



Ozarks Transportation Organization

Press Release

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Residents Asked to Comment on Traffic Improvements

Springfield area residents will have their first opportunity to provide input regarding a future north/south corridor in the region at four open houses scheduled for July 17 and 18.

The open houses are part of a study sponsored by the Ozarks Transportation Organization (www.ozarkstransportation.org) Olsson Associates and CJW Transportation Consultants, which are conducting the study, have been charged with identifying the most effective means to improve the flow of north/south traffic. The corridors being considered are: State Highway 160/Campbell Avenue; State Highway 13, north of Interstate 44; Kansas Expressway; West Bypass/State; and National, south of Highway 60. Improvements in these corridors could include expansion of a specific corridor, use of Intelligent Transportation Systems, access management, signage and public transit.

“The tremendous growth of our region has resulted in traffic congestion along all of our major north/south corridors,” said Daniel Rudge, Executive Director of the Ozarks Transportation Organization. “This study is important to anyone who lives, works or plays in our area and has to use the roadway system to do so. It will provide the foundation for our region to identify a solution together, pursue funding for its implementation and support for our continued economic vitality.”

Residents are encouraged to attend one of the following four open houses.

- 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. July 17 at Library Center Auditorium, 4653 S. Campbell.
- 4 pm. to 7 p.m. July 17 at the Nixa Community Room, 701 N. Taylor Way.

- 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. July 18 at Battlefield Community Room, 5434 S. Tower Drive.
- 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. July 18 at Willard City Hall, 224 W. Jackson.

At each session, residents will have the opportunity to review aerial and photographic information regarding each corridor's character; review current information regarding existing traffic demands and level of service along the corridors; and consider future land uses and how growth and development might affect traffic. Finally, and most importantly, residents will have an opportunity to voice their preferences regarding potential improvements and will be able to provide recommendations for solutions perhaps not yet considered.

The \$230,000 study is financed with 80 percent federal funds while the OTO member agencies pay the remaining 20 percent. Each community's share is based on their population.

If you have questions or need additional information regarding the project or the open houses, please call Dan Rudge at 417.864.1093 or Sara Edwards at 417.864.1453.

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