

**Press Release**

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***Attachment: TIP Amendment 1 packet***

**Five changes are proposed for Amendment Number 1 to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program.**

1. \*Revised\* Kansas Extension Phase I (GR1901-20A1)

Right-of-Way funding has been moved to FY 2020 from FY 2019 to ensure continued availability after the new fiscal year.

1. \*Revised\* Kansas Extension Phase II (GR1902-20A1)

Right-of-Way funding has been moved to FY 2020 from FY 2019 to ensure continued availability after the new fiscal year.

1. \*New\* Route ZZ and FR 182 Scoping (GR2010-20A1)

MoDOT has requested to add a new scoping project for the intersection of Route ZZ and Farm Road 182, programming federal safety funds in the amount of $36,000 and a total project cost of $40,000 in Fiscal Years 2020 through 2023.

1. \*New\* Purchase Training Technology and Small Fleet Vehicles (CU2007-20A1)

Due to receiving a grant for bus replacement, City Utilities has instead decided to use their FTA 5339 formula funding to purchase two bus training simulators and small fleet vehicles, programming $300,494 in 5339 funds and for a total project cost of $375,618.

1. \*Revised\* FY 2021 Purchase 2 Electric Fixed Route Buses (CU2111-20A1)

City Utilities received a 5339(c) Low or No Emission Vehicle Program grant to purchase two electric fixed route buses and chargers, programming $1,496,329 in federal funding for a total project cost of $1,870,411.

How to comment:

Online: <http://giveusyourinput.org>

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In writing: OTO, 2208 W. Chesterfield Blvd., Suite 101, Springfield, MO 65807

The public comment period will end on October 17, 2019. The OTO Board of Directors will review and consider approving the Amendment at their October 17, 2019 Board Meeting, held at 12:00 noon at 2208 W. Chesterfield Boulevard, Suite 101, Springfield, Missouri. After reviewing recommendations and entertaining public comment, the OTO Board of Directors will decide whether to formally adopt the Amendment.

For more information, contact: Natasha Longpine, Principal Planner, Ozarks Transportation Organization, 2208 W. Chesterfield Boulevard, Suite 101, Springfield, Missouri 65807, 417-865-3042.

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