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The Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO), the regional Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the City of Springfield would like to thank you for your interest in serving on the Transportation Planning Committee for the update of the City of Springfield Strategic Plan. The transportation element of the Springfield Plan is being updated in conjunction with the Ozarks Transportation Organization's Long Range Transportation Plan. As these are both regional efforts, the OTO is leading the charge in coordinating these update efforts.

We ask for and appreciate your participation in this update process. You have been chosen for participation on the Transportation Planning Committee either because you indicated such an interest on your Citizen Application or because you have been identified as an excellent resource for this committee. Co-Chairs of this committee have been selected. They are David Roling and Kelly Turner.

Due to the regional nature of the Springfield and OTO Transportation Plans, much of the planning process will overlap between the OTO and the City of Springfield. You should have already received a "Save the Date" card for an April 8th Planning Workshop. More than 100 area leaders and citizens have been invited to participate in this workshop. This workshop will serve to delineate the goals for both the Springfield and OTO plans. For more information on the OTO, the Planning Workshop, and the OTO plan – Journey 2035 – please visit our websites: <http://www.ozarkstransportation.org/Journey2035/index.html>
<http://www.ozarkstransportation.org/>

We would like to meet with you, as members of the Transportation Planning Committee, ahead of the April 8th Planning Workshop. We are working on setting this meeting for sometime between March 29 and March 31. Please let us know if there are any times during these dates that conflict with your schedule. At this meeting we will discuss the OTO and Springfield planning processes, the Planning Workshop, the scope of work for the planning process, and will set a time to meet monthly as the draft plan is brought together.

Again, we are glad you are going to be a part of this process. Please let us know if there are any questions or concerns we can address for you. Also, let us know of your availability at the end of March for our first meeting by March 17th. My contact information is (417) 836-5545 and NLongpine@OzarksTransportation.org.

Thank you,

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