



Ozarks Transportation Organization

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes

November 14, 2023

1:00 pm

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

Attendees: Sara Fields, Scott Godbey, David Hutchison, David Knaut, Natasha Longpine, John McCart, John Montgomery, Grady Porter, Joel Keller, Andy Thomason, Valerie Carr, and Brad Kelley

- I. **Welcome** – The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm.
- II. **Meeting Notes from September 12, 2023 BPAC Meeting** – Grady Porter, seconded by Andy Thomason, made a motion to approve the July 11, 2023 meeting notes. The motion passed.
- III. **2024 Meeting Dates** – OTO staff provided the scheduled meeting dates for calendar year 2024. Meetings will be held in person on the second Tuesday of every other month at 1 p.m.
- IV. **Membership Review** – OTO staff reviewed the list of current BPAC members and gave an update on changes. The committee suggested adding a representative of the Springfield-Green County Parks Board. Staff informed that would require a change in BPAC's bylaws and it will reach out to the Parks Board to see if they will have someone available to join the committee.
- V. **2024 Chair/Vice-Chair** – John Montgomery made a motion to elect himself as chair and Andy Thomason as Vice-Chair of BPAC for calendar year 2024, seconded by Grady Porter. The motion passed.
- VI. **Destination 2045 Focus for CY 2024** – OTO staff presented a list of topics from the Destination 2045 plan which the committee could focus on for the next calendar year. Discussions were held regarding funding opportunities for 2024, details of the Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan and which corridors the region should focus on to have ready-to-construct trail projects that address gaps in the current regional system. Sara Fields suggested adding the identification of needs for studies to close connectivity gap and increased cooperation to successful track goals and benchmarks set in OTO's Long Range Transportation Plan.
- VII. **Project Delivery Module** – OTO staff provided an overview of the new project delivery module. The module will be utilized as a tracking and reporting tool for local entities. The module is available through the OTO website and staff will send out an email with detailed instructions in December of 2023.
- VIII. **Project Updates** – OTO staff informed the committee about a public comment Ozark Greenways shared with OTO regarding an idea for a potential multiuse trail connection between Lake Springfield and Sequoia Park. Committee members provided updates on their TAP projects.
- IX. **Next Meeting – January 9, 2024**
- X. **Adjourn** –The meeting adjourned at 2:06 pm.