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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 proposed amendments to the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is a schedule of transportation improvements planned by various agencies in the Ozarks Transportation Organization boundary over the next four years. To be eligible for federal funds, a project must be included in the TIP. The amendments will include:

- The addition of a Roadway Prioritization Study within the City of Ozark.
- The addition of City Utilities Transit projects which include the development of a conceptual plan for the fleet management facility, transfer facility improvements, and bus shelter and bench maintenance (2005-2007 TIP).
- Entrance improvements to the MSU Darr Agricultural Facility including turn lane improvements on Kansas Expressway.
- Additional funding for the Kearney Street Bridge.
- Removal of the planned guard cable project on US65.

The Ozarks Transportation Organization announces a public comment period for the public to review and comment on the proposed amendments to the Major Thoroughfare Plan. The Major Thoroughfare Plan is one component of the Long Range Transportation Plan. The amendments will include:

- The extension of Seminole Street across the West Bypass as a secondary arterial.
- The extension of Battlefield Road across West Bypass and up to US 60 (Sunshine) as a Primary Arterial.
- The relocation of the proposed Golden Avenue extension north of Kearney Street.
- The reclassification of US 60 (Sunshine) from James River Freeway to State Route 174 from a Primary Arterial to an Expressway.
- The relocation of the proposed ZZ extension.

The amendments will be available for review at 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 sedwards@ozarkstransportation.org or fax to 417-864-1881.

The public comment period will begin on March 27, 2008 and end on April 17, 2008. The MPO Board of Directors will review and possibly approve the amendments at its April 17, 2008, 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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