

Thank you for participating on the OTO Transit Development Plan Study Group. We will be holding our first meeting on August 13 at 3pm at the City Utilities Transit Offices. They are located at 1505 N. Boonville, Springfield. Parking can be found in the CU Employee Parking lot at the corner of Boonville and Court, just north of the CU Transit Offices.

The agenda for the meeting is attached to this e-mail. We will be posting additional information in preparation for the meeting on the OTO website. We will send that link out tomorrow as we post that information to the site.

This meeting will address first and foremost the first question posed in the e-mail from Mayor O'Neal (attached to this e-mail as well as the original letter from the City of Springfield and City Utilities):

- Do we need a downtown transfer station, regardless of the type of bus route system in place or planned for the future?

The response to this and all questions will need to go to the OTO Board of Directors. The next BOD meeting is August 20, 2009. Mayor O'Neal's letter requested that this first question be addressed as soon as possible. If possible, we would like to come to a resolution on this question before the August Board Meeting.

If time allows at this first meeting of the Transit Development Plan Study Group, then we would also like to address the following two questions:

- What are the one-time and ongoing costs associated with establishing and operating a complete grid system?
- What is the optimal size of the City's future buses? What fuel should these buses use?

We will address the fourth question regarding a regional transit authority at future meetings, with the involvement of the surrounding communities.

Please review the information we send out via our website in preparation for this meeting. With the short deadline, that preparation will help us to come to a decision sooner.

Please RSVP your attendance for the meeting on the 13th either by sending an e-mail or calling. My contact information is below.

Thank you,

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