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Attachment: FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment One packet

The Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) announces a public comment period for the FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment One. The amendment to the 2023 UPWP, with accompanying changes to the Operational Budget, is proposed to:

1. Increase the Telephone and Internet line: (+\$1,800)
Estimates have been revised to reflect increased internet speed cost.
2. Increase the Computer Upgrade/Equipment line: (+\$2,000)
Estimates have been revised due to inflation and additional computer equipment needs.
3. Decrease the IT Maintenance Contract: (-\$1,200.00)
Estimates have been revised due to a completed bid for IT Managed Services.
4. Increase the Transportation Consulting Services Line: (+\$106,351)
OTO has added possible studies and grant applications to its work program for FY 2023.

The overall budget has increased by \$108,951. The OTO will utilize additional grant funding from the following sources:

- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding: (+\$50,782)
- Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funding: (+\$36,378)

How to comment:

Online: <http://giveusyourinput.org>

Email: comment@ozarkstransportation.org

Fax: 417-862-6013

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

The public comment period will end on September 14, 2022, at 5 p.m. The OTO Board of Directors will review and consider approving the UPWP Amendment at their September 15, 2022, Board Meeting, held at 12:00 noon. After reviewing recommendations and entertaining public comment, the OTO Board of Directors will decide whether to formally adopt the FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment.

For more information, contact: Debbie Parks, Grants Administrator, 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 policymakers, 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@ozartstransportation.org. Find us on Facebook or on Twitter @theOTOMPO.

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