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Attachment: Chadwick Flyer Trail US65 Crossing Study Report and Interchange Executive Summary

The OTO Trail Investment Study completed in October of 2017 identified the Chadwick Flyer Trail as a priority trail alignment for the region. This Trail, once completed, will provide an important regional bicycle and pedestrian connection between the cities of Springfield and Ozark, Missouri. Once a section of the former Frisco rail system named the “Chadwick Flyer,” the old rail corridor was identified as a guiding alignment for the Trail.

The Chadwick Flyer Trail is a key priority for many local and agency partners, with a focus on the following community benefits:

- Utilize an important piece of Ozarks transportation history by utilizing much of the former Chadwick Flyer Rail corridor as the basis for the proposed trail alignment
- Promote regional connection for multi-use transportation by connecting the cities of Springfield and Ozark, Missouri
- Provide a safe transportation corridor for all trail users through congested urban and suburban areas.

With U.S. Highway 65 effectively dividing the trail corridor in two, a grade-separated crossing of the high-volume highway is a critical piece of the Chadwick Flyer Trail corridor. With much of the abandoned railroad right-of-way now owned by various third parties, exploration of several crossing locations and methods is warranted.

As such, the Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) contracted Crawford, Murphy & Tilly (CMT) to conduct a study to determine the safest and most practical location and method for the crossing of U.S. Highway 65 by the Chadwick Flyer Trail in Ozark, Missouri that aligns with the community benefits described above.

In coordination with OTO, the City of Ozark, MoDOT and the Ozark Greenways, CMT has completed the study and developed a draft report of the findings that includes the identification of a preliminary preferred crossing location and method. Once public comments have been considered, the report will be finalized.

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The public comment period will end at 5 p.m. on April 25, 2022. After public comments have been considered and the report is finalized, formal adoption of the report will be sought from the OTO Board of Directors at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 19, 2022, at noon, at 2208 W Chesterfield Blvd., Suite 101, Springfield, MO 65807.

For more information, contact: JD Stevenson, Project Manager, Ozarks Transportation Organization, 2208 W. Chesterfield Boulevard, Suite 101, Springfield, Missouri 65807, 417-865-3042.

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