



OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION  
A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

## LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR TRANSIT MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2024

3:00 p.m.

This meeting took place in person and via electronic means.

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### ATTENDEES

Bill Achor	Christy Evers	Brandie Fisher
Rene Frazier	John Matthews	Aishwarya Shrestha

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### STAFF PRESENT

Natasha Longpine	David Knaut
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### I. WELCOME

Mr. Knaut brought the meeting to order at 03:05 pm and introductions were made.

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### II. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2024 MINUTES.

Approval of the February 22, 2024 minutes will be moved to the August meeting due to a lack of quorum.

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### III. APPROVAL OF 05-02-2024 AGENDA

No agenda approval due to a lack of quorum, but the board decided to hold a meeting since there was no further formal action required.

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### IV. OTO TITLE VI/ ADA PROGRAM UPDATE

OTO staff presented an overview of OTO's Title VI/ ADA program update, which was out for public comment before going to the OTO board for approval. The update included new demographic data for the OTO region, including a regional profile of limited English proficient population and changes to the prior plan update form 2021.

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### V. DESTINATION SAFE STREETS

OTO currently is working on Safety Action Plan through the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Safe Streets for All program and OTO staff provided an update on the initial public input phase and a draft analysis of high injury network for the region. The LCBT was asked to provide input from the transit and human transportation organizations' perspective on safety issues for the region. Members of the board stated that accessibility is a greater issue in the area, especially for the public transportation system, e.g. personal driveways. Furthermore, distractive driving and walking and unsafe driving behavior were the most common safety issues for drivers.

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## VI. REGIONAL TRANSIT DISCUSSION

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The LCBT explored the idea of expanding regional transit, focusing on areas outside of Springfield. OATS is looking into implementing more frequent bus services, such as daily or bi-weekly routes, to meet the high demand for transportation between areas like Branson and Springfield, which would also benefit communities south of Springfield. OATS would also like additional routes for other areas, including Buffalo to Springfield, Bolivar to Springfield, Mount Vernon to Springfield, and possibly routes from the Mansfield commuter lot area and Kimberling City. LCBT discussed the challenges and potential improvements, suggesting shorter schedules and additional stops to make the service more accessible and the potential of connecting with CU Transit for Springfield service.

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## VII. MEMBER UPDATES

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MoDOT provided an update on the statewide vehicle procurement and the progress of the awarded vehicles for the region prior to last call for projects in early 2024.

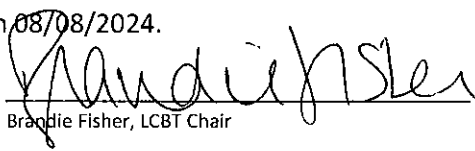
The next meeting will be on August 8, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 pm.

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Approved on 08/08/2024.

Attested By:

  
Brandie Fisher, LCBT Chair