



OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR TRANSIT MEETING MINUTES

June 27, 2024

11:00 a.m.

This meeting took place only via electronic means.

ATTENDEES

Bill Achor	Stacie Amschler	Eric Cote
Christy Evers	Ginny Highfill	Brad Kelley
Rene Frazier	Brandie Fisher	Aishwarya Shrestha

STAFF PRESENT

Natasha Longpine	David Knaut
Debbie Parks	

I. WELCOME

Mr. Knaut brought the meeting to order at 11:05 pm and introductions were made.

II. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2024 MINUTES.

Ms. Frazier made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fisher, to approve the minutes of 02-22-24, with correcting the language to Mr. Robinson instead of Mr. Jefferson on page 2. The motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF 06-27-2024 AGENDA

Ms. Fisher made a motion, seconded by Ms. Highfill, to approve the agenda for 06-27-2024. The motion passed.

IV. FTA 5310 DESIGNATION

OTO staff presented background information to OTO's intention to become the designated recipient for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 funding in the Springfield Metro area. OTO would keep the role of administering the call for projects and take on the additional role of procurement, and oversight of sub-recipients, while CU Transit would continue to manage their own projects. The decision was triggered by a need to update the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to reflect current infrastructure programs. OTO staff went through the different changes in the presented draft MOU. Discussion was held regarding different ways of procurement and changes to sub-recipient oversight. OTO staff indicated that oversight will experience big changes in comparison to current oversight by MoDOT and that this topic can be discussed at a future meeting. CU transit noted that they will abstain from the vote due to still reviewing the draft internally and discussion with the FTA regarding potential effects for CU Transit. Bill Achor made a motion recommending OTO becoming a designated recipient and approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), including possible requested changes by CU

transit, to the OTO Board of Directors, seconded by Ms. Frazier. Further discussion was held regarding potential concerns from MoDOT. MoDOT did not have any concerns regarding the proposed change but mentioned that coordination regarding oversight of shared sub-recipients would need to be addressed in the future. OTO staff conducted a roll call for the vote: Brandie Fisher from CU Transit abstained, Rene Frazier from OATS approved, Bill Achor from Ozark Senior Center approved, Ginny Highfill from SWI Industrial approved, Eric Cote from empower: abilities approved. Motion passed with four approvals and one abstention.

V. MEMBER UPDATES


OTO staff shared information on the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program which is administered through Senior Age in Southwest Missouri. OATS shared that a new food pantry opened in Ozark and that they will receive two new transit vans in July for the southwest region, which were funded through the OTO regional 5310 program

The next meeting will be on August 8, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 pm.

Approved on 08/08/2024.

Attested By:


Brandie Fisher, LCBT Chair