



OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION

BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 26, 2017
10:00 a.m.
2208 W. Chesterfield Boulevard, Suite 101, Springfield, MO

MEMBERS PRESENT

King Coltrin	Joel Keller
Danielle Dingman	Jeremy Parsons
Rachael Garrett	Andrew Seiler
David Hutchison	Kelly Turner
Tom Johnson	

GUESTS PRESENT

Charlie LePage
Kevin Neill
Dane Seiler
Cameron Smith
Paul Wojciechowski

STAFF PRESENT

Sara Fields
Scott Godbey
Natasha Longpine
Andy Thomason

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am.

1. MINUTES FROM JUNE 7, 2017 MEETING

King Coltrin made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2017 meeting and David Hutchison seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. SUMMARY OF REFINED DOCUMENTS

Paul Wojciechowski provided a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the alignment and cost information that was also provided as handouts. Three changes were made to the alignment work based on public feedback. Shuyler Creek had some property owner concerns, so a Farm Road 182 alignment was added. The Ethridge Trail now follows the property line rather than meander



through the property. And the Wilson's Creek Greenway is looking to take advantage of the cattle crossing. MoDOT comments have also been addressed. These changes did shift some estimates.

The planning level cost estimates are fact checks before the detailed estimates. Both segment costs and aggregated corridor costs are estimated. This is looking to be over \$100 million. Detailed costs are also provided by agency. It is important to note, though, that the estimates are not engineering level, but are rather conceptual. Contingencies, however, have been considered. The cost estimates in the alignment book will be updated to match the detailed costs.

David Hutchison had several comments based on the work so far. He asked about crossing at Farm Road 103 rather than 107 on west Republic Road. He mentioned that both crossings for North Jordan Valley are desirable versus selecting one over the other. Also on North Jordan, he states that the preferred route to Division is to improve Blaine, manage the creek along Blaine, and then develop the creek and trail along Blaine. Finally, the preference would be for South Jordan Creek to be the solution between downtown and Glenstone, even if it takes forty years.

3. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The June open house events had okay turnout, though some comments were not applicable to the study scope. Eighteen attendees signed-in at Library Station and 16 signed-in at the Republic Library.

4. CORRIDOR PRIORITIZATION

Kevin Neill discussed the corridor and segment prioritization. The scores are compared to each other. For example, population density is broken into thirds. Individual segments are also only compared to other segments along the same corridor. There has not been any weighting applied yet. The challenge is also identifying a strategy to prioritize projects, such as a key connector versus an active rail line. Phasing considerations include active rail corridors, a regional distribution of projects and identifying \$500,000 to \$800,000 segments.

Mr. Hutchison mentioned that it would be good to see a criterion of likelihood of acquiring property. Sara Fields responded that this can't be known for all pieces. BPAC was reminded that OTO traditionally revises prioritization beyond the initial score. These projects should also include a fatal flaw checklist. Generally, it would be good for this to produce a pool of projects for each jurisdiction, while ensuring projects come from overall priorities.

Another question was asked about prioritizing short versus long segments. Alta indicated that scores have been normalized along the length of a segment, on a per mile basis.

OTO staff will review the prioritization and then share with BPAC.

Additional discussion centered around the treatment of parks and schools, especially multi-building campuses.



5. PEL DOCUMENTATION

The archaeological sites won't be on public maps but there will be discussion about them. The information will also address wetlands and flooding and endangered species. The report will identify relatively safe locations and the alignments have been revised to avoid known issues.

Minor issues include hazardous materials, environmental justice, state historic properties, and farmland. The PEL questionnaire is nearly complete and the next steps would be to obtain environmental approval. There is a question of whether to submit now to regulatory agencies or wait.

6. FINAL PLAN REPORT FORMAT

The discussion on format revolved around size. Everyone agreed that 11x17 is fine.

7. OTHER

Next steps include identifying trailhead locations and finalizing cost estimates, corridor prioritization, PEL documentation, and the maps and final product.

Jeremy Parsons also asked for action steps to remove barriers.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.