



Ozarks Transportation Organization

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Minutes

March 10, 2020

1:00 pm

Ozarks Transportation Organization
2208 W. Chesterfield Blvd., Suite 101
Springfield, Missouri

Attendees: Jeremy Parsons, Joel Keller, David Hutchinson, John Montgomery, Chris Tabor, Cole Pruitt, Matt Crawford

Staff: Andy Thomason

I. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Thomason welcomed everyone.

II. Minutes from 01/14/20 BPAC Meeting

Mr. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting.

III. Update on Trail Priority Discussions

Mr. Thomason told the committee he wanted to provide a brief status update on the conversations started at the January 14th BPAC meeting. He summarized the conversations had concerning the proposed '10-year Investment Plan' and how the conversation had ended with staff choosing to develop a new approach to soliciting input. Mr. Thomason reported that staff had moved forward with efforts to develop a new approach. A map with currently identified trail concepts has been made and will be used to gauge the public's general interest in trails. A more detailed look at expectations and priorities will follow.

There was some discussion of this item. Mr. Hutchinson clarified the new map included more than just existing trails, and Mr. Parsons asked about the status of some trails evaluated in the RBPTIS.

IV. Bike/Ped Implementation Report CY 2019

Mr. Thomason gave a brief overview of the purpose of the annual implementation reports. He discussed the connections to the LRTP and importance of tracking progress. Mr. Thomason described his efforts to confirm recurring events and add new items. New items included SGF Yields, Springfield's Walkability Guide, amongst other. He also asked if the group had any corrections, additions, or edits. The following items were offered:

- Mr Hutchinson offered edits to the description of 3 *trail and bikeways* projects
- Mr. Parsons wished to add a Governor's Cost Share project in Ozark
- Mr. Montgomery wished to add an improvement along the Frisco Highline Trail, where it passes under US 160.
- Mr. Pruitt wished to add some bike education classes taught at MSU and Bike Patrols by Campus Safety and SPD.

Mr. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, to accept the CY 19 Bike/Ped Implementation Report, with the recommended edits and additions. The motion passed.

V. Ozarks Regional Bicycle Destination Plan

Mr. Thomason began by providing some background information of the development of the destination plan. He sought additional historical input from Mr. Parsons and Mr. Hutchinson. Mr. Thomason then explained he wanted to start a dialog about the best ways to begin implementing the plan. He believed that implementation would likely involve the development of public facing materials. Mr. Montgomery sought to clarify if the intention of the public facing materials was to summarize the existing plan or to provide relevant information about the loops. Mr. Thomason stressed he wanted to develop materials that would be useful to cyclists.

Mr. Thomason asked if any elements of the destination plan have been implemented since the plan had last been discussed at the BPAC. Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Keller described the efforts made to design and create signs for the Greene County routes. The signs had not been installed, but all were made. Mr Montgomery also stated the Greene County routes, amongst others, have been upload to a biking website/app called Ride With GPS.

Mr. Parsons asked a couple questions of Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Keller concerning any agreements signed between the two organizations. They said no formal agreements were signed. Ozark Greenways just worked with the Highway Department. The county commission was not involved.

Mr. Thomason asked about the type of public facing materials the committee thought might be most useful. He also demonstrated a web-based option called a story map. Mr. Tabor said story maps work very well and he suggested an alternative format that might be more user friendly. Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Hutchinson stated that while experienced users rely on technology, many newer riders like paper maps. There was discussion of individual loop maps and a foldable map that contained the four destination plan routes. Overall, web-based and paper-based materials would likely be beneficial.

Mr Crawford discussed with Mr. Montgomery the need to identify points of system overlap and find ways to share information about resources available near each location.

VI. Other

Mr. Pruitt reported that COVID-19 had caused delays in the deployment of bikeshare. The bikes are expected to be delivered in June or July.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:15pm

Minutes Approved on 05/12/2020.

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