



OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION

BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

10 January 2012
3:00 p.m.
Ozarks Transportation Organization
Holland Building – Suite 212
205 Park Central East, Springfield, Missouri

MEMBERS PRESENT

Josh Bird	Joel Keller
Randy Brown	Andrew Seiler
Carol Cruise	Dan Watts
Rick Hess	Terry Whaley
David Hutchison	

STAFF PRESENT

Natasha Longpine
Curtis Owens

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 3:12.

MINUTES (ADDED TO AGENDA)

The minutes from the November 1, 2011 meeting were reviewed for approval. A motion was made by Carol Cruise to approve the minutes as presented, and a second was made by Joel Keller. The motion passed.

2. UPDATE ON OTO BIKE/PED DATA COLLECTION

Staff provided an update on data collection for bicycle and pedestrian roadways in the OTO region. Through GIS, staff is assembling information on speed limits, road widths, and traffic counts to meet the requirements for calculating bicycle and pedestrian level of service. This coincides with the recommendation in the OTO Long Range Transportation Plan to develop data on the bicycle and pedestrian routes in the region.

3. REVIEW PROJECT LIST AND COSTS

Staff provided committee members with a map of the region's trail system and a list of trail needs. The committee was asked for suggestions on how to best review potential trail projects. It was suggested that one trail set should be reviewed at a time. The key is to determine the feasibility of



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each segment. The committee decided that it is important to continue existing trails, review population density, transit, and employment, as well as noting important connections.

Objectives when reviewing the trail system should include -

- Connect most dense population and employment centers in Springfield
- Connect Battlefield with downtown Springfield
- Connect Ozark and Nixa
- Connect Nixa and Battlefield

To get started, the committee recommended looking at the requirements to complete the Jordan Creek Trail from Smith Park to as far south as possible (Wilson's Creek National Battlefield). Once each trail has been reviewed the above criteria can be applied to determine the most important segments.

As for the costs of trails, it was recommended to use the values of \$500,000 per mile for construction and \$125,000 per mile for design.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

It was recommended that OTO work with Christian County on a master trail plan. This project will be recommended for inclusion in the next OTO Unified Planning Work Program.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2012 at 3pm and the committee will discuss the Jordan Creek Corridor.

5. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.