OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION

STATE OF TRANSPORTATION 2026

PLANNING TOGETHER FOR AN EXCELLENT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Ozarks Transportation Organization's long-range transportation plan sets performance measures as a way for OTO to monitor the success of the regional transportation system.

See the full report on the OTO website at: https://www.ozarkstransportation.org/what-we-do/state-of-transportation



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PERFORMANCE SNAPSHOT
BASED ON LATEST AVAILABLE DATA

MEASURES
Tracking conditions across the regional transportation system.

TARGETS
Showing where the region aims to be long term.

IMPROVING
Progress toward a stronger, more connected region.

Sidewalk & Trail Network
Sidewalk coverage and miles of trails and shared-use paths continue to grow.

36.6% of roads have sidewalk on at least one side

85.0 MI of trails & shared-use paths

Average Commute Time
Commute times improved in most communities and across OTO area communities on average.

22.7 MIN average commute time

↓0.1 MIN from last year

Modal Balance
The share of commuters driving alone continues to decline, as working from home has increased.

77% of commuters drive alone

↓7 PTS since 2015-2019

STEADY
Generally stable with only small changes.

Peak Travel Time
Peak-period delay remains well below the regional target, despite higher AM delay in 2025. The target is to stay under 20% delayed.

6.98% AM peak roadway miles significantly delayed

9.56% PM peak roadway miles significantly delayed

Road and Bridge Condition
Roads and bridges remain in good condition and continue to exceed regional targets.

95% major roads in good condition

96% bridges rated fair or better

Ozone Levels
Ozone levels remain below the federal air-quality standard.

65 PPB (parts per billion) 2023-2025 ozone level

Federal Standard **70 PPB**

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DECLINING
Areas where conditions have worsened.

Fatal and Disabling Crash Rate
The rate of fatal and disabling-injury crashes has increased in recent years.

11.5 crashes per 100 million vehicle miles traveled

↑1.9 since 2019

Vehicle Miles Traveled
Vehicle travel per person has increased in recent years, though it remains below the 2035 target.

17.01 VMT per capita

↑2.13 since 2020

Transit Access
The share of households within ¼ mile of a CU bus route has gradually declined.

43% OTO area, down from 45% (2020)

81% CU service area, down from 83% (2020)