JOPLIN AREA
Transportation Study Organization

JATSO POLICY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

September 24, 2024

1:30 P.M.

Item 1: Call to Order and Member Introductions

Troy Bolander, City of Joplin, called the meeting to order.

The following members were present:

Steve Lawer- City of Carl Junction

Daniel Swem- Newton County

Gina Thompson- City of Joplin

Frank Miller- MODOT

Bart Starley- City of Joplin/ Joplin Airport

Chad Weller- City of Joplin (Filling in for Dan Johnson)

Rob Beechner- City of Joplin (Filling in for Jeremy Hagerman)

Dakota Rusk- City of Joplin

Carl Francis- City of Webb City

Troy Bolander- City of Joplin

Robert Lolley- City of Joplin

Item 2: Approval of March 28, 2024, minutes:

Steve Lawer made a motion, seconded by Chad Weller, to approve the March 28, 2024, minutes. All in favor.

Item 3: Approval of April 19, 2024, electronic vote minutes:

Steve Lawer made a motion, seconded by Chad Weller to approve the April 19, 2024, minutes. All in favor.

Item 4: Approval of September 3, 2024, electronic vote minutes:

Steve Lawer made a motion, seconded by Chad Weller to approve the September 3, 2024, minutes. All in favor.

Item 5: MoDot Statewide Safety Targets

Frank Miller presented the MoDot Statewide Safety Targets plan to the board. Mr. Bolander asked the board if they would like to adopt MoDot's plan for this or create their own. Steve Lawer made a motion, seconded by Daniel Swem to adopt MoDot's Statewide Safety Targets plan. All in favor.

Item 6: FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program

Robert Lolley presented the Fiscal Year 2025 Unified Planning Work Program to the board. Steve Lawer made a motion, seconded by Bart Starley to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Unified Planning Work Program. All in favor.

Item 7: 2024 Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan Update

Robert Lolley presented the 2024 Transit Asset Management Plan update to the board.

Item 8: Origination and Destination Study update

Robert Lolley presented the Origination and Destination Study update to the board.

Item 9: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Plan Update

Robert Lolley presented the Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Plan update to the board.

Item 10: Public Participation Plan Update

Robert Lolley presented the Public Participation Plan update to the board. The board mentioned that this plan does need updated to get more public involvement. The board suggested no specific changes now, but plan to address this in the future. Steve Lawer made a motion, seconded by Dakota Rusk to approve this plan. All in favor.

Item 11: Discussion of JATSO ’s Top 15 Road and Bridge Needs and Top 7 Bike/Pedestrian Needs

Board members read over the list given for Road and Bridge Needs, and Bike/Pedestrian Needs.

Frank Miller with MoDot suggested taking item numbers 14 and 15 off the Road and Bridge Needs list, due to MoDot not being able to accommodate the projects. With this suggestion, members suggested moving item 16, to number 14 on the Road and Bridge Needs List.

Board members noted that on item 4 of the Bike/Pedestrian Needs list need to be amended to MO 171 (McArthur Dr.) on the Frisco Trail to the current crossing in Webb City. Board members also agreed that items 9 and 5 on the Bike/Pedestrian Needs list need to be moved on the list, due to current need. The new item 5 will be Pedestrian bridge improvements/demolition for the Old Redding’s Mill bridge over Shoal Creek next to Wildcat Park. This change was suggested due to the extreme deterioration of this bridge. The new item 9 will be grade separated multi-use path crossing at 15th street between New Hampshire Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue in Joplin.

Steve Lawer made a motion, seconded by Carl Francis to approve these changes to JATSO’s Top 15 Road and Bridge Needs, and Top 7 Bike/Pedestrian Needs lists.

Item 12: 2025 Policy Board Meeting Schedule

Board members were given a meeting schedule for JATSO’s Policy Board. The schedule is as follows: January 16, 2025, March 20, 2025, June 18, 2025, and September 25, 2025.

Item 13: Member Updates

Patrick Tuttle with the City of Joplin announced that on October 16, 2024, there will be a military convoy down the Jefferson Highway.

No other member updates.

Item 14: Adjournment

Steve Lawer made a motion, seconded by Chad Weller, for adjournment of the JATSO's Policy Board meeting. All in favor.