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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 2009-2012 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 following amendments have been requested:

- A TIP amendment to use American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds to fund a portion of the new City Utilities Bus Transfer Facility.
- A TIP amendment to use American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds to fund expansion of the City Utilities Transit/Fleet Maintenance Campus.
- A TIP amendment to use American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds to purchase security equipment for City Utilities Transit in 2009.
- A TIP amendment to use American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds for ADA Accessibility Projects for the City Utilities fixed route buses and/or or for the new Bus Transfer Facility.
- A TIP amendment to use 5307 Enhancement funding remaining from 2006 to fund ADA accessibility projects on City Utilities fixed bus routes.
- A TIP amendment to use American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds to prepare a City of Ozark Citywide Transportation Plan.
- A TIP amendment to use American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds to conduct a planning study to analyze traffic on 3rd Street from Jackson to Church in Ozark.
- A TIP amendment to use American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to accelerate the reconstruction of the U.S. 60 and National Ave. interchange as a diverging diamond interchange.

- A TIP amendment for the City of Springfield to be reimbursed by MoDOT through the Statewide cost-share program in fiscal years 2011 and 2012 for the reconstruction of the U.S. 60 (James River Freeway) and National Ave. interchange.
- A TIP amendment to utilize American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding to fund the final design plans for improvements to State Highway CC.
- A TIP amendment for the Kearney Street resurfacing project to include leftover district discretionary enhancement funds to pay for the planned ADA accommodations.
- A TIP amendment to utilize additional ARRA funding on the US 65 capacity improvements from Chestnut Expressway to I-44.
- A TIP amendment to increase MoDOT's share in the Jackson Street and US 160 intersection improvement project in Willard.
- A TIP amendment to use American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds to construct approximately 615 feet of sidewalk in front of the Strafford School campus along McCabe Street.
- A TIP amendment to use American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds to construct approximately 950 feet of sidewalk along State Highway 14/Jackson Street in Ozark.
- A TIP amendment to use American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds to construct approximately 2000 feet of sidewalk along the west side of Highway Z from the Frisco Highline Trail to the Willard Recreational Center.
- A TIP amendment to use American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds to pave the existing Frisco Highline Trail between Springfield and Willard.
- A TIP amendment to install sidewalks along Stoneridge Street near Truman Elementary.

The amendments will be available for review at the Ozarks Transportation Organization, 117 Park Central Square, Suite 107. Comments may be submitted in writing to the Ozarks Transportation Organization, PO Box 8368, Springfield, MO 65801, emailed to sedwards@ozarkstransportation.org or faxed to 417-862-6013.

The public comment period will begin on April 1, 2009 and end on April 16, 2009. The OTO Board of Directors will review and possibly approve the amendments at its April 16, 2009 Board Meeting, held from Noon to 1 p.m. in the fourth floor conference room of the Busch Municipal Building located at 840 Boonville, Springfield MO. An opportunity for public comment will be available at this meeting, as well. After reviewing recommendations and entertaining public comment, the MPO Board of Directors will decide whether to formally adopt the amendments.

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