



Ozarks Transportation Organization

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2024

1:00 pm

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

Attendees: Valerie Carr, Scott Godbey, Jackson Hotaling, David Hutchison, Joel Keller, Taylor March, David Knaut, Natasha Longpine, Tristan Losh, John Montgomery, Chris Tabor, Jen Thomas, Andy Thomason, and Jacob Wimsatt

- I. **Welcome** – The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm.
- II. **Meeting Notes from August 6, 2024 BPAC Meeting** – OTO staff explained that the meeting notes will be named minutes from now on and that the motion should be for adopting the minutes. Jacob Wimsatt, seconded by David Hutchison, made a motion to approve the July 9, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion passed.
- III. **Statewide Active Transportation Plan** – Taylor March and Jackson Hotaling with Missourians for Responsible Transportation gave a presentation about activities for a Statewide Active Transportation Plan for Missouri, which could help enhance biking, walking and other active mobility conditions across the state. Following the presentation, discussion was held regarding the upcoming Long Range Transportation Plan update for Missouri and what local agencies could do to promote more active transportation.
- IV. **Destination Safe Streets Plan** – OTO staff presented an update on the Destination Safe Streets plan. The safety analysis part of the plan is getting finalized, including a final High-Injury Network for the OTO area, a project recommendation list and a policy review and recommendation. Discussion was held regarding potential educational safety campaigns and local needs for such programs including Safe Routes to School programs.
- V. **Regional Trail Planning Updates** – John Montgomery from Ozark Greenways (OG) gave an update on regional trail planning and outreach activities, including updates on the engineering work for the Chadwick Flyer trail in Springfield and the planned improvements of the Chadwick Flyer trailhead near Crenshaw Rd. OG is also actively participating in the Missouri’s Driver Education Coalition which is working on ways to reestablish driver education programs within Missouri.
- VI. **Critical sidewalk network gaps** – OTO staff presented a map with critical sidewalk gaps in the region based on local agencies unfunded needs, public comments from Destination Safe Streets input and staff’s review of the regional network. Discussion was held regarding specific gaps and the BPAC was asked to provide local priorities for the next meeting to start a regional sidewalk gap priority list.

VII. Project Updates – OTO staff gave an update on the Shuyler Creek trail project in Republic, the Chadwick Flyer trail overpass of US 60 and the engineering projects that OTO is managing.

VIII. Next Meeting – November 12, 2024

IX. Adjourn –The meeting adjourned at 2:22 pm.

Approved on 11/12/2024

Attested By: _____


John Montgomery, BPAC Chair