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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 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is a schedule of transportation improvements planned by various agencies in the Springfield Area Metropolitan Planning Organization boundary over the next three years. To be eligible for federal funds, a project must be included in the TIP.

The 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program is available for review at The Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell Ave., the City Utilities Transit Office, 1505 Boonville Ave., and the Busch Municipal Building, Ozarks Transportation Organization, 840 Boonville Ave., 3rd Floor. Comments may be submitted in writing to the Ozarks Transportation Organization, 840 Boonville, Springfield, MO 65801 or via email to sedwards@ci.springfield.mo.us

The public comment period runs from July 3, 2006 through Aug. 17, 2006. The MPO Board of Directors will review the draft TIP, at its Aug. 17, 2006 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 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program.

This public notice of public involvement activities and time established for public review and comment on the TIP will satisfy the program-of-projects requirements of the Urbanized Area Formula Program. If no comments or changes are made to the program than, the program as proposed will be the final program.

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