



Ozarks Transportation Organization

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes

January 9, 2024

1:00 pm

Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Ron Bailey, Mandy Büttgen-Quinn, Valerie Carr, Sara Fields, Scott Godbey, David Hutchison, Brad Kelley, David Knaut, Jason Knight, Natasha Longpine, Frank Miller, John Matthews, John Montgomery, Grady Porter, Chris Tabor, Jen Thomas, Andy Thomason, Aishwarya Shreshta, Martha Smartt and Tommy Van Horn

- I. **Welcome** – The meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm.
- II. **Meeting Notes from November 14, 2023 BPAC Meeting** – Andy Thomason, seconded by Jason Knight, made a motion to approve the November 14, 2023 meeting notes. The motion passed.
- III. **Sidewalk Cost Share Application** – OTO staff provided an overview of the cost share application for the trail from Doling Park to Norton Rd via an underpass of I-44. Tommy Van Horn made a motion to recommend approval of \$302,006 in TAP/CRP funding in cost share with MoDOT to the Technical Planning Committee (TPC). Andy Thomason seconded and the motion passed.
- IV. **Safe Streets 4 All – High Injury Network**– OTO staff gave an update on the progress on the Destination Safe Streets plan including upcoming open houses for public input at the end of January and a view at a narrowed down high injury network map with areas of high risk roadway features. MoDOT stated that there will be safety funds from the construction program dedicated to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements and the agency is already working on improving safety on Chestnut East Sunshine, Glenstone and Kearney. Discussing was held regarding safety related educational programs.
- V. **Regional Trail Planning Updates** – John Montgomery from Ozark Greenways (OG) gave an updated on regional trail planning activities. OG has secured an easement for the final missing piece of the South Creek Greenway trail which will connect the trail with the Wilson Creek Trail. OG staff is participating in multiple regional and statewide boards/ commissions including the Missouri hands free coalition. David Hutchison also gave an update on the US bicycle route 51 and asked for three more letters of support. The City of Springfield is planning to apply for funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program to built parts of the Jordan Creek trail and increase the connection of the trail to the regional network.
- VI. **Connectivity Gap Discussion** - OTO staff showed current trail status through the trail dashboard and gave a summary on completed studies, including the Route 66 trail study, Chadwick Flyer Trail study between Kissick Ave and Sunshine St and the Jordan Creek planning and alignment report. Discussion was held regarding the need of improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities in connection with the renewal of the Division bridge over I-44, the missing connection between Doling Park and the regional trail network currently ending at Commercial Street and Jefferson Ave and connecting the Lake Springfield area and Chadwick Flyer trail on the westside of the lake to Republic Rd.

VII. Project Updates –Committee members provided updates on their TAP projects.

VIII. Next Meeting – March 12, 2024

IX. Adjourn –The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.