

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA 02/18/10; ITEM ILC.**

### **OTO Journey 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update**

#### **Ozarks Transportation Organization (Metropolitan Planning Organization)**

#### **AGENDA DESCRIPTION:**

The OTO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) was last adopted in April of 2006. The federal requirements relating to the metropolitan planning process state that the LRTP be updated every five years. In order to attain approval of an updated LRTP by April of 2011, staff is commencing the update process this year. Staff has developed a timeline for the update process and has begun outlining the elements to be included in the plan update.

Public involvement is a key component of all OTO's planning processes and, as recommended in the OTO Public Participation Plan, a separate Plan-specific public participation plan will be developed. Components of the public participation process include the utilization of the OTO website, a public citizen survey, regional public meetings both at the beginning of the plan and at its conclusion, a brainstorming workshop, and a collection of subcommittees relating to the various modes of transportation discussed in the plan, as well as fleet management. The OTO Technical Planning Committee will serve as the planning committee directing the evolution of the LRTP update.

The LRTP update will contain the following elements:

- Public Participation Plan
- Regional Trends
- Street and Highway
- Intracity Public Transit
- Intercity Passenger Transportation
- Bicycle
- Pedestrian
- Aviation
- Goods Movement
- Transportation Demand Management
- Environmental Considerations > Air Quality, Historical, Natural, Endangered, Fleet Management, Sustainability
- Safety
- Project Prioritization Process and Project Selection
- Financial Capacity and Constraint

Each plan element will include:

- Vision and Goals
- Analysis of Existing Conditions
- Recommendations
- Strategies/Projects > Short Term, Long Term, Vision

This planning process will also serve as the process for updating the City of Springfield strategic plan. As the City wants to achieve a regional perspective on transportation for the purposes of updating their plan, and since the timing of both planning processes coincided, it was practical that a duplication of effort be avoided. The goals and resulting strategies from the OTO planning process will be funneled into the overarching process and format the City of Springfield is employing.

This entire effort will continuously consider the 8 Planning Factors as required of Metropolitan Planning Organizations in SAFETEA-LU:

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users;
3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users;
4. Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and for freight;
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns;
6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
7. Promote efficient system management and operation; and
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION REQUESTED:**

Informational Only – No Action Required