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Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO), the Springfield-area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), announced a public comment period, **beginning June 16 and extending through July 17, 2024** for the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Some changes have been made to the draft that was originally made available on June 16th.

The FY 2025-2028 TIP is a listing of projects proposed for federal, state and local funding over the next four years for the OTO area which includes seven cities and two counties. Funding is proposed for aviation, bicycle and pedestrian, roadway, and transit projects.

This public notice of public involvement activities and time established for public review and comment on the TIP will satisfy the program-of-projects requirement of the Urbanized Area Formula Program. If no comments or changes are made to the program, then the program as proposed will be the final program.



Drafts are available for review at the following locations:

- GiveUsYourInput.org (<http://giveusyourinput.org/>)
- City Utilities Transit Center, 211 N. Main, Springfield
- Springfield-Greene County Library Center, 4653 South Campbell, Springfield
- Springfield-Greene County Library Station, 2535 N. Kansas Expy, Springfield
- Christian County Library, Ozark Branch, 1005 N. 4th Ave., Ozark, MO 65721
- MoDOT Southwest District Office, 3025 E. Kearney, Springfield
- OTO Offices at 2208 W. Chesterfield Blvd., Suite 101, Springfield

Draft Projects can be reviewed online at <https://oto.ecointeractive.com/projects/>. The public can comment on a specific project by clicking on that project and then clicking the “Add Comment” button found in the upper right-hand corner of the project pop-up. The public is invited to visit the main TIP Project Portal page at any time to learn more about the TIP and any future amendments.

Comments can be submitted via:

- Online at GiveUsYourInput.org (<http://giveusyourinput.org/>)
- Email at comment@ozarkstransportation.org
- Mail at 2208 W. Chesterfield Blvd., Suite 101, Springfield, MO 65807

The OTO Board of Directors will review and consider approving the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program at their July 18, 2024 Board Meeting, held at 12:00 noon. After reviewing recommendations and public comment, the OTO Board of Directors will decide whether to formally adopt the TIP.

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

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. Find us on Facebook or on X @theOTOMPO.

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