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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 proposed amendments to the 2007-2010 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 the Park Central Streetscape project in Springfield.
- The addition of interchange improvements to I-44 and Chestnut Expressway.
- The acceleration of the Glenstone/ I-44 interchange project. This project was awarded statewide cost-share dollars.
- A minor funding adjustment to the Midfield Terminal Access Road to include a federal earmark.
- Additional funding for the Glenstone/ James River Freeway interchange to include improvements to Republic Road

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@ci.springfield.mo.us or fax to 417-864-1881.

The public comment period will begin on May 28, 2007 and end on June 14, 2007. The MPO Board of Directors will review and possibly approve the amendments at its June 14, 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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