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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

AUGUST 2024

CHADWICK FLYER TRAIL PHASE III



WELCOME TO OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION'S



Monthly Update

BPAC Meeting - August 6, 2024 @ 1:30 PM

LCBT Meeting - August 8, 2024 @ 3:00 PM

Route 66 Festival - August 9 & 10, 2024 (OTO will be promoting the Destination Safe Streets Safety Action Plan)

Technical Planning Committee Meeting (TPC)- August 21, 2024 @ 1:30 PM

Local Project Updates

- Chadwick Flyer Phase II (City of Ozark) construction starting soon!
- Resurfacing Projects - City of Springfield recently received very competitive bids for their resurfacing project, and City of Willard's resurfacing project is out to bid right now.
- Wilson's Creek Trail - This project is currently under construction along Route ZZ from Republic High School to Farm Road 182. Progress continues!
- EV Charger Project - An RFQ has been issued to prequalify EV Charger installation companies ahead of a planned construction bid to be issued soon.
- Shuyler Trail - This project will be out to bid in the next week!



In this newsletter you will find:

Latest grant announcements, resources, tools, and more. Keep Reading!

GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program

Eligible Projects

There are two application tracts for this grant:

1. **Corridor Charging:** To deploy electric vehicle charging and hydrogen/propane/natural gas fueling infrastructure along designated alternative fuel corridors.
2. **Community Charging:** To install electric vehicle charging and alternative fuel in locations on public roads, schools, parks, and in publicly accessible parking facilities.

Project Size - minimum award \$500,000 and maximum award \$15 million.

Application Deadline: August 28, 2024

Other Grant Applications Closing in August & September

- **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)**
Planning and Demonstration Grants -
Deadline August 29, 2024 @ 5:00 PM ET
- **Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP)**
Deadline September 4, 2024 @ 11:59 PM ET
- **Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP)**
Deadline September 23, 2024 @ 11:59 PM ET

Reconnecting Communities

The BIL established the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Grant Program to help reconnect communities previously cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure. The goal of the program is to advance community-centered transportation connection projects that improve access to daily needs such as jobs, education, healthcare, food, nature, and recreation, and foster equitable development and restoration.

There are two application tracts for this grant:

1. Construction Grants
2. Community Planning Grants

Project Size - minimum award is \$5 million to \$100 million.

NOFO can be found here:

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/rcnprogram/rcn-notice-funding-opportunity>

Application Deadline: Monday, September 30, 2024 @ 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time)

Grant Writing Clinics: August 16 and September 13

Registration can be found here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwscuutqjsqEtB5_r3wCm3NPZlxXgR_BWgg#/registration

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GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Railroad Crossing Elimination Program

The program aims to improve the safety and mobility of highway-rail and pathway-rail grade crossings, enhance rail infrastructure, and reduce the impact of freight movement on underserved communities.

Eligible Projects:

- Grade separation or closure, including through the use of a bridge, embankment, tunnel, or a combination
- Track Relocation
- The improvement or installation of protective devices, signals, signs, or other measures that improve safety, provided that they are related to a separation or relocation projects
- Planning, environmental review, and design of an eligible project

Project Size - Project award minimum \$1,000,000 - total state cap \$45,952,383

NOFO can be found here: <https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2024-15061.pdf>

Application Deadline: September 23 @ 11:59 PM ET

Request for Expression of Interest (REI)

The OTO has announced a REI for entities that would like to participate in the OTO Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) grant application. REI is due August 14, 2024 to the OTO.

MoDOT Cost Share Program

Eligible Projects

State highway and bridge projects.

Project Size - MoDOT partners at 50% on approved projects.

Application Deadline: September 23, 2024

MoDOT Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP)

Eligible Projects

Engineering assistance for studying traffic engineering issues, such as traffic safety or operational problems. Must utilize TEAP consultants from the LPA On-Call Consultant List to perform a traffic study.

Typical traffic engineering related projects include: corridor safety and/or operational analysis, intersection(s) safety and/or operational analysis, speed limit review, sign inventory, pedestrian/bike route analysis, ADA transition plans, parking issues, and other traffic studies, etc.

Info can be found here:

<https://www.modot.org/node/52623>

Project Size - up to \$12,000 per project at a 20% match.

Application Deadline: September 13, 2024 via email to Andrew.Seiler@modot.mo.gov

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Federal Funds Obligation Tracker



Federal Funds Balance

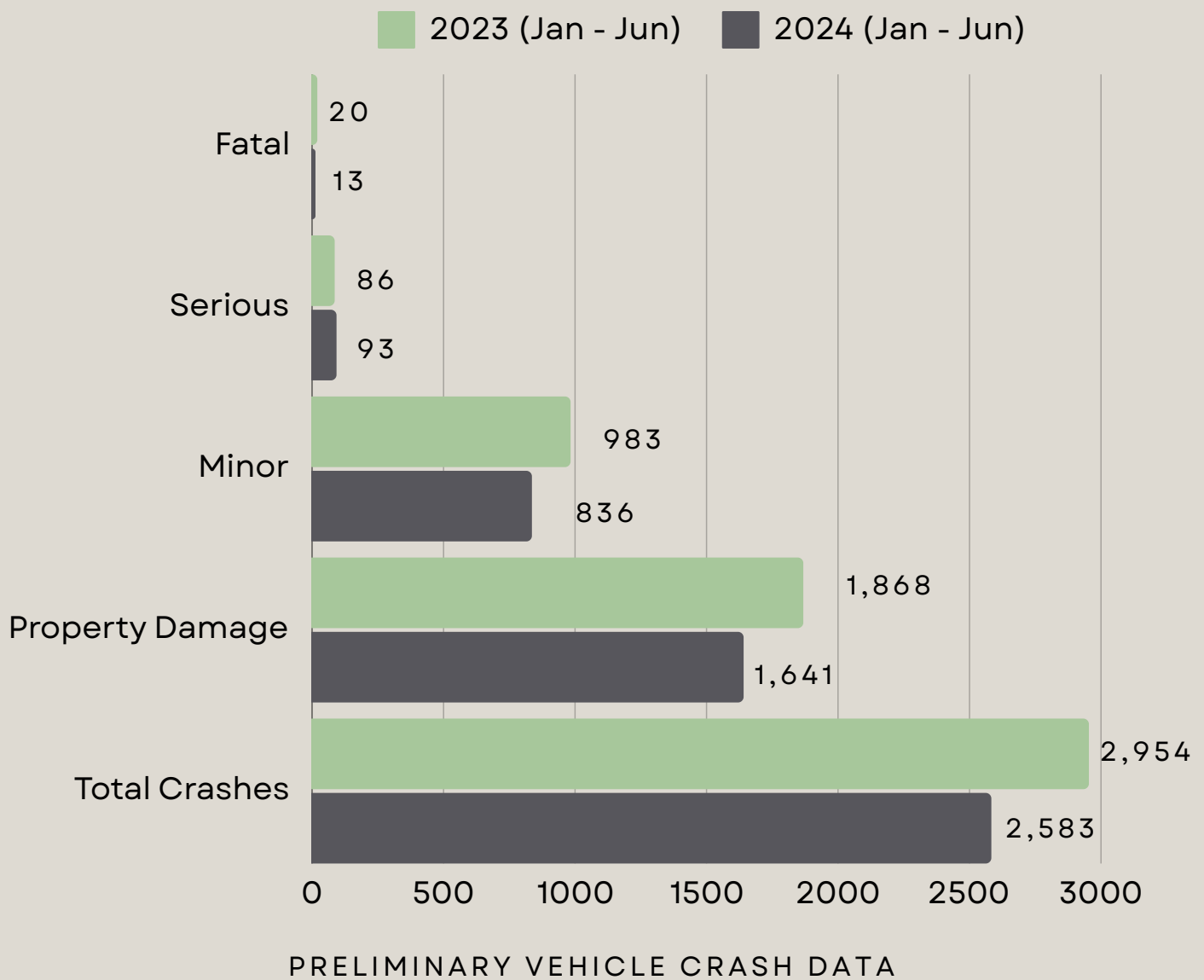
The OTO area must obligate \$11.5 million by September 30, 2024 or the allocated funds will go back to MoDOT for use on MoDOT roads. To limit the accumulation of funds, MoDOT has established a statewide goal that 120 percent of allocated funds are obligated each year. OTO's jurisdictions have obligated \$4.87 million through July 31, 2024. The OTO area must obligate another \$6.7 Million by September 30, 2024.



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Preliminary OTO Area Crash Data

JANUARY - JUNE 2023 & 2024 COMPARISON



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Bid Opportunities

Request for Expression of Interest

OTO CFI REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) the Metropolitan Planning Organization is applying for a Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) grant through the Federal Highway Administration and funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

Property owners that have properties located within ½ mile or in the Justice40 area and are willing to install EV Chargers that can be used by the public are asked to supply a basic project description, an estimate of charging installation, and letter of funding commitment for the 20% match. Expressions of Interest must be submitted to Debbie Parks, Grants Administrator, by Wednesday, August 14, 2024.

Expressions of Interest are due Friday, August 14, 2024.

Information and maps can be found on the OTO Grants Webpage here:
<https://www.ozarkstransportation.org/our-resources/grants>

Request For Qualifications

OTO RFQ 002-2024 EVSE PREQUALIFICATION

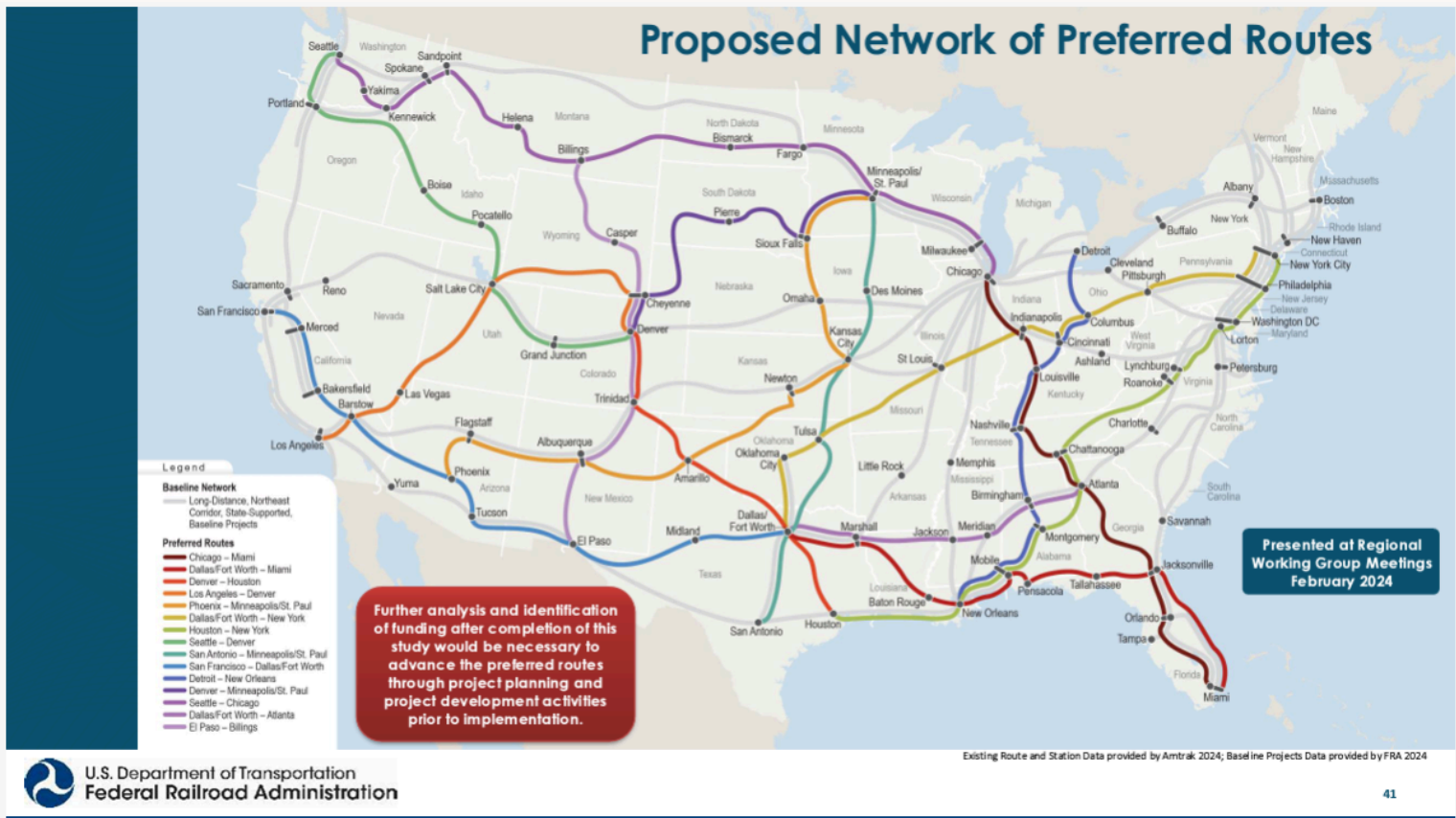
The OTO is currently seeking Request for Qualifications for EVSE Vendor Prequalification. The OTO is issuing a RFQ to build a EVSE Vendor Prequalification list. Future EVSE procurement will require contractors to be prequalified through this RFQ. If you are interested in submitting proposals for OTO EVSE services please submit Statements of Qualifications through RFQ #002-2024.

<https://www.ozarkstransportation.org/admin/entries/pages/6770-requests-for-proposal>



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Proposed Long-Distance Passenger Rail Route



The Federal Rail Administration released recommendations for updates to long-distance passenger rail routes, which included routing through the OTO region for the New York to Dallas route. Further analysis and funding would be needed to advance this connection, but this is the first step for passenger rail through the area.

<https://fralongdistancerailstudy.org/>



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Jobs Opportunities

Current Jobs Open in the Area:

OZARK GREENWAYS - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE OZARK GREENWAYS WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://WWW.OZARKGREENWAYS.ORG/NEWS/WE-ARE-HIRING/](https://www.ozarkgreenways.org/news/we-are-hiring/)

CITY OF REPUBLIC - DIRECTOR AND PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY OF REPUBLIC WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://WWW.GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM/CAREERS/REPUBLICMO](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/republicmo)

MODOT - TRANSPORTATION PROJECT DESIGNER (PLANNING DEPARTMENT)

INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY OF NIXA WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://MOCAREERS.MO.GOV/HIRETRUE/CE3/JOB-BOARD/5EFFE9B2-4B89-494B-AC76-C45E25190768/83B0E53D-B91B-4595-B522-5AB64C0D19EC?JB=1](https://mocareers.mo.gov/hiretrue/ce3/job-board/5effe9b2-4b89-494b-ac76-c45e25190768/83b0e53d-b91b-4595-b522-5ab64c0d19ec?JB=1)

GREENE COUNTY - PROJECT MANAGER & CHIEF ENGINEER - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Information can be found on the Greene County website:

<https://mo-greenecounty.civicplushrms.com/careers/jobs.aspx>



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