



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 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 project to upgrade guardrail at the I-44 and US 65 interchange.
- The addition of a project to maintain and upgrade striping on I-44.
- An administrative amendment to show changes in funding sources, reflecting the receipt of two federal earmarks for the I-44 and Chestnut Expressway interchange project.
- The addition of a study in the City of Battlefield to review access along State Highway M from State Highway FF to Wilson's Creek.

The amendments 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@ozarkstransportation.org or fax to 417-864-1881.

The public comment period will begin on June 4, 2008 and end on June 19, 2008. The MPO Board of Directors will review and possibly approve the amendments at its June 19, 2008 Board 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, 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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