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*Attachment: Destination 2045 Amendment 3 packet*

**OTO is amending the long range transportation plan, *Destination 2045*.**

#### Added Projects

Three projects in the draft FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program are not on the Constrained Project List in *Destination 2045*:

- Main Avenue Bridge over Jordan Creek – estimated project cost of \$7,500,000
- Green Bridge in Christian County – estimated project cost of \$3,560,000
- EV Charger Program - \$973,500 program for about 60 chargers

#### Funding Update

The Fiscal Constraint section of *Destination 2045* does not include the Carbon Reduction Program suballocated funding. This has been added into the funding description and alongside the STBG-U Set-Aside in the funding tables. The annual TAP funding allocation has also been updated to reflect new funding levels.

#### Official Trail Map

OTO was in the midst of additional trail planning during the development of *Destination 2045*. A revised trail map has been developed in consultation with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and as a result of the *Towards a Regional Trail System* planning document. This has been incorporated as the Official OTO Trail Map into Chapter 8: Implementation Plan.

To see the plan as it is currently adopted: <https://www.ozarkstransportation.org/what-we-do/long-range-transportation-plan>

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The public comment period will end on July 19, 2023 at 5 p.m. The OTO Board of Directors will review and consider approving the Amendment at their July 20, 2023 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 Amendment.

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