



OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION

BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Josh Bird Shelia Schmitt
David Hutchison Terry Whaley
Frank Miller

STAFF PRESENT

Natasha Longpine
Melissa Richards

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 3:06.

1. MINUTES

The minutes from the September 4, 2012 meeting were reviewed for approval. A motion was made by Terry Whaley to approve the minutes as presented, and a second was made by Shelia Schmitt. The motion passed.

2. REVIEW INPUT FOR BIKE/PED ACCOMMODATIONS ALONG CAMPBELL

Ms. Longpine presented draft comments for the City of Springfield on the Campbell Avenue corridor. The comments reflected discussion from the September 4 BPAC meeting. Some suggestions were made including adding language for bicycle crossings, clarifying 5-foot sidewalks, and considering appropriate bike/ped facilities depending upon the selected improvements. Ms. Longpine stated she would make these revisions and forward the comments to Springfield. Mr. Hutchison motioned to approve the comments and Mr. Miller seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. REVIEW CHRISTIAN COUNTY TRAILS

Ms. Longpine provided copies of the OTO trail plan in Christian County and explained to the Committee that Christian County has provisions for preserving trail right-of-way, but no trail plan to follow. The Committee had the following comments:



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- There is a gap between the Ridgewood Valley Campus and the trail shown south of that on the OTO plan.
- There is RR between Sparta and Chadwick that should be monitored.
- Clever has a trail system in development based on the RR, that connects up to WCNB.
- BPAC felt a trail plan should focus on the unincorporated portions of the County, especially the connections to the NFS.
- There was a question about whether non-OTO communities had plans for trail connections, i.e., Saddlebrooke.
- And then there was a suggestion that the Special Road Districts be brought into the discussion b/c each has their own road standards, especially if there is discussion about on-road connections.
- Potential priorities were identified as connecting into the Greene County trail system, connecting Riverside Bridge and Smallin Cave, and going north from CC along the old railroad corridor.
- Overall, BPAC felt the entire county should be reviewed, not just OTO.

Ms. Longpine stated she would take this back to Christian County and discuss with them on how to move forward.

OTHER BUSINESS

Springfield Person Powered Mobility Plan

David Hutchison discussed progress on bike/ped accommodations in Springfield. So far, 12 miles have been marked, including 7 miles of bike lanes and 5 miles of shared lanes. Mr. Hutchison reviewed maps with BPAC showing the short- and long-term plans for the bike/ped system. Recommended improvements include bike lanes, shared lanes, sidewalks, the Link, and trails.

McDaniel Lake Bridge

The McDaniel Lake Bridge will be handed over to Ozark Greenways and will be kept open for bike/ped traffic only. This is instead of demolishing or replacing the bridge.

5. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.