

JUNE 2025

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Ozarks Transportation Organization's Monthly Update



Chadwick Flyer Phase 4, Ozark, MO Project

Local Project Update

- Construction of the Chadwick Flyer overpass in Ozark continues with earthwork and tree clearing.
- Construction of the Jordan Creek trail through Smith Park and sidewalks along Mt. Vernon & Miller Streets in Springfield will begin in the next few weeks.
- The first phase of the I-44 rebuild and widening is underway. Watch out for the work zone!



Chadwick Flyer Phase 4, Ozark, MO Project

Upcoming Meetings

All meetings at OTO Offices
2208 W CHESTERFIELD BLVD SUITE 101
SPRINGFIELD, MO

Technical Planning Committee
JUNE 18, 2025
1:30 PM

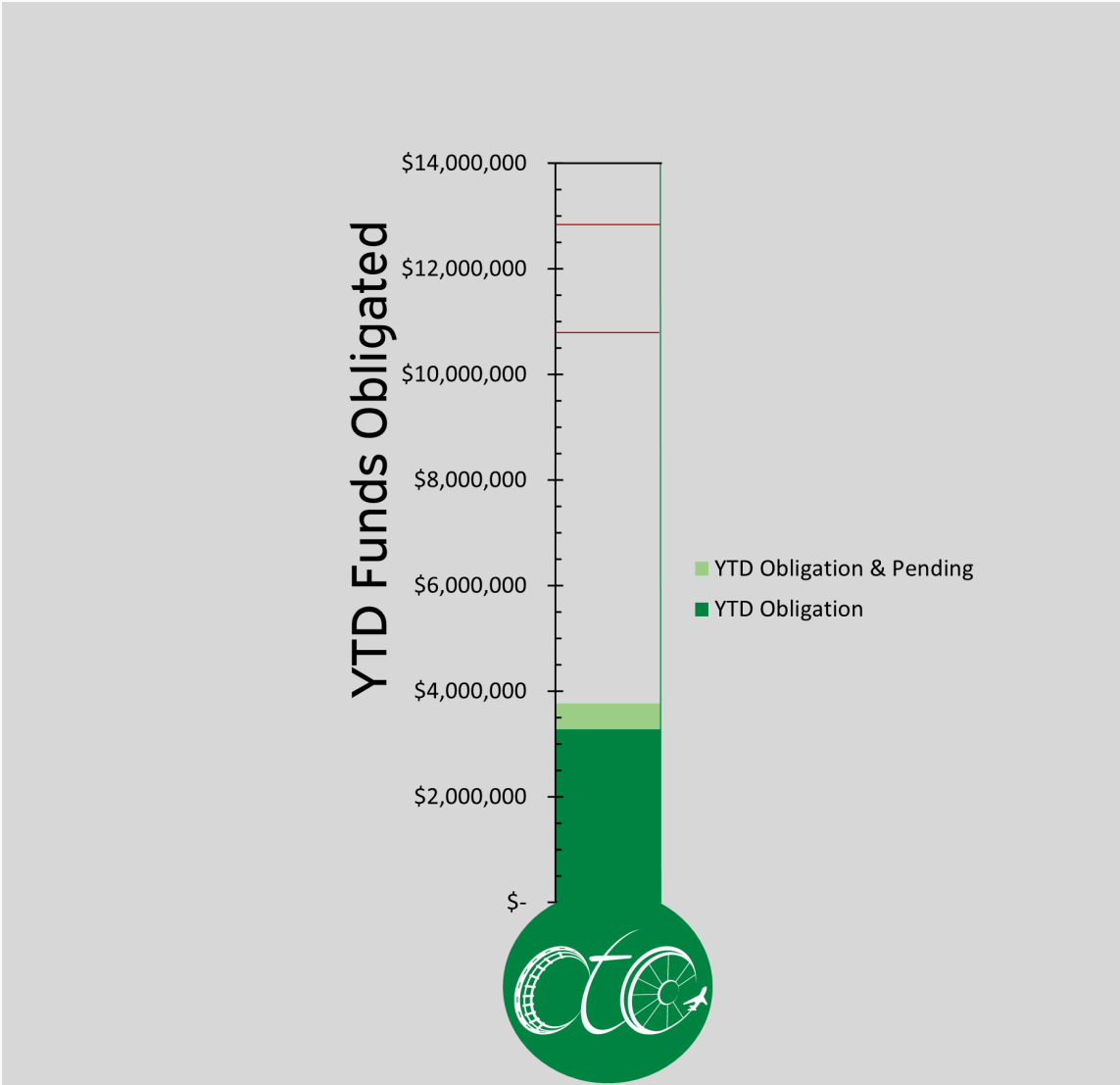
FTA 5310 Call for Projects
Pre-Application Workshop
JUNE 23, 2025
2:00 PM

Bicycle and Pedestrian
Advisory Committee
JULY 8, 2025
1:00 PM





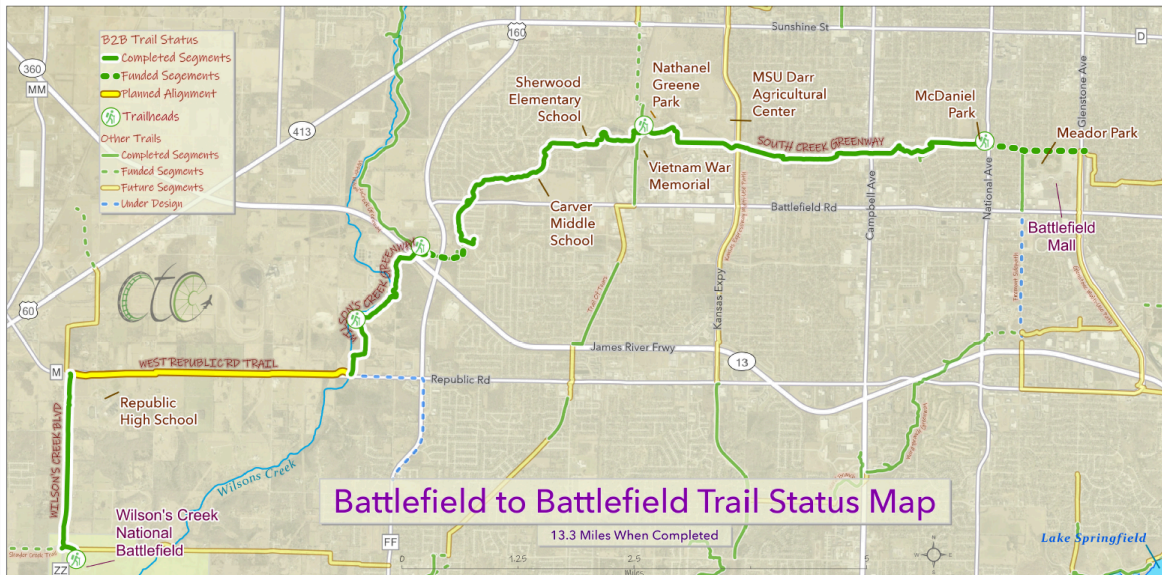
OBLIGATION UPDATE



THE OTO AREA MUST OBLIGATE ANOTHER \$7.4 MILLION BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 OR MODOT WILL TAKE FUNDING TO USE ON MODOT ROADS. In the past, MoDOT has limited OTO to no more than three years of accumulated funding as a balance. To limit the accumulation of funds and to maximize August redistribution, MoDOT has now established a statewide goal that 120 percent of allocated funds are obligated each year, with 100 percent as the minimum amount to be obligated. As OTO received \$10.7 million for FY 2025, the minimum amount to be obligated is \$10.7 million, with a goal of \$12.8 million.

As of June 11th, 2025, OTO has obligated \$3,284,474.39 or about 31% of OTO’s annual allocation and has another \$486,550.99 pending.

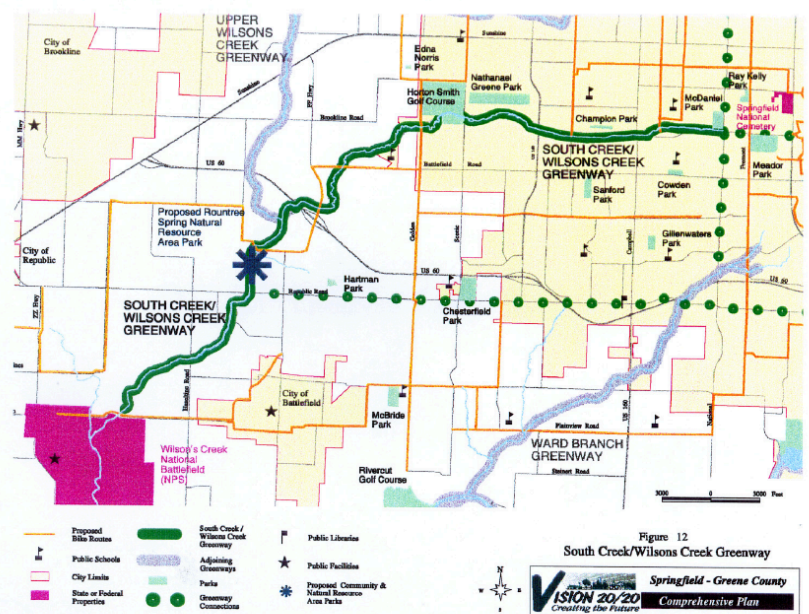
Battlefield to Battlefield Trail Status (Wilson's Creek National Battlefield to Battlefield Mall)



The Battlefield to Battlefield trail is based on the first greenway project in Greene County which started planning in 1991 (formation year of Ozark Greenways). The original project was to create an 8.7 mile greenway corridor composed of the South Creek and Wilsons Creek Greenway from Meador Park in Springfield to the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. Today, 33 years later, the trail is getting closer and closer to completion. In 2024, OTO, MoDOT and Republic built a trail along Wilson's Creek Boulevard connecting Wilson's Creek National Battlefield to Republic Rd/Route M. In the same year OTO awarded funding to the City of Springfield for construction of parts of the South Creek Trail which will extend the trail to the west, past Meador Park, to Glenstone Ave and the Battlefield Mall.

Last month, Ozark Greenways applied for construction funding for the final gap between South Creek and Wilsons Creek Greenway and for engineering funding of the final gap between the current Wilsons Creek terminus at Republic Rd to the newly built trail along Wilson's Creek Boulevard (funding approval determined at OTO's Board of Directors meeting in July 2025).

Due to different alignments the trail corridor has grown to 13.3 miles and when completed will connect Republic to Springfield and Battlefield to Battlefield! And soon also to the City of Battlefield. To be continued...





Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)

EASTERN FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY DIVISION
(EFLHD)

EFLHD will be conducting a Call for Projects for FLAP in Missouri for Federal Fiscal Years (FY 2027 through FY 2029). The program goal is to “Improve transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within federal lands.”

Projects include:

- Adjacent vehicular parking areas, including interpretive panels
- Acquisition of necessary scenic easements and scenic or historic sites
- Infrastructure and facilities for pedestrians and bicycles
- Environmental mitigation in or adjacent to Federal land to improve public safety
- Improvements to reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity
- Construction and reconstruction of roadside rest areas, including sanitary, and water facilities
- Contextual wayfinding markers, landscaping, and mitigation of visual blight

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS INCLUDE STATE AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS PROVIDING ACCESS TO FEDERAL LANDS. IN MOST CASES, THE PROJECT SHOULD BE NO FARTHER THAN 10 MILES FROM FEDERAL LANDS. TOTAL FUNDING FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI IS \$4.4 MILLION, PROJECT SIZE AWARDS WILL VARY AND SCALABLE PROJECT SCOPES SHOULD BE INCLUDED. 100% FEDERAL AWARDS, NO MATCH REQUIREMENT.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
APPLICATIONS OPEN JULY 1, 2025
AND RUN THROUGH OCTOBER 1,
2025.

[HTTPS://HIGHWAYS.DOT.GOV/FEDERAL-LANDS/PROGRAMS-ACCESS](https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-access)





FY26 FHWA Bridge Investment Program

US DOT - FHWA

The Bridge Investment Program is a competitive, discretionary program that focuses on existing bridges to reduce the overall number of bridges in poor condition, or in fair condition at risk of falling into poor condition. It also expands applicant eligibilities to create opportunity for all levels of government to be direct recipients of program funds. Alongside states and federal lands management agencies, metropolitan planning organizations and local and tribal governments can also apply directly to FHWA, making it easier to advance projects at the local level that meet community needs.

The FHWA has opened a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for up to \$9.62 billion in FYs 2023 through 2026 Bridge Project grant applications and \$80 million in FYs 2023 through FY 2026 Planning Project grant applications under the Bridge Investment Program. Bridge Project Grants under the Bridge Investment Program are available for bridges with total eligible project costs up to \$100 million.

Minimum grant awards of \$2.5 million

Maximum grant awards of 80 percent of the total eligible project costs (\$100 million cap).

Planning Project grant applications are available for bridges with maximum grant awards of 80 percent of the total eligible project costs.

Application Deadline:

Planning Application Deadlines - October 1, 2025

Bridge Project Application Deadline - November 1, 2025

NOFO can be found here:

<https://www.transportation.gov/rural/grant-toolkit/bridge-investment-program>

**NOFOS
published
prior to
January 20
2025 may
include items
that may be
updated.**



US 65 Bridge, Ozark, MO

FY 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

US DOT

The SS4A program supports the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) National Roadway Safety Strategy and our goal of zero roadway deaths using a Safe System Approach.

Implementation Grants provide Federal funds to implement projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan to address a roadway safety problem. Eligible projects and strategies can be infrastructural, behavioral, and/or operational activities.

Implementation Grants may also include supplemental planning and demonstration activities to inform an existing Action Plan, and project-level planning, design, and development activities.

Applicants must have an eligible comprehensive safety action plan (referred to as an "Action Plan") to apply for an Implementation Grant.

Eligible Projects:

- Develop a comprehensive safety action plan (Action Plan).
- Conduct supplemental safety planning to enhance an Action Plan.
- Carry out demonstration activities to inform the development of, or an update to, an Action Plan.
- Perform planning, design, and development activities for projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan.
- Implement projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan that address roadway safety problems.

Award Size: Implementation Grants - \$2.5 million to \$25 million
Planning and Demonstration Grants - \$100 k to \$5 million

Application information can be found here:
<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358587>

Application Due Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025

Applications must be submitted via VALID EVAL, an online submission proposal system used by USDOT.

OTO Safety Action Plan Complete

JURISDICTIONS CAN
REFERENCE THEIR
PROJECTS IN THE OTO'S
SAFETY ACTION PLAN TO
APPLY FOR SS4A
IMPLEMENTATION
GRANTS

[HTTPS://WWW.OZARKSTRANSPORTATION.ORG/OUR-RESOURCES/REPORTS-AND-STUDIES#B-SS4A-SAFETY-ACTION-PLAN](https://www.ozarkstransportation.org/our-resources/reports-and-studies#B-SS4A-SAFETY-ACTION-PLAN)





Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (ORLP)

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (MODNR)

MoDNR is now accepting applications under the ORLP program for projects that create new outdoor recreation spaces, reinvigorate existing parks and form connections between people and outdoors.



Frisco Highline Trail, Willard, MO

Eligible applicants include state agencies and local governments, including special purpose districts. The state agency or local government must be located within a community that is determined to be underserved and that had a population of 25,000 or more in the 2020 census. **Awards will range from \$300,000 to \$15 million.** 50% non-Federal cost share required.

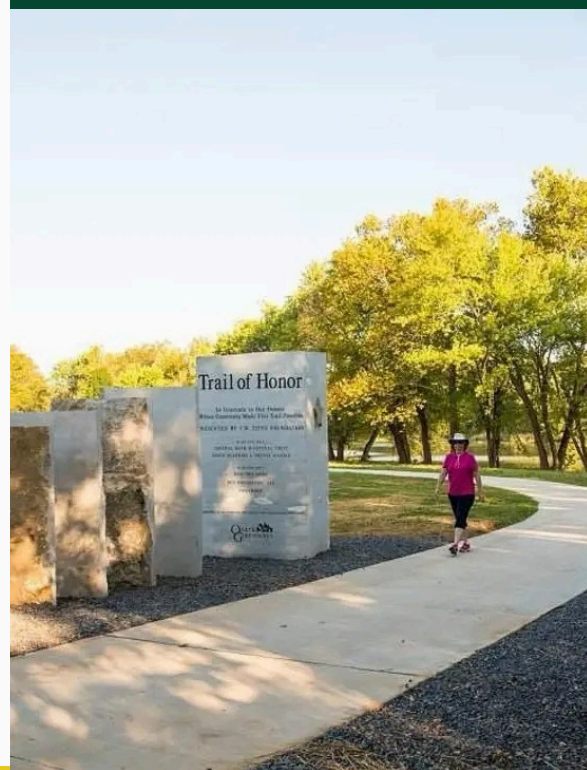
Application Deadline: Bi-Annual, next deadline is August 19, 2025

<https://mostateparks.com/page/55065/outdoor-recreation-grants>
The Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks has been designated the lead funding agency in Missouri. The federal NOFO can be found here: <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/357672>

OTO 2025 Sidewalk/Trail Funding Call for Projects Update

THE OTO BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL REVIEW AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED SIDEWALK AND TRAIL APPLICATIONS AT THE JULY 17, 2025 MEETING.

THE OTO RECEIVED 11 APPLICATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4.25 MILLION FEDERAL DOLLARS. \$3.56 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND \$0.69 MILLION FOR ENGINEERING PROJECTS.





Job Openings

SMCOG - Senior Planner <https://www.smcog.org/jobs>

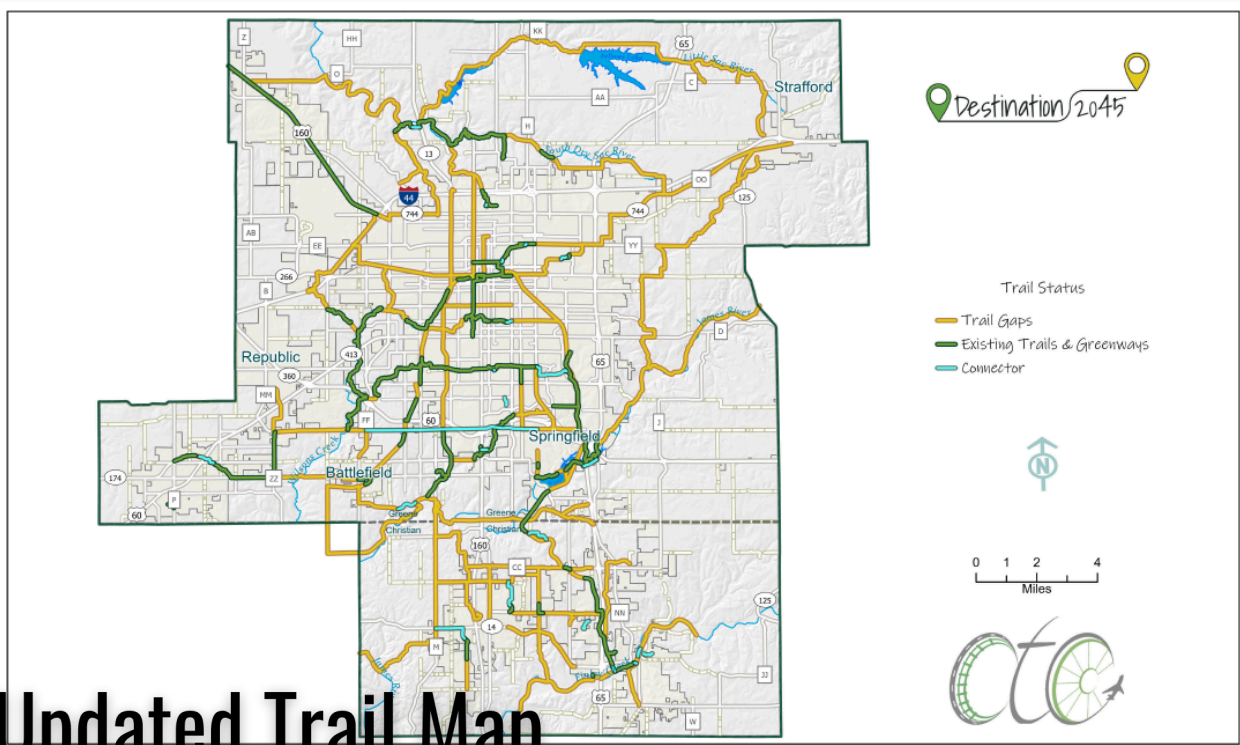
SMCOG - Associate Planner <https://www.smcog.org/jobs>

City of Springfield - Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/springfieldmo/jobs/4897541/assistant-director-of-parks-recreation-recreation?page=1&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

City of Springfield - Associate City Planner
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/springfieldmo/jobs/4940645/associate-city-planner>

City of Republic - GIS & Data Coordinator
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/republicmo/jobs/4807025/gis-data-coordinator?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

City of Republic - Public Works Director
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/republicmo/jobs/4699589/public-works-director?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>



Updated Trail Map