

JATSO Policy Board Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

- I. Meeting Called to Order and introductions were made
- II. Review and approval of the September 26, 2019 Minutes – Action Item

A motion was made by Lynden Lawson and seconded by Ryan Cooper to approve minutes as read. Motion passes with all members voting in favor.

- III. Reports and Communications
 - a. Trails and Connectivity Work Group

There has been a lot of community energy regarding bicycle and pedestrian projects in the community. The Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce created livability work groups to positively affect talent attraction and retention in the community, and one of those is the Trails and Connectivity Work Group. This group will have a standing report on future board meetings so that JATSO can keep up with their work efforts.

Ray Moore, the co-chair of the Trails and Connectivity Work Group, gave an overview of the groups activities. Slow Rolls are low-intensity group bike rides that highlight Joplin businesses and are open to anyone. Pedal it Forward is a program in the works that will allow volunteers to service donated bicycles and distribute them to folks in the area who need them for transportation. Finally, the All Kids Bike program was just implemented in the Joplin School District. This program teaches every kindergartener how to ride a bicycle in physical education classes. The group's long-term strategy is to support other community organizations working toward these goals and enhance the trails to a regional level.

- b. Four States Clean Air Alliance

Suzan Morang gave a report on current ground level ozone numbers. The overall reports for last year are favorable. The Alba monitor only had one number that exceeded the threshold due to Kansas fires in 2019.

- IV. New and Unfinished Business
 - a. TIP Amendment #2

This TIP amendment is for oversight of the design work on the MoDOT/City of Joplin cost share project at 15th and Rangeline. The only change in this project is the funding source.

A motion was made by Lynden Lawson and seconded by Dan Johnson to approve TIP Amendment #2. Motion passes with all members voting in favor.

b. State DOT Targets

After the passage of MAP-21, MPOs and State DOTs must adopt performance measures and targets for transportation planning. JATSO can either adopt their own targets or vote to support the MoDOT Statewide Safety Targets.

A motion was made by Lynden Lawson and seconded by Ryan Cooper to approve to support the MoDOT Statewide Safety Targets. Motion passes with all members voting in favor.

c. Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee

There have been several developments over the past few years regarding active transportation in the Joplin area. Federal and state governments are starting to focus more on non-motorized transportation. The City of Joplin was selected to be part of the Missouri Complete Streets Consortium through Smart Growth America. The Chamber of Commerce created a Trails and Connectivity Work Group. Most MPOs in the state have some kind of active transportation subcommittee so that this work can be funneled into an official channel. Staff recommends the creation of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee to oversee the Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan. Further discussion is needed to determine the group size and makeup.

A motion was made by Dan Johnson and seconded by Robert Lolley to approve the establishment of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee. Motion passes with all members voting in favor.

d. JATSO website and social media

Because JATSO is a regional organization, the organization could benefit from an independent website and social media presence. JATSO could host updates, maps, and use the online presence to solicit more public input. Staff will add it as a task in a UPWP amendment and e-mail to the board for a formal vote. Staff will also add additional funds for training to attend training with Laneshift in Northwest Arkansas.

V. Member Reports

a. JATSO Staff Report

Olsson Associates has been selected as the consultant to assist with the JATSO MTP update. The selection committee reviewed responses and held in-person interviews with finalists. There was only a one point difference between the two finalists. Staff will work with Olsson to develop a schedule for review and completion and present it at the next meeting.

VI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Carl Francis and seconded by Troy Bolander to adjourn. Motion passes with all members voting in favor.

Members Present

City of Joplin	David Hertzberg, Troy Bolander, Taylor Cunningham, Robert Lolley, Lynden Lawson, Ryan Talken, Keegan Stanton, Dan Johnson, and Dakota Rusk
MoDOT Southwest	Frank Miller, Dave Taylor
HSTCC	Ryan Cooper
City of Webb City	Carl Francis
Newton County	Bill Reiboldt, County Commissioner
FSCAA	Susan Morang
Guests	Ray Moore, The Alliance of SWMO Darin McCann, KODE/KSN Ty Parks, KOAM