

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
June 16, 2021**

The Technical Planning Committee of the Ozarks Transportation Organization met at its scheduled time via Zoom video conferencing. A quorum was declared present, and the meeting was called to order at approximately 1:33 p.m. by Chair Todd Wiesehan.

The following members were present:

Mr. Rick Artman, Greene County	Ms. Mary Kromrey, Ozark Greenways
Ms. Paula Brookshire, City of Springfield (a)	Mr. Frank Miller, MoDOT
Mr. Matt Crawford, City Utilities Transit	Mr. Andrew Nelson, City of Republic
Mr. Tom Dancey, City of Springfield (a)	Ms. Britni O'Connor, MoDOT
Mr. Ezekiel Hall, MoDOT	Mr. Cole Pruitt, Missouri State University
Mr. Adam Humphrey, Greene County	Mr. Tommy VanHorn, City of Battlefield
Mr. Joel Keller, Greene County	Mr. Todd Wiesehan, Christian County (Chair)

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

The following members were not present:

Mr. Ahmad Mokhtee, FTA	Mr. Jeremy Parsons, City of Ozark
Mr. Chris Boone, City of Strafford	Mr. Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa
Mr. Randy Brown, City of Willard	Mr. David Schaumburg, Airport
Mr. John Caufield, BNSF	Mr. Mark Schenkelberg, FAA
Mr. Martin Gugel, City of Springfield	Mr. Travis Shaw, Springfield Public Schools
Mr. Bradley McMahon, FHWA	Ms. Janette Vomund, MoDOT
Mr. Ryan Mooney, Springfield Chamber of Commerce	

Others present were: Mr. Dan Wadlington, Senator Blunt's Office; Mr. Steve Bodenhamer, City of Battlefield; Mr. Garrett Brickner, City of Republic; David Faucett, Ms. Sara Fields, Ms. Natasha Longpine, Ms. Nicole Stokes, and Mr. Andy Thomason, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

**I. Administration**

**A. Introductions**

Chair Todd Wiesehan welcomed everyone and requested introductions by a roll call.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Present	Miller, Frank	Present
Boone, Chris	Absent	Mooney, Ryan	Absent
Brookshire, Paula	Present	Nelson, Andrew	Present
Brown, Randy	Absent	O'Connor, Britni	Present
Caufield, John	Absent	Parsons, Jeremy	Absent
Crawford, Matt	Present	Pruitt, Cole	Present
Dancey, Tom	Present	Roussell, Jeff	Absent

Gugel, Martin	Absent	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Hall, Ezekiel	Present	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Present	VanHorn, Tommy	Present
Keller, Joel	Present	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Kromrey, Mary	Present	Wiesehan, Todd	Present

A quorum was present.

**B. Approval of the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda**

Mr. Humphrey made a motion to approve the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for June 16, 2021. Mr. Pruitt seconded the motion. Chair Wiesehan asked for a roll call vote.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	--	Miller, Frank	Aye
Boone, Chris	Absent	Mooney, Ryan	Absent
Brookshire, Paula	Aye	Nelson, Andrew	Aye
Brown, Randy	Absent	O'Connor, Britni	Aye
Caufield, John	Absent	Parsons, Jeremy	Absent
Crawford, Matt	Aye	Pruitt, Cole	Aye
Dancey, Tom	Aye	Roussell, Jeff	Absent
Gugel, Martin	Absent	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Hall, Ezekiel	Aye	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Aye	VanHorn, Tommy	Aye
Keller, Joel	Aye	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Kromrey, Mary	--	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye

The motion passed.

**C. Approval of the April 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Artman made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2021, Technical Planning Committee Meeting. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. Chair Wiesehan asked for a roll call vote.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Aye	Miller, Frank	Aye
Boone, Chris	Absent	Mooney, Ryan	Absent
Brookshire, Paula	Aye	Nelson, Andrew	Aye
Brown, Randy	Absent	O'Connor, Britni	Aye
Caufield, John	Absent	Parsons, Jeremy	Absent
Crawford, Matt	Aye	Pruitt, Cole	Aye
Dancey, Tom	Aye	Roussell, Jeff	Absent
Gugel, Martin	Absent	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Hall, Ezekiel	Aye	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Aye	VanHorn, Tommy	Aye
Keller, Joel	Aye	Vomund, Janette	Absent

Kromrey, Mary	--	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye
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The motion passed.

**D. Public Comment Period for All Agenda Items**

Ms. Fields stated there have been a lot of comments received over the last 2 months with many being about bicycle and pedestrian concerns. Mr. Thomason will use those comments to compile an unfunded needs list. The road projects go into the prioritization list.

**E. Staff Report**

Ms. Fields stated the Board of Directors agreed to use the American Rescue Plan funding, that was allocated to the OTO area, to fund several trail projects. The projects were the Chadwick Flyer Trail in two sections, one in Christian County and one in Greene County, and the Wilson's Creek Boulevard Trail.

A draft Transportation Bill was released from the Transportation Infrastructure Committee for the House. Congressman Long requested 4 earmarks for the OTO area that are contained in the draft legislation. Those projects are the streetscape along Grand Street at MSU, the Chadwick Flyer Trail in Springfield, I-44 expansion from Glenstone to Highway 65, and MM corridor expansion from I-44 to James River Freeway. If that legislation is passed, that would be approximately \$12 million for the OTO region.

The fuel tax passed the Missouri Legislature. Estimates of the tax at full implementation would be \$15 million a year to be used by MoDOT in the OTO area.

OTO just completed its Federal Planning Certification Review which occurs every 4 years. The report from the review is expected to be out in August which will include some recommendations. OTO is not expecting any issues from that report.

Mr. Faucett has been scoring projects. Ms. Longpine is continuing work on the long-range plan. Mr. Thomason has been working on some studies that were just approved in the UPWP, including the I-44 and Highway 13 interchange, the Chadwick Flyer overpass in Ozark, and the FF corridor in Battlefield.

**F. Legislative Reports**

Mr. Wadlington from Senator Blunt's office reported that there is not an infrastructure bill yet. The bill Senator Blunt was working on has broken off. There is a new Highway Bill taking shape. Senators and reps are working on earmarks.

**G. MoDOT Report**

Mr. Miller stated the public comment period for the STIP ended in May. It is anticipated the Commission will approve the new STIP in July. The Unfunded Needs list for Tier 3 and multimodal is targeted to be completed by the end of September. The multimodal portion will be an open process in terms of what modes are included. It will be left up to OTO as to what modes and how to split them up throughout the summer.

## II. **New Business:**

### A. **Transportation Plan 2040 Amendment 13**

Ms. Longpine stated there were two projects proposed to be added to the Constrained Project List ahead of programming in the Transportation Improvement Program. The projects added to the Constrained List were the City of Springfield's Grand Street project and MoDOT's Route ZZ/FR 182. Ms. Longpine highlighted the projects.

Mr. Humphrey made a motion to recommend *Transportation Plan 2040* Amendment 13 to the Board of Directors. Mr. Artman seconded the motion. Chair Wiesehan asked for a roll call vote.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Aye	Miller, Frank	Aye
Boone, Chris	Absent	Mooney, Ryan	Absent
Brookshire, Paula	Aye	Nelson, Andrew	Aye
Brown, Randy	Absent	O'Connor, Britni	Aye
Caufield, John	Absent	Parsons, Jeremy	Absent
Crawford, Matt	Aye	Pruitt, Cole	Aye
Dancey, Tom	Aye	Roussell, Jeff	Absent
Gugel, Martin	Absent	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Hall, Ezekiel	Aye	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Aye	VanHorn, Tommy	Aye
Keller, Joel	Aye	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Kromrey, Mary	Aye	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye

The motion passed.

### B. **Draft 2022-2026 STIP**

Mr. Miller presented the draft 2022-2026 MoDOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Each year, the Missouri Department of Transportation adopts a STIP. The STIP is a listing of projects that will be completed over the next five years. The FY 2022-2026 STIP will be adopted at the July 1, 2021, Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission meeting. The OTO Technical Planning Committee and Board of Directors worked to prioritize projects for recommendation to be placed in the STIP. The projects listed in the STIP for the OTO area (SW Urban) will be incorporated into the Draft OTO 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program.

This was informational only. No action was required.

### C. **Draft FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program**

Ms. Longpine stated OTO annually develops a four-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) document that provides details on proposed transportation improvements, including anticipated costs, fund sources, and expected project phasing over each of the four years of the TIP. The TIP includes a status report for each project contained in the previous year's TIP, a financial constraint analysis, and description of the public involvement process. The MoDOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Program has been incorporated into the Draft TIP. Also included are FTA 5310 projects (vehicles for human service agencies serving the disabled and

elderly), FTA 5339 projects (transit capital), and transit operations. City Utilities Transit is currently the only eligible recipient for FTA 5307 (Transit Operating Assistance and Preventive Maintenance). The draft TIP will be made available for public comment beginning on June 13, 2021. Any comments will be provided to the Board of Directors for consideration. The draft document has been reviewed by USDOT and MoDOT and there were no comments. Minor revisions have been made since the TIP Subcommittee meeting to reflect final changes to the draft STIP and recent actions by the OTO Board.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to recommend the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program to the Board of Directors. Mr. Crawford seconded the motion. Chair Wiesehan asked for a roll call vote.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Aye	Miller, Frank	Aye
Boone, Chris	Absent	Mooney, Ryan	Absent
Brookshire, Paula	Aye	Nelson, Andrew	Aye
Brown, Randy	Absent	O'Connor, Britni	--
Caufield, John	Absent	Parsons, Jeremy	Absent
Crawford, Matt	Aye	Pruitt, Cole	Aye
Dancey, Tom	Aye	Roussell, Jeff	Absent
Gugel, Martin	Absent	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Hall, Ezekiel	Aye	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Aye	VanHorn, Tommy	Aye
Keller, Joel	Aye	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Kromrey, Mary	Aye	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye

The motion passed.

#### D. 2023-2027 Draft STIP Prioritization Project List

Ms. Fields reported the STIP Prioritization Criteria is used to score projects as the starting point for project recommendations for the STIP. Staff requested the committee to review the criteria and recommend any changes. Included for review was the Draft Prioritization Glossary which will define the criteria to be used for the next round of prioritization. The 2023-2027 STIP deadline for the scoring and final prioritization to be completed is the October Technical Planning Committee and the November Board of Directors. Staff is proposing a change to the safety score. Ms. Fields details the proposed changes.

Mr. Pruitt made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Draft STIP Project Prioritization Criteria with the addition under # 11 - Bridge Conditions, scoring two points for bridges with a 5 rating. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion. Chair Wiesehan asked for a roll call vote.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Aye	Miller, Frank	Aye
Boone, Chris	Absent	Mooney, Ryan	Absent
Brookshire, Paula	Aye	Nelson, Andrew	Aye

Brown, Randy	Absent	O'Connor, Britni	--
Caufield, John	Absent	Parsons, Jeremy	Absent
Crawford, Matt	Aye	Pruitt, Cole	Aye
Dancey, Tom	Aye	Roussell, Jeff	Absent
Gugel, Martin	Absent	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Hall, Ezekiel	Aye	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Aye	VanHorn, Tommy	Aye
Keller, Joel	Aye	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Kromrey, Mary	Aye	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye

The motion passed.

**E. 2023-2027 Draft STIP Prioritization Project List**

Ms. Fields asked the Committee to review the list of projects proposed for prioritization ahead of the 2023-2027 STIP project selection process. Ms. Fields highlighted the list.

This was informational only. No action was required.

**III. Other Business**

**A. Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements**

There were no member announcements.

**B. Transportation Issues for Technical Planning Committee Member Review**

There were no issues presented.

**C. Articles for Technical Planning Committee Member Information**

Chair Wiesehan noted there were articles of interest included in the Agenda Packet. There was no discussion.

**IV. Adjournment**

With no additional business to come before the Committee, Chair Wiesehan adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:41 p.m.

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*Todd Wiesehan*

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Todd Wiesehan  
Technical Planning Committee Chair