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March 27, 2026

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 #4 of the Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as further described in your letter of March 27, 2026. This amendment includes the addition of two new projects for improvements to Route D bridge and I-44/US65 interchange. No transit projects were included in this amendment request.

The OTO Board of Directors approved the Highway Only TIP Amendment #4 on March 27, 2026. 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 #4.

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:

Llans Taylor, MoDOT

Britni O'Connor, MoDOT

Amanda Barch, MoDOT

Frank Miller, MoDOT, SW

Kimberly Ader, MoDOT, SW

Sara Fields, OTO

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Missouri Department of Transportation

Ed Hassinger, P.E. Director

1.888.ASK MODOT (275.6636)

March 27, 2026

Mr. Kevin Ward
Regional Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
3220 West Edgewood, Suite H
Jefferson City, MO 65109

SUBJECT: Springfield Metropolitan Area
Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO)
FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Approval Request to Incorporate FY 2026 Amendment four into the FY 2026-2030
Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

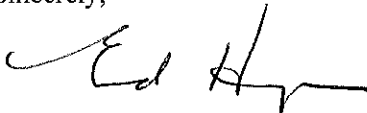
Dear Mr. Ward:

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 two new MoDOT scoping projects.

Enclosed is a copy of the Governor's delegation letter and supporting documentation. The OTO Board of Directors approved the TIP amendment on March 26, 2026. 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
Gerri Doyle-FTA Frank Miller-SW



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Missouri Department of Transportation
Ed. Hassinger, P.E., Director

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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,

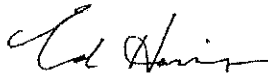
Federal regulations under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, and continued in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), require state governors to approve certain transportation-related documents. This requirement is expected to continue with subsequent federal reauthorization.

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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A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

2208 W. CHESTERFIELD BOULEVARD, SUITE 101, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65807
417-865-3047

March 26, 2026

Ms. Amanda Barch
Transportation Planning
Missouri Department of Transportation
P. O. Box 270
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Dear Ms. Barch:

We respectfully request the approval of the FY 2026-2029 Ozarks Transportation Organization Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Number Four. The Board of Directors adopted this amendment effective March 26, 2026. 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 the changes as outlined on the following pages.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natasha Longpine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Natasha L. Longpine, AICP
Transportation Planning Manager

Enclosure: TIP Approval Packet



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

Ozarks Transportation Organization (Springfield, MO Area MPO)

DESCRIPTION:

There are multiple items included as part of Amendment Number Four to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program.

1. ***New*** Route D Bridge Improvement (GR2602)
MoDOT has requested to add a scoping project for bridge improvements on Route D over Pearson Creek for a total programmed cost of \$40,000.
2. ***New*** I-44 and US 65 Interchange Improvements (SP2615)
MoDOT has requested to add a scoping project for interchange improvements at I-44 and US 65 for a total programmed amount of \$500,000.

TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:

At its regularly scheduled meeting held on February 18, 2026, the Technical Planning Committee recommended the Board of Directors approve Amendment 4 to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION TAKEN:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 26, 2026, the Board of Directors approved Amendment 4 to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program.

GR2602-26A4 - ROUTE D BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT

Plan Revision: 26A4
 Section: Sponsored by MoDOT
 Project Type: Asset Management - Bridge
 Lead Agency: MoDOT

County: Greene County
 Municipality: Unincorporated Greene County
 Status: Programmed
 Total Cost: \$40,000

MoDOT ID: SU0440
 Federal ID: -
 Project From: Pearson Creek
 Project To: -

Project Considerations: -

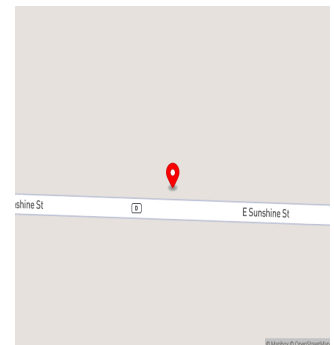
Project Description: Scoping for bridge improvement over Pearson Creek.

Funding Source Notes: Non-Federal Funding Source: State Transportation Revenues

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FUTURE	TOTAL
Engineering	MoDOT	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,000
Engineering	NHPP (FHWA)	\$0	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32,000
Total Engineering		\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000

CURRENT CHANGE REASON

New Project



SP2615-26A4 - I-44 AND US 65 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

Plan Revision
26A4

Section
Sponsored by MoDOT

Project Type
Scoping

Lead Agency
MoDOT

County
Greene County

Municipality
Springfield

Status
Programmed

Total Cost
\$500,000

MoDoT ID
SU0438

Federal ID
-

Project From
Rte 65

Project To
-

Project Considerations
-

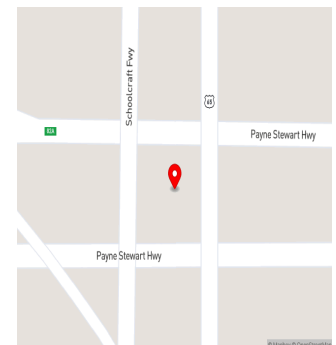
Project Description
Scoping for interchange improvement at I-44 and US 65 in Springfield.

Funding Source Notes
Non-Federal Funding Source: State Transportation Revenues

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FUTURE	TOTAL
Engineering	MoDOT	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$100,000
Engineering	NHPP (FHWA)	\$0	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$400,000
Total Engineering		\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$500,000
Total Future Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$500,000

CURRENT CHANGE REASON

New Project



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)	\$103,919,600	\$11,635,200	\$28,554,400	\$35,935,200
RAISE	\$24,822,313	\$0	\$0	\$0
SAFETY (FHWA)	\$10,807,900	\$370,800	\$262,800	\$81,000
SCRIP (FHWA)	\$68,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
SS4A (FHWA)	\$1,152,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
STBG (FHWA)	\$23,256,000	\$40,000	\$1,600	\$1,600
STBG-U (FHWA)	\$16,247,840	\$7,254,669	\$4,034,881	\$846,266
TAP (FHWA)	\$2,168,164	\$134,836	\$0	\$0
Federal Subtotal	\$184,176,716	\$19,471,505	\$32,889,681	\$36,900,066
STATE				
MoDOT	\$381,129,206	\$8,695,000	\$9,237,800	\$9,405,800
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	\$401,476,328	\$37,158,579	\$23,216,928	\$16,907,644
LOCAL/OTHER				
Local	\$7,537,291	\$4,196,523	\$1,149,004	\$220,567
Local-AC	\$4,744,721	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local/Other Subtotal	\$12,382,012	\$4,196,523	\$1,149,004	\$220,567
Total	\$598,035,056	\$60,826,607	\$57,255,613	\$54,028,277

	Prior Year	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	TOTAL
Available State and Federal Funding	\$23,867,000	\$568,302,000	\$36,997,000	\$45,133,000	\$45,862,000	\$720,161,000
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	\$12,382,012	\$4,196,523	\$1,149,004	\$220,567	\$17,948,106
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	\$598,300,576	\$59,063,398	\$56,030,605	\$64,715,729	\$836,892,962
Carryover		\$58,782,653	\$59,048,173	\$57,284,964	\$56,059,956	--
Programmed State and Federal Funding		(\$598,035,056)	(\$60,826,607)	(\$57,255,613)	(\$54,028,277)	(\$770,145,554)
TOTAL REMAINING	\$58,782,653	\$59,048,173	\$57,284,964	\$56,059,956	\$66,747,408	\$66,747,408