



# **Ozarks Transportation Organization**

## **Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

### **Agenda**

March 20, 2007

3-4:30 pm

Busch Municipal Building  
2 East Conference Room, Busch Building

- I. Call to order**
- II. Approval of January 30, 2007 meeting minutes (5 minutes/Hasner)**
- III. Approval of meeting agenda (2 minutes/Hasner)**
- IV. ½ Day Workshop on Safe Routes to School (20 minutes/Whaley)**
- V. Selection of members for Enhancement Committee (5 minutes/Hasner)**
- VI. Simplified Katy Trail Support Resolution (5 minutes/Rudge)**
- VII. Update on Statewide Safe Routes to School Program (10 minutes/Rudge)**
- VIII. Update of Bike/Ped Plan (30 minutes/Longpine)**
- IX. Other Business**
- X. Adjournment**



## Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes

**January 30, 2007**

2 East Conference Room, Busch Municipal Building  
840 Boonville Springfield, Missouri.

### **The following members were present:**

Dawne Gardner, MoDOT District 8  
Coy Hart, MO Bike Fed  
Kelly Hasner, City of Nixa  
Eric Johnson, Springfield/Greene  
County Parks  
Joel Keller, Greene County

Natasha Longpine, OTO  
Dan Rudge, OTO  
Susan Wecker, Missouri State University  
Terry Whaley, Ozark Greenways

- 1. Call to Order:** Chair, Kelly Hasner, called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm.
- 2. Approval of the September November 14, 2006 Minutes:** Mr. Hasner called for approval of the minutes; the motion passed unanimously.  
*Gardner/Whaley*
- 3. Approval of the January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Meeting Agenda:** Mr. Hasner called for approval of the meeting agenda; the motion passed unanimously.  
*Whaley/Wecker*
- 4. Possible ½ day workshop on Safe Routes to School:** Ozark Greenways recently received a grant for awareness and promotion of Safe Routes to School. The issues relate to the fact that each entity does not know what the others are doing. This proposed workshop would inventory what each participant is doing, discuss non-infrastructure possibilities, and likely provide lunch. This would need to be in the spring to all tasks to be implemented by fall. Dawne Gardner motioned to put the ½ day workshop on the OTO Board of Directors agenda to request they serve as a host for this regional Safe Routes to School workshop. Mr. Hasner called the question; the motion passed unanimously.  
*Gardner/Hart*
- 5. Response to Question on Sidewalk Development:** Dr. Jim Sauer directed an e-mail to Ozark Greenways to discuss his proposal that sidewalks should be required in existing developments as well as new ones and that this should be accomplished in

one to three years at the owner's expense. The Committee felt this should be sent back to Ozark Greenways with the understanding that the renewal of the City's sales tax will add some additional sidewalks where necessary. Plus, the new federal regulations would require that roadways like Glenstone, Battlefield, and Sunshine to have sidewalks if improved.

- 6. OTO Resolution for Katy Trail Support:** The Katy Trail currently ends in Sedalia and support is being requested for the push to Kansas City. Plans already exist to connect the Frisco Highline Trail. Part of this push is for the Ameren UE settlement for Taum Sauk to be used for the whole state. Also, Ameren owns a rail line which connects to Kansas City.

The Missouri Bike Federation is requesting that all affected communities pass resolutions for support of the completion of the Katy Trail. Coy Hart motioned that the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee forward the supplied resolution to the OTO Board of Directors for sending on to the listed parties. Eric Johnson seconded the motion. Terry Whaley asked if rail line is really Ameren's to give away or if it belongs to Union Pacific. If it is owned by the rail, then maintenance would default to the State Parks Department, which for the Katy Trail is \$5000 a mile. Mr. Hart responded that Doyle Childers is not yet concerned about that.

Mr. Hasner called the question; the motion passed unanimously.

*Hart/Johnson*

- 7. Discussion of E-W Arterial Bike Lane:** An East-West arterial is being considered to replace Evans Road. The question is whether the Bike/Ped facility should be along the stream, or along the boulevard. The comments are that if it is placed along the stream, it should still be funded through the road project, and should not be an excuse to exclude Bike/Ped from this project. Currently, there is not easement along the stream.

Both Dawne Gardner and Coy Hart feel the facility should be included with the boulevard. Greene County currently plans to put the facility on system, but separate from the road, due to the cut and fill needs of the right-of-way within the County. In the City, the feeling is that the facility could still be on the street with a 6-foot bike lane. Terry Whaley motioned to put the facility in the right-of-way. Dawne Gardner seconded. Mr. Hasner called the question; the motion passed unanimously.

*Whaley/Gardner*

- 8. BPAC Goals:** The first goal relates to the Bike/Ped Plan and the need to develop an implementation plan to take to the Board of Directors. Terry Whaley recommended that each agency review their portion of the plan and present any necessary updates.

Dawne Gardner has scheduled several spots during MoDOT's radio show. The first will be to discuss enhancements and the second will discuss bike/ped issues and to talk about Bike Month in April.

Carol Cruise would like the committee to create a combined bike and bus map, showing the connections between the two systems. Another suggestion was to develop a children's transportation map, including sidewalks and various destinations.

Another suggestion is to create a clearinghouse for bike/ped materials. Eric Johnson is currently working on "How to Become a Bike Commuter."

**9. Enhancement Guide:** The Enhancement Guidebook for FY2008 was recommended for approval. Mr. Hasner called the question; the motion passed unanimously.

*Whaley/Gardner*

**10. Other Business:** The Bike Advocacy group has its next meeting Thursday, February 15, at 5:30. The group is more citizen based compared to BPAC being administrative/governmental.

To have either Dan Rudge or Natasha Longpine sit on the Ozark Greenways Technical Committee, OTO just needs a letter requesting such from Ozark Greenways.

**11. Adjournment:** Adjourned.

*\*The next meeting will be held March 20, 2007.*

## **Selection Committee**

The Enhancement Selection Committee shall be comprised of representatives from the following organizations/ agencies:

City of Nixa Technical Committee Representative or Designee

City of Ozark Technical Committee Representative or Designee

City of Republic Technical Committee Representative or Designee

City of Springfield Technical Committee Representative or Designee

City Utilities Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Representative or Designee

Greene County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Representative or Designee

MoDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Representative or Designee

Missouri State University Technical Committee Representative or Designee

Ozarks Greenways Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Representative or Designee

City of Willard Technical Committee Representative or Designee

Citizen Representative from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Expressing the Ozark Transportation Organization's support for completing the Katy Trail, and directing the Executive Director to distribute copies of this resolution.

WHEREAS, the Katy Trail, the longest rail-trail in the United States, is among the most popular Missouri state parks, but still is not connected to the major population centers in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, completing the Katy Trail to create a seamless trail connection from St. Louis to Kansas City will allow bicyclists and pedestrians to safely connect with all cities and towns along the trail; and

WHEREAS, a completed Katy Trail would serve as the backbone of the Quad-State Trail System designed to connect communities within Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, a completed Katy Trail can provide tremendous tourism, economic development, and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, although connections for trail users from the Katy Trail to Springfield, St. Charles and other points within the St. Louis metropolitan area, Hermann, Washington, and Columbia, all exist or are planned, there are no connections for trail users to Jefferson City, Kansas City, communities throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area, and other communities desirous of the benefits of a completed Katy Trail; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION:

Section 1. That the Ozarks Transportation Organization urges all involved parties to complete the Katy Trail network from state line to state line and to make appropriate trail connections from the Katy Trail to communities around the state, including particularly construction of the Katy Trail in the Kansas City area.

Section 2. That the Ozarks Transportation Organization shall provide copies of this resolution to Governor Matt Blunt, Attorney General Jay Nixon, Doyle Childers, Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Pete Rahn, director of the Missouri Department of Transportation, and Brent D. Hugh, Executive Director of the Missouri Bicycle Federation.