



Ozarks Transportation Organization

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes

March 12, 2024

1:00 pm

2208 W. Chesterfield Boulevard, Suite 101, Springfield, MO 65807

Attendees: Valerie Carr, Scott Godbey, Joel Keller, Brad Kelley, David Knaut, Natasha Longpine, Frank Miller, John Montgomery, Grady Porter, Mike Ruesch, Aishwarya Shrestha, Chris Tabor, Jen Thomas, Andy Thomason, and Dan Weitkamp

- I. **Welcome** – The meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm.
- II. **Meeting Notes from January 9, 2024 BPAC Meeting** – Chris Tabor, seconded by Andy Thomason, made a motion to approve the January 9, 2024 meeting notes. The motion passed.
- III. **Trail and Sidewalk Engineering Call for Projects** – OTO staff provided information on the Call for Projects, including application form and timelines. Discussion was held regarding project eligibility and scoring. OTO staff also announced that there will be another Call for Projects coming out in July 2024 for all phases of Trail and Sidewalk Projects.
- IV. **Safe Streets 4 All – Public Input** – OTO staff provided an update on the first phase of public engagement for the Destination Safe Streets Plan. OTO received 704 completed surveys and multiple comments through the map. Next steps include summary of the input and incorporation of that input into the high injury network.
- V. **Regional Trail Planning Updates** – John Montgomery from Ozark Greenways (OG) gave an updated on regional trail planning and outreach activities, including the annual Better Block and OG member meeting and legislative efforts for legacy trails and the Missouri Driver Education Coalition in Missouri.
- VI. **Project Updates** – OTO staff gave an overall update on sidewalk and trail projects for the OTO area. 17 of 19 projects in the OTO area have an agreement and 12 are in design. OTO staff also shared some tools and information, which is available through our webpage like the TIP portal. MoDOT shared an update on the construction of the Wilson’s Creek Blvd trail along State Highway ZZ from Republic Road to Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield. The Schuyler Creek trail that will connect to it also has a tentative bid date. City of Nixa started their comprehensive plan update and is having a virtual open house. City of Willard completed their future land use survey and will also work on updates to their comprehensive plan and working on a future trail plan. CU transit will have a public survey in April or May regarding their service and fare changes following the completion of their ConnectSGF transit study.
- VII. **Next Meeting – April 9, 2024**
- VIII. **Adjourn** –The meeting adjourned at 1:46 pm.