



OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION

BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 8, 2014
10:00 a.m.
Ozarks Transportation Organization
Holland Building – Suite 212
205 Park Central East, Springfield, Missouri

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Brock	Jeremy Parsons
David Hutchison	Terry Whaley
Joel Keller	Todd Wiesehan

STAFF PRESENT

Sara Fields
Natasha Longpine

OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Rubino

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am.

1. MINUTES

The minutes from the November 6, 2013 meeting were approved with a motion by David Brock and a second by Terry Whaley.

2. 2014 CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR

Ms. Longpine provided an update on the Chair and Vice-Chair appointments for BPAC. As discussed at the prior meeting, Rick Hess agreed to serve as Chair and Jeremy Parsons as Vice Chair. However, Mr. Hess had a scheduling conflict for the first 2 meetings and so Mr. Parsons would need to step-in on those occasions.

3. BIKE/PED PRIORITIES

Ms. Longpine presented 2 maps to the Committee demonstrating the priorities as proposed at the prior meeting. The first map highlights a higher a lower priority for each set. For Route 66, all known designated routes were mapped, but staff thought it might help to focus on one primary line



of that route. For the downtown Springfield to downtown Republic trail priority, both the trail by Wilson's Creek National Battlefield and the on-street routes are shown. Again, it was thought that based on the feasibility of the on-road versus the trail by the Battlefield, it would be better to have just one focus on that route.

The second map showed just the focused lines. For Route 66, that is the trail from Strafford to Springfield, connecting on-street from Kearney to Glenstone to Chestnut to College and out on 266 to the OTO west Boundary. For downtown Springfield to downtown Republic, the map shows the Jordan Creek/Wilson's Creek/Shuyler Creek trails, but at M Highway, it goes on-road on M and ZZ and FR 182 into Republic.

The committee discussed assessing these priorities annually for completeness and to see if there are any new opportunities which need to be identified.

Mr. Whaley also discussed how the Strafford Route 66 trail can connect in with a proposed Trans-America Trail detour. The Adventure Cycling Association is currently open to alternate routes that parallel the official Trans-America Trail. Terry sees this as a way for cyclists to reach a higher level of services than if they stay north on the official route.

Mr. Parsons called for a motion on the priorities. Mr. Whaley asked for alternatives along these routes to be allowed as opportunities are presented and routes become available. Ms. Longpine and Mr. Whaley also shared the visual concept of ZZ as a boulevard into the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, starting the visitor's experience before they get to the park. Mr. Brock mentioned the Battlefield's concern about alternate entrances into the Battlefield, as well. These priorities as presented recognize that. Mr. Whaley motioned and Mr. Brock seconded and the following was adopted as the Bike/Ped priorities:

- Route 66 corridor from the OTO east boundary to the OTO west boundary along or near historically designated Route 66. Projects along this corridor may include trail, sidewalk, streetscape, and bicycle accommodations.
- Connect downtown Springfield to downtown Republic via the Jordan Valley/Wilson's Creek/Shuyler Creek Trail or an on-road equivalent route.

including this additional language, "with alternatives as opportunities are presented and the route becomes available."

4. FY2014 WORK PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Ms. Longpine asked Mr. Wiesehan to talk about trail plan review. Mr. Wiesehan stated that most of the proposed trail lines fall within the urban service areas for the cities in Christian County. One proposal is that the USA agreement could be adjusted for trail preservation. Mr. Parsons explained that Ozark would like to tie into Springfield, though residents are still focused on completing some of the local trails. Mr. Parsons thought that if they had a transportation sales tax, a portion would be dedicated to trails and streetscapes.

One proposed work program activity is then to work on trail lines in Christian County.



Several other proposed activities include:

- to reach outside of the OTO area to help make connections
- continue to search for funding for priorities
- find a way to get press and momentum on trails in Nixa/Ozark, providing information on the Bicycle Friendly and Walk Friendly programs
- be aware of and support funding and development opportunities to develop pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the Route 66 corridor and the downtown Springfield to downtown Republic corridor

David Hutchison made the motion and Todd Wiesehan seconded for BPAC to work on these items for the 2014 calendar year. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Rubino asked how this would work with the County not having a parks department. His concern was that the unincorporated areas of Christian County would remain without trails. It was pointed out that developments are often willing to include trails as they are being built. Mr. Whaley stressed that having a plan is the most important so that money can be used if it suddenly becomes available.

5. ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2014 at 10:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.