



Ozarks Transportation Organization

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News Release

For Immediate Release

The Ozarks Transportation Organization announces a public comment period for the public to review and comment on the Application Handbook for Job Access and Reverse Commute and New Freedom funding. The Application Handbook satisfies the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation, Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) requirements that projects funded by Sections 5316 (Job Access and Reverse Commute) and 5317 (New Freedom) be a part of a locally developed competitive application process.

The Application Handbook outlines:

- The OTO study areas;
- The application process;
- A combined application for both funding programs; and,
- Ranking Guidelines to be used by the Local Coordinating Board for Transit to evaluate applications.

The Application Handbook will be available for review at the Ozarks Transportation Organization, 840 Boonville Ave., 3rd Floor. Comments may be submitted in writing to the Ozarks Transportation Organization, PO Box 8368, 840 Boonville, Springfield, MO 65801 or email to nlongpine@ci.springfield.mo.us or fax to 417-864-1881.

The public comment period will begin on end on December 20, 2007. The MPO Board of Directors will review and possibly approve the Application Handbook at its December 20, 2007 meeting, held from noon to 1 p.m. in the fourth floor conference room of the Busch Municipal Building. An opportunity for public comment will be available at this meeting. After reviewing recommendations and entertaining public comment, the MPO Board of Directors will decide whether to formally adopt the Application Handbook.

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