

## **OTO 2022 Federal Legislative Priorities**

### **Immediate Priorities**

OTO supports additional funding for the Missouri I-44 corridor to improve freight movement, enhance safety and improve congestion.

OTO supports the timely passage of long-term transportation reauthorization legislation that includes increased funding levels for roads, bridges, transit, bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure and transportation planning.

OTO supports the streamlining of environmental review processes including one federal decision and reductions in authorization decision timelines to extend to Environmental Assessments as well Environment Impact Statements.

### **Ongoing Priorities**

OTO supports partnerships between local, state, and federal entities that will maximize available dollars through collaborative efforts.

OTO requests additional transportation infrastructure funding to support the OTO Priorities which include safety and congestion relieving projects, as well as bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure to support the continued development of a healthy region.

OTO supports an increase in the FAA Passenger Facility Charge to assist funding airport facilities.

OTO supports long term sustainable funding for transportation to strengthen the United States Highway Trust Fund program and ensure funding is available for the country's critical transportation infrastructure projects.

OTO supports more direct allocations to state, regional, and local governments with less federal oversight and streamlined regulations.

## **OTO 2022 State Legislative Priorities**

### **Immediate Priorities**

OTO supports additional funding for the Missouri I-44 corridor to improve freight movement, enhance safety and improve congestion.

OTO supports the MoDOT personnel services and fringe benefit appropriations request to increase compensation for MoDOT employees to market rate and add additional employees to deliver a larger construction program resulting from increased state and federal investment.

### **Ongoing Priorities**

OTO supports partnerships between MoDOT, local governments and the private sector including the cost share program.

OTO supports limiting transferring the maintenance of state-owned roadways to local jurisdictions in the case of cost-sharing projects except in cases of aesthetic improvements.

OTO supports Increased funding for multimodal transportation to improve port, rail, aviation, and a dedicated source of state transit funding for Missouri's public transit providers.

OTO opposes the transfer of state-owned roadways to local ownership and maintenance with or without funding to offset the cost.

OTO supports the passage of a primary seatbelt law to allow law enforcement to stop a driver for not wearing a safety belt.

OTO supports the prohibition of hand-held texting while driving for all drivers.

OTO supports reinstatement of the helmet law following a rise in motorcyclist fatalities in Missouri.