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The *Ozarks Transportation Organization* (OTO) is seeking community input before it considers awarding a special allocation of FTA Section 5310 funding to OATS Transit to support its existing transportation contracts with local agencies serving seniors and individuals with disabilities. This allocation of \$50,792 was included in the *American Rescue Plan*. The OTO's *Local Coordinating Board for Transit* voted on April 11<sup>th</sup> to recommend OATS, Inc receive the FTA Section 5310 funding included in the *American Rescue Plan*.

The OTO Board of Directors will make a final funding decision at its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have any feedback on this funding opportunity, please submit it to [Comment@OzarksTransportation.org](mailto:Comment@OzarksTransportation.org) by noon on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Ozarks Transportation Organization** is your Springfield-regional Metropolitan Planning Organization, or MPO. The MPO is a body of elected and appointed members who work together with local, state and federal elected officials and policy-makers, serving to make funding and planning decisions for transportation within the Springfield, MO region.

Public input is a cornerstone of our operations. To tell us what you think, please email us at [comment@ozarkstransportation.org](mailto:comment@ozarkstransportation.org). Find us on Facebook or on Twitter @theOTOMPO.

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