



# Ozarks Transportation Organization

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News Release**

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The Ozarks Transportation Organization announces a public comment period for the public to review and comment on the Transit Development Plan (TDP). The TDP is a five year plan that is recommended by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), which calls for a description of City Utilities' vision for public transportation, assessment of needs and a staged implementation program to set priorities for improvements.

Key recommendations included in the TDP are:

- Development of a strategic plan to review service expansion into outlying jurisdictions, modification of existing service routes and public support for a regional transit authority;
- A simplified fare structure;
- A review of possible technological advancements for implementation;
- Continuation of the bus turn-out program, marked with appropriate stripes and signage;
- Introduction of Bus Rapid Transit to and from the Central Business District; and
- Expansion of night and weekend services as recommended by City Utilities Fixed Route Advisory Committee.

The TDP 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](mailto: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 TDP 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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