

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 26, 2024**

The Technical Planning Committee of the Ozarks Transportation Organization met at its scheduled time in person. A quorum was declared present. Chair Nelson began the meeting at approximately 1:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Paula Brookshire (a), City of Springfield	Angela Nelson (a), Greene County (Chair)
Eric Claussen, City of Springfield	Andy Novinger (a), City of Battlefield
King Coltrin (a), City of Springfield	Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa
Matt Crawford, City Utilities	Beth Schaller, MoDOT
Karen Haynes, City of Republic	Tim Schowe, City of Strafford
Adam Humphrey, Greene County	Cliff Spangler, City of Ozark
Frank Miller, MoDOT	Mark Webb, Greene County
John Montgomery (a), Ozarks Greenway	Todd Wiesehan, Christian County

(a) Denotes alternate given voting privileges as a substitute when voting member not present

The following members were not present:

Keith Adams, Springfield Public Schools	Aishwarya Shrestha (non-voting), SMCOG
John Matthews, Missouri State University	Ben Vickers (non-voting), Springfield Chamber
Mike Ruesch, City of Willard	Jeremy Wegner, BNSF
David Schaumburg, Springfield-Branson Airport	Vacant, FTA
Mark Schenkelberg, FAA	Daniel Weitkamp, FHWA

Others present were: Kimberly Ader, MoDOT; Joel Keller, Greene County; Derrick Estell, TOTH; Garrett Brickner & Emma Ede, Wilson & Company; Nicole Boyd, Dave Faucett, Sara Fields, David Knaut, Natasha Longpine, Debbie Parks, and Jen Thomas, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

I. Administration

A. Introductions

Chair Nelson welcomed everyone.

B. Approval of the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda

Adam Humphrey made a motion to approve the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for June 26, 2024. John Montgomery seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. Approval of April 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Adam Humphrey made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2024 Technical Planning Committee Meetings. Karen Haynes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. Public Comment Period for All Agenda Items

Chair Nelson advised there were public comments included in the packet. Chair Nelson asked for comments or questions.

E. Executive Director's Report

Sara Fields shared the Transportation Alternatives Program call for projects will be opening Monday, July 1st and will close on August 1st. There is approximately \$3.5 million available. This will be the last round through the 2026 funding of the Transportation Bill.

The Missouri Legislature provided a large allocation for I-44. Next, is waiting to see if the Governor approves the funding.

The OTO Annual Legislative Breakfast will be October 10th at 7:30 am at Drury University's Judy Thompson Executive Center. Save the Dates will be sent out soon.

F. Legislative Report

There were no Legislative Reports.

G. MoDOT Report

Frank Miller reported MoDOT has been working on updates for the resurfacing and bridge work Asset Management Plan. The awards for the state FY 2024 have just wrapped up. MoDOT has compared the updated amounts with the programmed amounts. The OTO area ended up being approximately 11.7% over, which is primarily due to the Kearney Street Corridor project. The district, as a whole, came in at 2.5% under. Without the Kearney Street Corridor project, the OTO area is almost 3% under and the district overall was 7% under.

H. Committee Reports and Grant Opportunities

David Knaut stated OTO held one Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), one Local Coordinating Board for Transit (LCBT), and one Traffic Incident Management Subcommittee (TIMS) meetings. The Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant was discussed at each meeting.

The LCBT discussed regional transportation through OATS. OATS has funding available for intercity grants and are wanting to utilize them more.

The BPAC discussed the scoring criteria for the upcoming call. The BPAC will be focusing on and encouraging projects that fill in the gaps on the regional trail map.

Debbie Parks shared the City of Springfield was awarded the RAISE grant to fund the UnGap the Map project. The Highway MM RAISE Grant was not awarded this round but there is still a RURAL application open.

Staff will be working on a regional grant submission for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program. The award is for \$500,000 to \$15 million. The match amount is 20%.

Staff is also working on an Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) grant which is a regional trail grant. A submission will be made for preliminary engineering on three trails. They are the Wilson's Creek Trail, the Wire Road Trail, and the Route 66 Trail. The deadline was extended to July 17th.

Missouri's Department of Natural Resources has a Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Program. It is for vehicle/equipment replacement or engine replacement. It provides 25% of the cost for new vehicles and 40% cost for new engines. Applications are due July 31st.

FHWA has a national Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program. It is for projects for the replacement, removal, and repair of culverts or weirs that meaningfully improve or restore fish passage. Applications are due September 23rd.

The Pollinator-Friendly Practices on Roadsides and Highway Right-of-Way Program is eligible for federal land management agencies or the state. The grant closes on July 18th.

The OTO Grant Newsletter will be going out soon. Also, the OTO grant website will be kept up-to-date.

I. Federal Fund Status Update

Jen Thomas shared the current obligation update. Twenty-four percent of the 110% goal has been reached, so far. Projects are continuing to be obligated.

II. New Business

A. FY 2024-2027 TIP Administrative Modification 6

Natasha Longpine presented the revisions that were made to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program through Administrative Modification 6.

- FY 2023 Operating Assistance – Fixed Route (CU2300)
- I-44 Pavement Improvements (GR2302)
- Sunshine Street ADA Improvements (SP1413)

This was informational only. No action was required.

B. TAP Project Schedule Extension

Jen Thomas shared the proposed revised TAP project schedule extensions for the city of Ozark's Garrison Springs Trail project and the city of Springfield's Grand Street Trail project.

Eric Claussen made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the revised reasonable progress schedules for the Garrison Springs Trail and Grand Street Trail projects. Todd Wiesehan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. *Destination 2045* Amendments Four, Five, and Six

Natasha Longpine reviewed the recommended changes to the Constrained Project List as well as the Major Thoroughfare Plan.

- Amendment Four – two projects have been moved from the Unconstrained to Constrained list.
 - 173 – Route 125/OO Intersection Improvements
 - 174 – Route OO Capacity Improvements
- Amendment Four – estimates have been updated to reflect the work programmed in the FY 2025-2028 TIP.

- 5 – I-44 Capacity improvements from Kansas Expressway to Glenstone Avenue > updated Time Band to 2025 and Cost to \$51,716,260
- 126 – Kansas Expressway Capital Improvements Phases I, II, and III Norton Road to Kearney, including the I-44 Interchange > updated cost to \$57,224,000
- Amendment Five – Major Thoroughfare Plan update for Springfield/Greene County
 - Haseltine/Farm Road 115 and Chestnut Expressway changes
- Amendment Six – Major Thoroughfare Plan update for Ozark
 - The connection between Jackson and Selmore along 17th Street

Beth Schaller made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve Amendments Four, Five, and Six to *Destination 2045*. Frank Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. Draft FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program

Natasha Longpine highlighted the draft FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Beth Schaller made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program with the updated RAISE award funding and the addition of the Grand Street Trail funding. John Montgomery seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. 2026-2030 Draft STIP Prioritization Criteria

Sara Fields presented the proposed prioritization criteria that is used for prioritizing projects ahead of the FY 2026-2030 STIP project selection process.

John Montgomery made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the STIP Project Prioritization Criteria as presented. Karen Haynes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. FY 2026-2030 Draft STIP Prioritization Project List

Sara Fields presented the list of projects proposed for prioritization. The Committee was asked to review the list.

G. Safe Streets and Roads for All Update

Natasha Longpine provided an update on the Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Planning Grant.

This was informational only. No action was required.

III. Other Business

A. Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements

Sara Fields shared the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission will be in Springfield September 5th.

John Montgomery shared accolades for the City of Springfield’s RAISE Grant for trails.

Eric Claussen shared the City of Springfield has a Citizen Advisory Committee made up of 30 members that have been discussing a potential future sales tax. They will be presenting at the Springfield City Council, Tuesday, July 2nd. It may be a ¼ cent transportation sales tax with a 10-year sunset. A ¼ cent

of that would be a permanent sales tax that would go to public safety, primarily police and fire. The additional ½ cent would be for capital projects. It will be on the ballot in November.

B. Transportation Issues for Technical Planning Committee Review

There were no transportation issues for Committee review.

C. Articles for Technical Planning Committee Member Information

Chair Nelson noted there were articles of interest included in the Agenda Packet.

IV. Adjournment

Eric Claussen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. King Coltrin seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:49 p.m.



Jeremy Parsons
Technical Planning Committee Chairman-Elect