

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
March 20, 2019**

The Technical Planning Committee of the Ozarks Transportation Organization met at its scheduled time in the OTO Conference Room. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was called to order at approximately 1:30 p.m. by Chair David O'Connor.

The following members were present:

Ms. Paula Brookshire, City of Springfield (a)	Mr. Andrew Nelson, City of Republic (a)
Mr. King Coltrin, City of Strafford	Mr. David O'Connor, City of Willard (a), Chair
Mr. Matt Crawford, City Utilities Transit	Mr. Jeremy Parsons, City of Ozark
Ms. Dawne Gardner, City of Springfield (a)	Mr. Cole Pruitt, Missouri State University
Mr. Zeke Hall, MoDOT	Mr. Jeff Roussell, City of Nixa
Mr. Adam Humphrey, Greene County	Mr. David Schaumburg, Springfield/Branson Airport
Mr. Kirk Juranas, City of Springfield	Mr. Frank Schoneboom, City of Battlefield
Mr. John McCart, City of Ozark (a)	Ms. Eva Voss, MoDOT
Mr. Frank Miller, MoDOT	Mr. Todd Wiesehan, Christian County

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

The following members were not present:

Mr. Mokhtee Ahmad, FTA Representative	Ms. Mary Kromrey, Ozark Greenways
Mr. Rick Artman, Greene County	Mr. Kevin Lambeth, City of Battlefield (a)
Ms. Kristy Bork, Springfield/Branson Airport (a)	Mr. Bradley McMahan, FHWA
Mr. Joshua Bird, Christian County (a)	Mr. Kent Morris, Greene County Planning
Mr. Randall Brown, City of Willard (Vice Chair)	Mr. Jason Ray, SMOG (a)
Ms. Megan Clark, SMOG	Mr. Mark Schenkelberg, FAA Representative
Mr. Eric Claussen, City of Springfield (a)	Mr. Jeremiah Shuler, FTA Representative (a)
Mr. John Caufield, BNSF	Ms. Mary Lilly Smith, City of Springfield
Mr. Doug Colvin, City of Nixa (a)	Mr. Garrett Tyson, City of Republic
Ms. Brandie Fisher, City Utilities Transit	Ms. Janette Vomund, MoDOT
Mr. Martin Gugel, City of Springfield	Mr. Chad Zickefoose, MoDOT (a)
Mr. Joel Keller, Greene County (a)	

Others present were: Mr. Carl Carlson, Olsson; Mr. Garrett Brickner, City of Republic; Ms. Kate Heckemeyer, MoDOT; Ms. Kimberly Cooper, Mr. David Faucett, Ms. Sara Fields, Ms. Natasha Longpine, Mr. Andy Thomason, and Mr. Brad Williams, Ozarks Transportation Organization.

**I. Administration**

**A. Introductions**

Those in attendance made self-introductions stating their name and the organization they represent.

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

Mr. Juranas moved approval of the Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda for March 20, 2019. Mr. Pruitt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**C. Approval of the January 16, 2019, Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Wiesenhan moved for approval of the minutes from the January 16, 2019 Technical Planning Committee Meeting. Ms. Voss seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

There were no speakers present to address the Committee.

**E. Staff Report**

Sara Fields stated the Highway Commission will be in town on April 2, 2019. She noted there will be a Community Leadership presentation from this area, which is scheduled to be at 8:30 am, but she had not yet seen an agenda. She added once she has the official agenda, she will distribute it to the Committee.

Ms. Fields stated the Traffic Impact Study had been distributed to some local engineers for review and comment. She said staff had received comments from three engineers and were in the process of reviewing them and would be distributing them once that process was completed.

Ms. Fields stated the rideshare program, Ozarks Commute, has a new user interface. This is the program that allows commuters to share rides to work or other similar locations.

Ms. Fields noted she had received an email that indicated the Willard 160 widening project is being delayed from an April Letting to a December letting. She added the new completion date is late Summer to early Fall of 2021, and attributed the delay to environmental clearance issues. She noted this has been an issue with many of the projects. Mr. Miller stated MoDOT is working with design and engineering to see if they can get this done sooner than the projected date.

Ms. Fields stated the Chamber conducted a Transportation education day for the State Legislature at the Capitol in Jefferson City. She said that they learned more information about the Governor's bridge plan and the proposal to fund \$345 million worth of projects. They also learned some do not support the Governor's plan and would like to fund transportation from General Revenue. She added they are proposing \$100 million over three years. She stated that it does not appear that either of these plans are moving very quickly through the process.

Ms. Fields reminded those present that Natasha Longpine had distributed an email stating the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is open and ready for the member entities

to update the status of their projects. She added if they did not receive the email, to contact Natasha

**F. Legislative Reports**

There were no legislative representatives present.

**II. New Business**

**A. Amendment Number Five to the FY 2019-2022 TIP**

Ms. Natasha Longpine noted there were several changes that had been requested to the FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program. She reviewed the proposed changes that were being requested, which include one from OTO and three from MoDOT. She added the request from the OTO to use \$200,000 from STBG-Urban funds was approved by the Executive Committee. Ms. Longpine referred the Committee to the chart that had been included in the packet that delineates the impact on each jurisdiction.

With no questions from the Committee, Mr. Humphreys moved the Technical Planning Committee recommend the Board of Directors approve the proposed FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Number Five. Mr. Parsons seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**B. OTO Growth Trends Report**

David Faucett reviewed the Growth Trends Report that was current through December 2018. He noted that there was an increase in single family housing permits, which has steadily increased since 2011. He noted the exception to an increase was the City of Springfield, where single family housing permits were off-set by a number demolitions. He stated there is an increase in several building permit categories which he believes will translate to an increase in population. Mr. Faucett reviewed the various maps showing the housing units by census tract and by density map.

Mr. Faucett stated that Christian County is the fastest growing county in the OTO area based on percent. However, just based on numbers, Greene County has increased the most. He stated the growth in Springfield has outpaced the growth of all the other surrounding communities combined since 2010. Mr. Faucett stated the migration charts indicate there is a lot of movement between Greene County and Christian County, meaning that citizens move from Christian County to Greene County and vice versa.

Mr. Faucett stated the majority of the job growth was in Greene County. He indicated that the medium household income has also increased in Greene County. Mr. Faucett said the only issue that is a negative is that the mean travel time to work in minutes for residents of Greene County and Springfield has increased.

This item was for informational purposes only and no action by the Committee was required.

**C. Major Thoroughfare Plan Variance Request**

Natasha Longpine noted the City of Ozark is requesting a variance from the Major Thoroughfare Plan design standards. A portion of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Ozark is primary arterial

which requires a higher right-of-way dedication. She added that after consulting with both the City of Ozark and MoDOT, it was deemed that 40' right-of-way was acceptable as opposed to the normal 55'.

With no questions, Mr. Wiesehan moved the Technical Planning Committee recommend the Board of Directors approve the Major Thoroughfare Plan variance request. Mr. Roussell seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**D. STIP Prioritization Criteria Review**

Sara Fields stated staff has been reviewing with the Committee the criteria that is used in programming the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) each year. She noted there are three remaining criteria are Safety, Multi-Modal, and Economic Development. She stated that regarding Safety, staff uses the information from MoDOT and does not calculate the accident rates. These rates are calculated by segments and by intersections and by type – accident, fatality, and injury. These are then compared to the average by roadway type, to ensure they are comparing accidents on freeways to accidents on freeways. She noted presently that staff uses a three-year rate to determine the scoring of a project.

Ms. Fields noted that each project is evaluated on the number of modes used, and one point is awarded for each mode. She added that five points are awarded to any project that is on a US Highway or route that connects another US route or interstate, as this is considered economic development.

Ms. Fields noted that staff is open to discussing all of the criteria and considering other factors in scoring a project. Ms. Fields stated staff is asking the Committee to review the criteria and let staff know if they would like to see other criteria considered when scoring projects.

This item was provided for informational purposes only and no action by the Committee was required.

**E. TIP Subcommittee**

Natasha Longpine stated that every year a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee works with staff to review the submissions for the TIP and the financial projections. Staff is once again asking for volunteers to serve on this subcommittee. The following individuals volunteered to serve:

Andrew Nelson, Cole Pruitt, King Coltrin, Frank Miller, Eva Voss, and Kirk Juranas

Ms. Gardner moved the Technical Planning Committee appoint the above referenced members to the TIP Subcommittee. Mr. Schaumburg seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**F. MoDOT STIP Development Update**

Mr. Frank Miller presented the update on the STIP Development. He stated MoDOT would be accelerating some bridge projects in 2020 as they had some additional monies from cost savings on other projects. He stated MoDOT is also looking for a possible ADA project to complete in 2020, as they have some enhancement funds that

need to be used in that year. He stated that in 2021, MoDOT is at its goal of 100%; with the 2022 goal at 94%.

Mr. Miller discussed the information regarding projects added for 2020 which had been shared with the STIP Committee, which includes a Chip & Seal project, possibly an ADA project which has been scoped, but still needs right-of-way and environmental, deck repair project, a project to extend ITS to Nixa, add additional signage for 'wrong way' on freeways, add some six-laning on James River Freeway from National to Glenstone, which is also part of the Glenstone to Hwy 65 and the interchange of Hwy 65 and Route 60. He noted there are also some repair projects, some resurfacing projects, and some drainage projects. He briefly outlined the projects that are listed for 2021 and 2022, which also includes some bridge projects and resurfacing. Mr. Miller also briefly highlighted a few projects that are projected out to 2023 and 2024.

Mr. Miller stated another issue MoDOT was considering involves the course of action if federal funding is not sustained. He noted MoDOT is looking at what projects will be delayed in this instance. Mr. Miller stated the two projects that would be delayed were the Route 160 corridor and the Kansas corridor and asked for input from the Committee. Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus that the Route 160 corridor should be delayed.

Following a continued review of the projects that would be delayed if the federal funding is not sustained, Mr. Miller asked the Committee to send him any comments or suggestions they might have.

Mr. Miller noted that if the Governor's proposed bridge program comes to fruition, the monies saved will be distributed according to the MoDOT flexible funds formula. This amount is anticipated to be about \$18.5 million.

This item was provided for informational purposes only and no action by the Committee was required.

## **I. Other Business**

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

There were no announcements from members of the Committee.

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

There were no issues from members of the Committee.

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

Chair O'Connor noted there had been several articles distributed in the agenda packet and encouraged the members of the Committee to review them as they had time.

### **Adjournment**

With no additional business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.