to Glenstone
- CC/22nd Intersection
- ITS Improvements

OTO typically reprioritizes every year, however, OTO staff is not planning a new round of prioritizations as there were no projects officially funded resulting from the last prioritization. In addition, travel time data is not reliable given the changing travel patterns from the pandemic.

Ms. Fields stated this was informational only.

III. Other Business

A. Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements

Mr. Humphrey provided an update on the Kansas Expressway Extension Project. A final opinion was received from U.S. Fish & Wildlife which now allows the project to proceed to the next step. The approval for all the right-of-way acquisitions that is needed to be able to start construction have been received. The first phase of improvements on Kansas Expressway is projected to start the fall of next year, 2021.

Mr. Montgomery reported Greene County is starting the construction of Barrington Park South Creek Greenway extension that will go into Barrington Park Subdivision. Also, the first phase of the dirt 66 natural surface trail project started at Fellows Lake. The first phase will be a little over 6.5 miles.

Ms. Longpine shared, MoDOT will close US60, US 65 interchange ramps this weekend, from 8:00 p.m. Friday to as late as 6:00 a.m. Monday.

Mr. Artman stated Republic Road between FF and Golden will be micro-sealed next week during daylight hours.

Mr. Parsons reported the first pedestrian underpass is going underneath Jackson to the west of 12th in Ozark this weekend. The second underpass will go in between October 2nd and October 4th.

B. Transportation Issues for Technical Planning Committee Member Review

There were no issues presented.

C. Articles for Technical Planning Committee Member Information

Mr. Humphrey noted there were articles of interest included in the Agenda Packet. There was no discussion.

IV Adjournment

With no additional business to come before the Committee, Mr. Boone moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Artman seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:19 p.m.

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Andrew Nelson
Technical Planning Committee Chair