



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 Transit Coordination Plan (TCP). The TCP satisfies the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation, Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) requirements that projects funded by Sections 5310 (Elderly and Disabled Transportation Program), 5316 (Job Access and Reverse Commute), and 5317 (New Freedom) be a part of a locally developed coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan.

Key elements included in the TCP are:

- An assessment of transportation needs for individuals with disabilities, older adults and persons with limited incomes;
- An inventory of available services that identifies areas of redundant service and gaps in services;
- Strategies to address the identified gaps in services;
- Identification of coordination actions to eliminate or reduce duplication in services and strategies for more efficient utilization of resources; and,
- Prioritization of implementation strategies.

The TCP 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 July 31, 2007 and end on August 15, 2007. The MPO Board of Directors will review and possibly approve the TCP at its August 16, 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 amendments.

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