



OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR TRANSIT MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2017
3:00 p.m.
OTO Conference Room
2208 W Chesterfield Blvd., Suite 101
Springfield, MO

ATTENDEES

Diane Gallion	JJ Bowler (via phone)
Jeff Robinson	Linda Starr
Renita Funk	Megan Clark
Andrew Seiler	

STAFF PRESENT

Andy Thomason	Sara Fields
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I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Gallion brought the meeting to order at 3:05pm. Brief introductions were made.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Gallion asked if anyone wished to make public comment on any agenda item. No public comments were made.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 16, 2017 AGENDA

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the agenda of the March 16, 2017 meeting. Ms. Starr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2, 2017 MINUTES

Ms. Bowler made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2017 meeting. Ms. Funk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was addressed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a) Final TCP Review

Mr. Thomason reported the draft being presented today is remarkably like the draft shared with the LCBT on the 13th. Edits had been received from Ms. Fields and Ms Gallion since the draft was shared. Additionally, Mr. Robinson submitted edits shortly before the meeting. All edits received will be included in the draft presented to the Board of Directors. Mr Robinson added OATS had budgeted funds for a regional route from Newton or Barry Counties to Springfield along Old US 60

Mr. Thomason also reported on eligible 5310 activities. The current MOU between OTO, MoDOT, and CU is structured around vehicle purchases. Any changes to eligible OTO projects would require the MOU to be renegotiated. There seems to be a willingness to discuss the MOU by OTO and MoDOT. Passenger amenities/facilities are eligible if they are directly associated with a 5310 vehicle. For example, Burrell could put an awning on a building if a 5310 funded vehicle served the building. If no 5310 funded vehicle served the building, improvements to the building would not be eligible. To address a question by Mr. Robinson from the previous meeting, Mr. Thomason explained how operations funding worked. The human service agency interested in acquiring transportation services would apply for 5310 funds, then conduct an RFP process in accordance with federal guidelines. The RFP process can be difficult and time consuming, though it is possible to make it through. Mr. Robinson stated this option did seem like a good fit for the OTO region and suggested we eliminate it from the document. The committee generally agreed.

Ms. Bowler commented the number of strategies listed on the sidebar of page 34 did not match the number of strategies referenced in the text. Mr. Thomason said initially there were five strategies in the TCP. One strategy related to increasing volunteers was dropped by Mr. Thomason when he was unable to develop a reasonable list of actions related to the strategy.

b) Plan Approval

Mr. Thomason explained the LCBT would approve the TCP and then the plan would be taken to the Board of Directors for adoption. Ms. Gallion asked for a motion to approve the TCP, including all edits received to date and with the elimination of the action related to operations assistance. Mr. Robinson made the motion. Ms. Funk seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Thomason shared information about an upcoming forum on the VW Environmental Mitigation Trust. The money in the trust can be used for diesel upgrades or replacements on any type of vehicle. The meeting is March 31 at 10:30am.

Mr. Robinson shared information on the availability of Ford Transit vans as part of the 5310 program. He also shared price sheets associated with 2017 purchases.

The LCBT generally discussed the budget proposed by the Trump administration, and its impacts on programs important to the region.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Starr made a motion to adjourn at 3:50. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed.