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October 7, 2025

Mr. Ed Hassinger, P.E.
Director
Missouri Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 270
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Subject: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Dear Director Hassinger:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has reviewed and approved the requested amendment to the FY 2026-2030 Missouri State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to incorporate the Highway Only Amendment #1 of the Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as further described in your letter of October 1, 2025. This amendment is for the consolidation of the I-44 MoDOT project. No transit projects were included in this amendment request.

The OTO Board of Directors approved the Highway Only TIP Amendment #1 on September 25, 2025. On February 26, 2025, the Missouri Governor delegated concurrence authority for the transportation planning process to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). MoDOT has approved the Highway Only TIP Amendment #1.

Therefore, in accordance with 23 CFR § 450.218(b), FHWA has determined that this TIP amendment and subsequent STIP amendment is based on a transportation planning process that substantially meets the requirements of 23 U.S.C. § 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. § 5303 and 5304, and 23 CFR § 450. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Cecelie Cochran of FHWA MO (573) 638-2609.

Sincerely,

For: Kevin W. Ward, P.E.
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration

cc:

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October 1, 2025

Mr. Kevin Ward
Regional Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
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SUBJECT: Springfield Metropolitan Area
Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO)
FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Approval Request to Incorporate FY 2026 Amendment one into the FY 2026-2030
Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

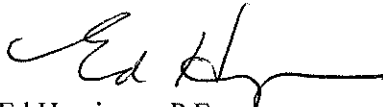
Dear Mr. Ward:

In fulfillment of the requirements of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Governor Kehoe delegated authority for approval of MPO TIPs and TIP Amendments to MoDOT for the remainder of his term. This "highway only" amendment includes the addition of one MoDOT project.

Enclosed is a copy of the Governor's delegation letter and supporting documentation. The OTO Board of Directors approved the TIP amendment on September 25, 2025. All public involvement considerations have been met and fiscal constraint has been ensured. No public comments were received.

We request approval of incorporating this TIP amendment into the FY 2026-2030 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,


Ed Hassinger, P.E.
Director

Enclosure

cc: Cecelie Cochran-FHWA Natasha Longpine-OTO Kimberly Ader-SW
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January 15, 2025

The Honorable Mike L. Kehoe
Governor, State of Missouri
State Capitol
Room 216
State Capitol Building
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Governor Kehoe,

Federal regulations under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, and continued in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), require state governors to approve certain transportation-related documents. This requirement is expected to continue with subsequent federal reauthorization.

In the past, the Missouri Department of Transportation has acted on behalf of the Governor of the State of Missouri to conduct all staff work related to transportation, to act as a liaison between the State of Missouri and other entities on transportation issues, and to approve transportation-related planning matters. In the past, this mechanism has been advantageous to the State and other stakeholders for a number of reasons, including not limited to:

- Streamlining of approval processes;
- Expertise and involvement in the processes;
- Cost Savings; and,
- Federal regulation and member designated projects (earmarks) familiarity,

Based on our past successes in administering the program in this manner, I hereby request your concurrence with continuing this practice for the duration of your term as Governor of the State of Missouri.

Sincerely,

Ed Hassinger, P.E.
Director

Approved:
Governor of Missouri

Date: 2-26-2025



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September 26, 2025

Mr. Michael Henderson
Transportation Planning
Missouri Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Henderson:

We respectfully request the approval of the FY 2026-2029 Ozarks Transportation Organization Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Number One. The Board of Directors adopted this amendment effective September 25, 2025. The adoption included demonstration of fiscal constraint as required by federal regulations. Public comment was considered in accordance with federal law and in accordance with the OTO Public Involvement Policy. No comments related to this amendment were received. This amendment includes one change as outlined on the following pages.

Please find enclosed the TIP amendment request and let me know if you need any other information.

Sincerely,

Natasha L. Longpine, AICP
Transportation Planning Manager

Enclosure: TIP Approval Packet



Amendment Number One to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program

Ozarks Transportation Organization (Springfield, MO Area MPO)

DESCRIPTION:

There is one item included as part of Amendment Number One to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program.

1. ***Revised* I-44 Safety Project (MO2521)**
MoDOT has requested to consolidate this project with the broader design-build project from Joplin to Conway. The project description, MoDOT Job Number, and programming information has been updated, as well as the revenue projections for MoDOT to account for the larger project.

TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:

At a special E-meeting held on September 10, 2025, the Technical Planning Committee recommended the Board of Directors approve Amendment 1 to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION REQUESTED:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 25, 2025, the Board of Directors approved Amendment 1 to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program.

MO2521-26A1 - I-44 SAFETY PROJECT

Plan Revision 26A1	Section Sponsored by MoDOT	Project Type System Improvement	Lead Agency MoDOT
County Greene County	Municipality Springfield, Strafford	Status Programmed	Total Cost \$508,173,000
MoDoT ID ST0089	Federal ID -	Project From Joplin	Project To Conway

Project Considerations
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Project Description
Safety, capacity and pavement at various locations from Joplin to Conway.

Funding Source Notes
Non-Federal Funding Source: SFY 2025 Special General Revenue Funds

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FUTURE	TOTAL
Engineering	MoDOT	\$911,000	\$26,639,000	-	-	-	-	\$27,550,000
Engineering	NHPP (FHWA)	\$1,234,000	\$7,417,000	-	-	-	-	\$8,651,000
Total Engineering		\$2,145,000	\$34,056,000	-	-	-	-	\$36,201,000
ROW	MoDOT	-	\$7,800	-	-	-	-	\$7,800
ROW	NHPP (FHWA)	-	\$15,200	-	-	-	-	\$15,200
Total ROW		-	\$23,000	-	-	-	-	\$23,000
Construction	MoDOT	-	\$427,027,400	-	-	-	-	\$427,027,400
Construction	NHPP (FHWA)	-	\$44,921,600	-	-	-	-	\$44,921,600
Total Construction		-	\$471,949,000	-	-	-	-	\$471,949,000
Total Prior Costs		\$2,145,000	-	-	-	-	-	\$2,145,000
Total Programmed		\$2,145,000	\$506,028,000	-	-	-	-	\$508,173,000



CURRENT CHANGE REASON	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update Changes in a project's total programmed amount greater than 25% (or any amount greater than \$2,000,000)
PROJECT CHANGES	<p>Description changed from "Safety and capacity improvements Rte. 160 to Rte. 125, improvements at Rte. 13, rehabilitate Rte. EE over I-44, WB pavement rehabilitation 2.1 miles to 0.7 mile EO Rte. 125, pavement resurfacing 9.5 miles to 1.1 miles EO Rte.125." to "Safety, capacity and pavement at various locations from Joplin to Conway."</p> <p>ID changed from "MO2521-25A3" to "MO2521-26A1"</p> <p>Plan Revision Name changed from "26Adopted" to "26A1"</p>
FUNDING CHANGES	<p>MoDOT</p> <p>+ Increase funds in FY 2026 in ENG from \$5,476,000 to \$26,639,000</p> <p>+ Increase funds in FY 2026 in ROW from \$3,800 to \$7,800</p> <p>+ Increase funds in FY 2026 in CON from \$163,870,400 to \$427,027,400</p>
FEDERAL PROJECT COST	Stays the same \$53,587,800
TOTAL PROJECT COST	Increased from \$223,849,000 to \$508,173,000 (127.02%)

REVENUE

Revenue Source	Carryover	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
MoDOT State/Federal	\$23,867,000	\$564,392,000	\$36,997,000	\$45,133,000	\$45,862,000	\$716,251,000
RAISE	\$24,822,313	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$24,822,313
SS4A	\$1,152,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,152,000
Suballocated STBG-U	\$5,628,795	\$8,251,401	\$8,416,429	\$85,848	\$8,756,453	\$31,138,926
Suballocated TAP	\$1,662,371	\$1,786,840	\$1,703,775	\$1,737,851	\$1,772,608	\$8,663,445
Suballocated CRP	\$1,650,174	\$984,404	\$1,004,092	\$1,024,174	\$1,044,657	\$5,707,501
Aviation - FAA	\$0	\$25,474,500	\$11,745,000	\$3,000,000	\$8,051,000	\$48,270,500
FTA 5307	\$2,486,536	\$3,950,171	\$4,029,174	\$4,109,757	\$4,191,952	\$18,767,590
FTA 5310	\$823,914	\$419,117	\$427,499	\$436,049	\$444,771	\$2,551,350
FTA 5339	\$324,432	\$330,921	\$3,563,139	\$344,290	\$351,176	\$4,913,958
Transit MO HealthNet Contract	\$0	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$180,000
Transit State Operating Funding	\$43,500	\$153,415	\$153,415	\$153,415	\$153,415	\$657,160
CU Transit Utility Ratepayers	\$7,447,745	\$7,284,226	\$8,063,689	\$7,024,039	\$7,722,024	\$37,541,723
CU Transit Farebox, Ads, Rent	\$955,000	\$955,000	\$955,000	\$955,000	\$955,000	\$4,775,000
Human Service Agencies		\$57,629	\$58,781	\$59,957	\$61,156	\$237,523
TOTAL	\$70,863,780	\$614,084,624	\$77,161,993	\$64,108,380	\$79,411,212	\$905,629,989

LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY CAPACITY

LPA Capacity	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
CART All Jurisdictions (Projected)	\$21,185,583	\$21,185,583	\$21,185,583	\$21,185,583	\$84,742,330
O&M (637.42 miles * \$6,299/mile)	(\$4,015,109)	(\$4,115,487)	(\$4,218,374)	(\$4,323,833)	(\$16,672,803)
TIP Programmed Funds All Jurisdictions	(\$11,813,428)	(\$3,396,523)	(\$1,149,004)	(\$220,567)	(\$16,579,522)
Other Committed Funds All Jurisdictions	\$57,515,582	\$57,515,582	\$57,515,582	\$57,515,582	\$230,062,328
TOTAL	\$62,872,628	\$71,189,155	\$73,333,787	\$74,156,765	\$281,552,334

	Carryover	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
System Operations Local	\$7,940,165	\$7,940,165	\$7,732,025	\$7,732,025	\$8,423,720	\$39,768,100
System Maintenance Local	\$411,876	\$41,200	\$195,700	\$195,700	\$201,571	\$1,046,047
Local Programmed O&M	--	(\$16,333,406)	(\$7,927,725)	(\$7,927,725)	(\$8,625,291)	(\$40,814,147)
Carryover	\$8,352,041	\$8,352,041	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Additional O&M Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

FINANCIAL CONSTRAINT

FHWA Sponsored Projects

Fund Type	Programmed (2026)	Programmed (2027)	Programmed (2028)	Programmed (2029)
FEDERAL				
BRO (FHWA)	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000
CRP (FHWA)	\$1,563,899	\$0	\$0	\$0
I/M (FHWA)	\$135,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
NHPP (FHWA)	\$61,886,600	\$11,379,200	\$28,394,400	\$35,775,200
RAISE	\$24,822,313	\$0	\$0	\$0
SAFETY (FHWA)	\$3,931,000	\$262,800	\$262,800	\$81,000
SCRIP (FHWA)	\$68,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
SS4A (FHWA)	\$1,152,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
STBG (FHWA)	\$23,176,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
STBG-U (FHWA)	\$15,623,504	\$4,054,669	\$4,034,881	\$846,266
TAP (FHWA)	\$2,168,164	\$134,836	\$0	\$0
Federal Subtotal	\$134,562,480	\$15,867,505	\$32,728,081	\$36,738,466
STATE				
MoDOT	\$465,903,066	\$8,609,000	\$9,197,400	\$9,365,400
MoDOT-AC	\$13,753,203	\$21,718,000	\$7,078,400	\$442,400
MoDOT O&M	\$6,593,919	\$6,745,579	\$6,900,728	\$7,059,444
State Subtotal	\$486,250,188	\$37,072,579	\$23,176,528	\$16,867,244
LOCAL/OTHER				
Local	\$7,318,707	\$3,396,523	\$1,149,004	\$220,567
Local-AC	\$4,494,721	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local/Other Subtotal	\$11,913,428	\$3,396,523	\$1,149,004	\$220,567
Total	\$632,726,096	\$56,336,607	\$57,053,613	\$53,826,277

	Prior Year	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	TOTAL
Available State and Federal Funding	\$23,867,000	\$564,392,000	\$36,997,000	\$45,133,000	\$45,862,000	\$716,251,000
Federal Discretionary Funding	\$25,974,313	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,974,313
Available Operations and Maintenance Funding	\$0	\$6,593,919	\$6,745,579	\$6,900,728	\$7,059,444	\$27,299,671
Funds from Other Sources (inc. Local)	\$0	\$11,913,428	\$3,396,523	\$1,149,004	\$220,567	\$16,679,522
Available Suballocated Funding	\$8,941,340	\$11,022,645	\$11,124,296	\$2,847,873	\$11,573,718	\$45,509,872
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDING	\$58,782,653	\$593,921,992	\$58,263,398	\$56,030,605	\$64,715,729	\$831,714,378
Carryover		\$58,782,653	\$19,978,549	\$21,905,340	\$20,882,332	--
Programmed State and Federal Funding		(\$632,726,096)	(\$56,336,607)	(\$57,053,613)	(\$53,826,277)	(\$799,942,594)
TOTAL REMAINING	\$58,782,653	\$19,978,549	\$21,905,340	\$20,882,332	\$31,771,784	\$31,771,784