

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 18, 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 1:35 p.m. by Chair Todd Wiesehan.

The following members were present:

Mr. Chris Boone, City of Strafford	Ms. Mary Kromrey, Ozark Greenways
Mr. Matt Crawford, City Utilities Transit	Mr. Frank Miller, MoDOT
Ms. Dawne Gardner, City of Springfield	Mr. Andrew Nelson, City of Republic
Mr. Martin Gugel, City of Springfield	Mr. Jeremy Parsons, City of Ozark
Mr. Ezekiel Hall, MoDOT	Mr. Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa
Mr. Adam Humphrey, Greene County	Ms. Aishwarya Shrestha, SMOG
Mr. Kirk Juranas, City of Springfield	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. Rick Artman, Greene County	Mr. Cole Pruitt, MSU
Mr. Randy Brown, City of Willard	Mr. David Schaumburg, Airport
Mr. John Caufield, BNSF	Mr. Mark Schenkelberg, FAA
Mr. Bradley McMahon, FHWA	Mr. Travis Shaw, Springfield Public Schools
Mr. Ahmad Mokhtee, FTA	Ms. Janette Vomund, MoDOT
Ms. Britni O'Connor, MoDOT	Mr. Alex Woodson, Springfield Chamber of Commerce

Others present were: Ms. Sonya Anderson, Senator Blunt's Office; Ms. Stacy Reese, MoDOT; Ms. Brandie Fisher, City Utilities; Mr. 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	Absent	Miller, Frank	Present
Boone, Chris	Present	Nelson, Andrew	Present
Brown, Randy	Absent	O'Connor, Britni	Absent
Caufield, John	Absent	Parsons, Jeremy	Present
Crawford, Matt	Present	Pruitt, Cole	Absent
Gardner, Dawne	Present	Roussell, Jeff	Present
Gugel, Martin	Present	Schaumburg, David	Absent

Hall, Ezekiel	Present	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Present	VanHorn, Tommy	Present
Juranas, Kirk	Present	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Keller, Joel	Present	Wiesehan, Todd	Present
Kromrey, Mary	Present	Woodson, Alex	Absent

A quorum was present.

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

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for August 18, 2021. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion. Chair Wiesehan asked for a roll call vote.

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

The motion passed.

**C. Approval of the June 16, 2021, Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Crawford made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2021 Technical Planning Committee Meeting. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. Chair Wiesehan asked for a roll call vote.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Absent	Miller, Frank	Aye
Boone, Chris	---	Nelson, Andrew	Aye
Brown, Randy	Absent	O'Connor, Britni	Absent
Caufield, John	Absent	Parsons, Jeremy	Aye
Crawford, Matt	Aye	Pruitt, Cole	Absent
Gardner, Dawne	Aye	Roussell, Jeff	Aye
Gugel, Martin	Aye	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Hall, Ezekiel	Aye	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Aye	VanHorn, Tommy	Aye
Juranas, Kirk	Aye	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Keller, Joel	Aye	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye

Kromrey, Mary	---	Woodson, Alex	Absent
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The motion passed.

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

There were no speakers to address the committee.

**E. Staff Report**

Ms. Fields stated while there had been some opposition to the fuel tax, it is not currently being pursued, so the fuel tax should stand. The fuel tax is 12.5 cents implemented over 5 years. It is estimated that the OTO region will receive approximately \$15 million, but due to the rebate provision, it is difficult to estimate.

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission will be in Springfield September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the DoubleTree.

OTO is scheduling consultant selection interviews for the North Highway 13 Corridor Study.

Federal Highway approved the OTO Transportation Improvement Program on July 23, 2021.

The OTO Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for November 3, 2021. State and Federal Legislative Representatives will be invited to learn more about OTO priorities and to thank them for their work on the fuel tax.

OTO is adding project management aspects to the organization. If any jurisdiction is interested in OTO serving as staff to manage projects, not for construction, but to obligation, please let Ms. Fields know. The goal would be to facilitate the paperwork, quicker obligations, and meeting all of the federal requirements.

**F. Legislative Reports**

Ms. Anderson from Senator Blunt’s office reported that they have been watching the infrastructure bill. The bi-partisan Infrastructure Bill passed the Senate. Missouri is expected to receive \$8 billion which will go towards roads, bridges, and broadband. Out of the \$8 billion, Missouri is expected receive \$6 billion for the Federal Highway Program and over \$480 million for bridge repair. Missouri is also expected to receive approximately \$100 million for broadband. Ms. Anderson shared the funding breakdown. This is not the final package; it still has to go through the House.

**G. MoDOT Report**

Mr. Miller stated MoDOT is working on unfunded needs with OTO. Ms. Fields shared the next meeting to prioritize projects and look at unfunded needs is August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**II. New Business:**

**A. Annual Listing of Obligated Projects**

Ms. Longpine reported Ozarks Transportation Organization is required by federal law to publish an Annual Listing of Obligated Projects. The Program Fiscal Year 2021 includes the time period from October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The ALOP is required to be published by September 28, 2021.

Mr. Parsons made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors accept the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects. Mr. Boone seconded the motion. Chair Wiesehan asked for a roll call vote.

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

The motion passed.

#### B. *Destination 2045 Plan Draft*

Ms. Longpine stated *Destination 2045* is the culmination of a multi-year effort to update the Ozarks Transportation Organization's long range transportation plan (LRTP). OTO is required to update the LRTP every five years. The previous plan, *Transportation 2040*, was adopted in August 2016.

The planning process for *Destination 2045* began in 2019 with the development of an updated travel demand model. In 2020, OTO conducted visioning meetings with the Technical Planning Committee and the Board of Directors. Public input was sought, and a survey was conducted. Through 2020 and into 2021, OTO met with members of the Technical Planning Committee as the *Destination 2045* planning committee to develop the plan.

*Destination 2045* includes a vision for the region, defines the goals and actions for plan implementation, and details project lists based on what can be afforded between now and 2045. Ms. Longpine highlighted the draft plan.

Mr. Parsons made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors adopt *Destination 2045*. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. Chair Wiesehan asked for a roll call vote.

Member		Member	
Artman, Rick	Absent	Miller, Frank	Aye
Boone, Chris	Aye	Nelson, Andrew	Aye
Brown, Randy	Absent	O'Connor, Britni	Absent
Caufield, John	Absent	Parsons, Jeremy	Aye
Crawford, Matt	Aye	Pruitt, Cole	Absent

Gardner, Dawne	Aye	Roussell, Jeff	Aye
Gugel, Martin	Aye	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Hall, Ezekiel	Aye	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Aye	VanHorn, Tommy	Aye
Juranas, Kirk	Aye	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Keller, Joel	Aye	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye
Kromrey, Mary	Aye	Woodson, Alex	Absent

The motion passed.

**C. FY 2022-2025 TIP Amendment One**

Ms. Longpine shared there were 2 items requested by MoDOT as part of Amendment Number One to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program.

1. *\*Revised\** Bridge Inspections (MO1905-22A1)  
MoDOT is requesting to correct this project to show Greene County's participation in bridge inspections, with a total programmed amount of \$205,000.
2. *\*New\** Kansas Expressway Safety and Operational Scoping (SP2217-22A1)  
MoDOT is requesting to add a project for scoping for safety and operational improvements on Kansas Expressway from Evergreen to Bennett for a total programmed cost of \$300,000.

Ms. Gardner made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment One to 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	Absent	Miller, Frank	Aye
Boone, Chris	Aye	Nelson, Andrew	Aye
Brown, Randy	Absent	O'Connor, Britni	Absent
Caufield, John	Absent	Parsons, Jeremy	Aye
Crawford, Matt	Aye	Pruitt, Cole	Absent
Gardner, Dawne	Aye	Roussell, Jeff	Aye
Gugel, Martin	Aye	Schaumburg, David	Absent
Hall, Ezekiel	Aye	Shaw, Travis	Absent
Humphrey, Adam	Aye	VanHorn, Tommy	Aye
Juranas, Kirk	Aye	Vomund, Janette	Absent
Keller, Joel	Aye	Wiesehan, Todd	Aye
Kromrey, Mary	Aye	Woodson, Alex	Absent

The motion passed.

**D. Multimodal Needs List Distribution by Mode**

Mr. Thomason reported that MoDOT has asked the OTO to develop a list of unfunded multimodal transportation needs that will be shared with elected officials and policy makers. The statewide

goal is to identify \$1 billion in needs, and the OTO's portion is \$52.98 million. MoDOT has stated the included projects need to be tied to a specific physical location. MoDOT SW must submit a finalized list to Central Office by September 30, 2021. First, the OTO must determine how to distribute the \$52.98 million across the various multimodal categories, including transit, aviation, rail, trails, and sidewalks. Significant needs exist for all these modes and directing funds towards these needs would greatly benefit the region. Staff is proposing the following modal breakdown:

- \$12,600,000 to Regional Trails
- \$11,100,000 to Aviation
- \$10,500,00 to Local Trails and Sidewalks
- \$10,000,000 to Transit
- \$8,780,000 to Railroad

Staff has solicited needs from aviation and transit partners and sought input from members regarding rail needs. Mr. Thomason highlighted the aviation, transit, and rail projects that could be addressed using the proposed distribution above.

OTO staff recommends allocating local sidewalk and trail funds to member jurisdictions. Communities, in consultation with OTO staff, will be able to select projects that fit within the proposed financial constraints. Mr. Thomason shared the proposed distribution.

Mr. Miller added there is interest with the rural planning partners to do an Ozarks regional passenger rail feasibility study connecting Springfield, Joplin, and NW Arkansas with the Amtrak services in St. Louis, Kansas City, and/or Tulsa and possibly into Branson, as well. Also, on the Bike/Ped side there are a lot of needs bigger than TAP projects, for example, big overpasses. This may be a good time to showcase this need as it requires special funding. Pedestrian and trail separations can cost in the \$2 to \$3 million range.

This was informational only. No action was required.

### **III. Other Business**

#### **A. Technical Planning Committee Member Announcements**

Ms. Kromrey shared there would be a drop-in open house to share information for the Lone Pine trails and greenspace scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 7:00 pm at Kingsway United Methodist Church's outdoor pavilion.

Ms. Fields stated there is a public meeting going on for the Wilson's Creek roundabout. The meeting is accessible through MoDOT's website under public meetings where comments can be left.

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

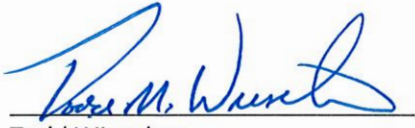
There were no issues presented.

#### **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 2:20 p.m.



Todd Wiesehan  
Technical Planning Committee Chair