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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NOVEMBER 2024

### CITY OF WILLARD JACKSON STREET RESURFACING PROJECT



WELCOME TO OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION'S

## Monthly Update

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee - November 12, 2024 @ 1:00 PM

Local Coordinating Board for Transit - November 14, 2024 @ 3:00 PM

Board of Directors - November 21, 2024 @ 12:00 PM

Technical Planning Committee - December 18, 2024 @ 1:30 PM

### Local Project Updates

- Resurfacing of approximately 16 miles of various local roads in Springfield began on October 30th with High St. There are 3 roadway segments planned to be resurfaced this fall and the remainder will be completed in the spring.
- Schuyler Creek Trail is under construction!
- Construction bids for the Chadwick Flyer overpass and adjacent segments will be opened November 14th.



In this newsletter you will find:

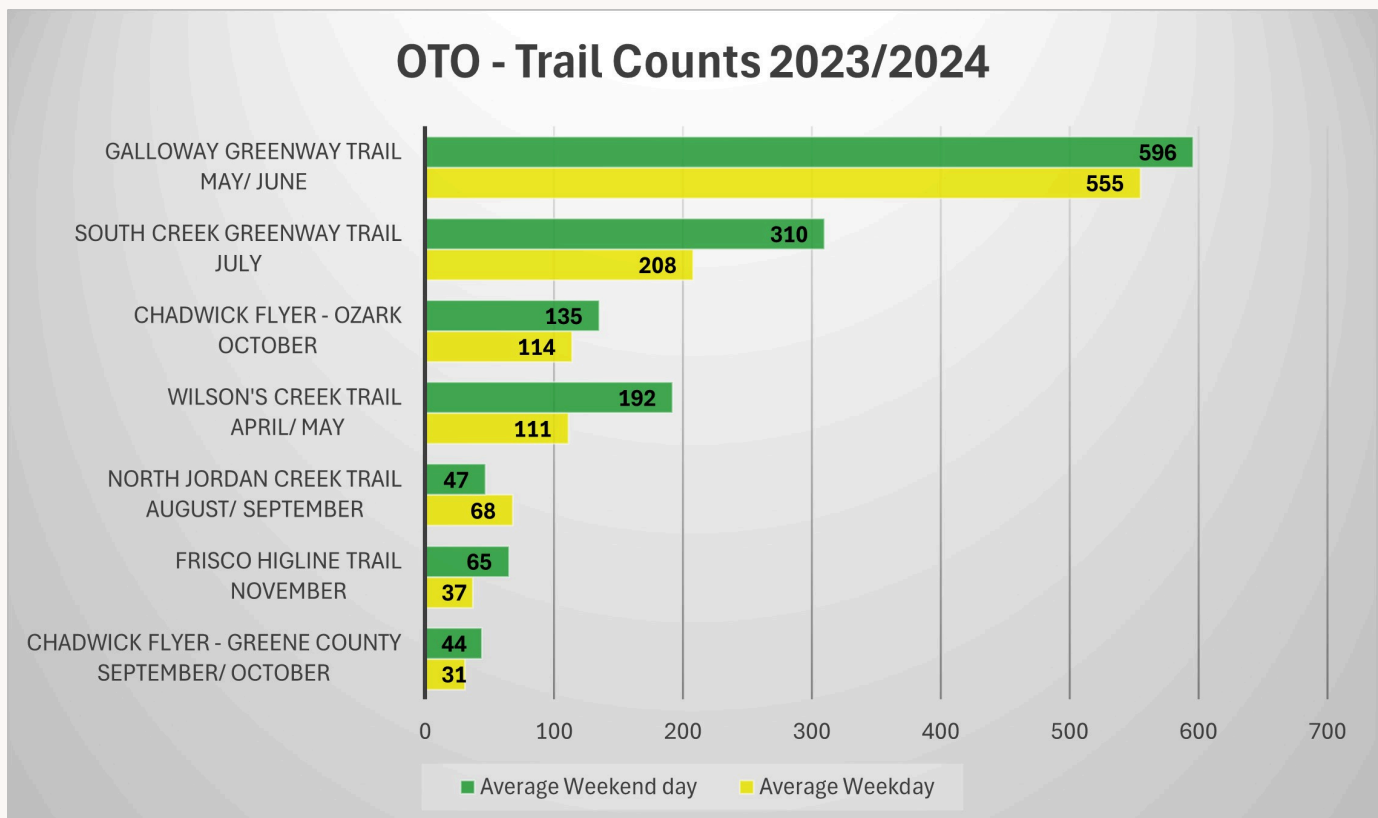
Latest grant announcements, resources, tools, and more. Keep Reading!

# OTO HOSTED PEL TRAINING INTEREST

The OTO is considering hosting a course offered by the National Highway Institute covering PEL (Planning and Environmental Linkages). It would be a two day course, we will try to request a spring date. The **cost per participant is \$530. Please let us know how many people in your organization would be interested in participating.** We are wanting to know if we would have enough people to meet the minimum number of participants.

The course emphasizes the following benefits of PEL:

- accelerate project delivery,
- development of purpose and need early in the planning process,
- elimination of unreasonable alternatives during the planning process,
- early and improved coordination with resource agencies and stakeholders,
- improved program and informed project decisions,
- less duplication and improve documentation,
- promotion of efficient and cost-effective solutions,
- earlier consideration of potential environmental effects, and
- enhanced consultation, coordination, and public involvement.





## ★ Help Prioritize the Safety Toolkit! Input Opportunity

- The Safety Toolkit recommends many approaches to improving safety on our roadways. Take our survey to help prioritize these great tools!

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/5d89d60050164de3b6e356811e32737e>

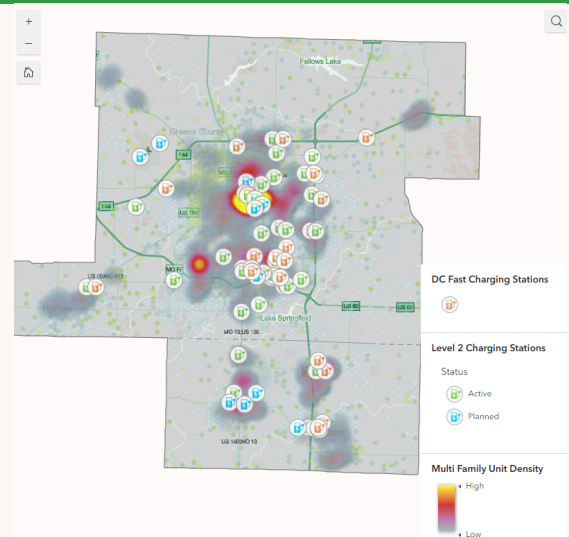


## EV CHARGING TOOLBOX NOW HERE!

The OTO EV Charging toolbox is now available on the OTO website. It includes basic information regarding EV Charging and provides resources for EV planning.

Access the webpage here:

<https://www.ozarkstransportation.org/our-resources/planning-tools/electric-charging>



# GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grants Program

FHWA announced \$800 million available to fund low carbon materials that create less pollution by reducing the levels of embodied greenhouse gas emissions, including concrete (and cement), glass, asphalt mix, and steel.

### Eligible Projects:

Funds may be used for work that may be necessary to determine material eligibility, availability, and appropriateness for use on eligible projects. This may include, but is not limited to, training and education, processes to qualify and use low carbon materials such as collection of environmental product declarations (EPDs), identification of local or regional “substantially lower” embodied carbon thresholds, specification development, engineering materials testing, and placement costs associated with low carbon materials during construction.

### NOFO can be found here:

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/lowcarbon/>

**Application Deadline:** November 25, 2024 @ 11:59 PM ET

## Regional Bridge Program

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is requesting project applications for off-system structures. This program replaces the previous BRO program and will be funded using BRO funds and new funds available through the Bridge Formula Program (BFP).

### Eligible Projects:

Eligible Bridges are included on the 2024 BRO Eligible Bridge List with an estimate of replacement cost. The list can be found on the OTO grants webpage and MoDOT Call for Project webpage below.

### NOFO can be found here:

<https://www.modot.org/node/56603>

**Application Deadline:** Friday, November 15, 2024 @ 5:00 PM CST

Applications are to be submitted to the Southwest District Office.

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# GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT.

## Missouri Propane School Bus Grant

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) is providing funding assistance to local education agencies (LEAs) for the purchase of school buses powered by propane.

LEAs that can provide documentation of the purchase or commitment to purchase qualifying buses may apply to receive funding during the 2024-25 fiscal year. Applications meeting the requirements will be prioritized on a first-come, first-served basis.

After the initial application period, should funds remain available, a second round of funding will be offered using the same criteria that will be applied to the first round.

### Eligible Buses:

- Have a propane drivetrain
- Be model year 2024 or newer
- Be certified to conform with all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) and Missouri Minimum Standards for School Buses
- Be equipped with an EPA certified engine
- Be purchased, not leased or leased-to-own
- Be maintained, operated, insured, registered, and fueled according to manufacturer recommendations and state requirements

**Project Size:** Project award minimum \$24,250 per bus, maximum of four buses

### NOFO can be found here:

<https://dese.mo.gov/media/pdf/guidance-missouri-propane-bus-grant>

Application Deadline: December 15, 2024

For Information contact David Tramel:  
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## Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program provides grants for surface transportation infrastructure projects with significant local or regional impact.

### Eligible Applicants for RAISE grants are:

- States and the District of Columbia;
- a unit of local government;
- a public agency or publicly chartered authority established by 1 or more States;
- a special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority;
- a transit agency; and
- a multi-State or multijurisdictional group of entities that are separately eligible.

Capital projects including but not limited to:

- highway, bridge, or other road projects eligible under title 23, United States Code;
- public transportation projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code;
- passenger and freight rail transportation projects;
- port infrastructure investments (including inland port infrastructure and land ports of entry);
- the surface transportation components of an airport project eligible for assistance under part B of subtitle VII

- intermodal projects;
- projects to replace or rehabilitate a culvert or prevent stormwater runoff for the purpose of improving habitat for aquatic species while advancing the goals of the RAISE program;
- projects investing in surface transportation facilities that are located on Tribal land and for which title or maintenance responsibility is vested in the Federal Government; and
- any other surface transportation infrastructure project that the Secretary considers to be necessary to advance the goals of the program.
- Planning projects which include planning, preparation, or design (for example - environmental analysis, equity analysis, community engagement, feasibility studies, benefit cost analysis (BCA), and other pre-construction activities) of eligible surface transportation capital projects that will not result in construction with FY 2025 RAISE funding.

**Project Size** - Project award minimum \$5 million Urban Capital and \$1 million Rural Capital projects

### NOFO can be found here:

<https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants/raise-nofo>

**Application Deadline:** January 30, 2025

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## Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program

This program helps communities identify strategies to grow their outdoor recreation economy and revitalize their main streets.

### Eligible Applicants:

- Partnerships between:
  - a. Two community-based nonprofit organizations (CBO) or
  - b. Partnerships between a CBO and a federally recognized local government or institution of higher education.

### Eligible Projects:

- Constructing new, expanded or enhanced bikeways, walkways or non-motorized urban trails that reduce vehicle miles traveled and related air pollution by providing safe routes for zero-emission travel between residences, workplaces, commercial and community centers and schools.
- Purchasing, constructing and/or installing infrastructure, equipment or facilities to create and/or support low or zero-emission transportation options.
- All applications must demonstrate that the projects will benefit disadvantaged communities.

No cost sharing or match is required as a condition of eligibility.

### Project Size:

- Project Track I - awards between \$10-20 million
- Project Track II - awards between \$1-3 million.

### NOFO can be found here:

<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-08/environmental-and-climate-justice-community-change-grants-program-notice-of-funding-opportunity-nofo-august-2024.pdf>

**Application Deadline:** Open application until Thursday, November 21, 2024.

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# Jobs Opportunities

## CURRENT JOBS OPEN IN THE AREA

### **CITY OF REPUBLIC - DATA ENGINEER & PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY OF REPUBLIC WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://WWW.GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM/CAREERS/REPUBLICMO](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/republicmo)

### **CITY OF OZARK - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY OF OZARK WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://OZARKMISSOURI.COM/JOBS.ASPX?](https://ozarkmissouri.com/jobs.aspx?)

[UNIQUEID=71&FROM=ALL&COMMUNITYJOBS=FALSE&JOBID=COMMUNITY-DEVELOPMENT-DIRECTOR-1](https://ozarkmissouri.com/jobs.aspx?uniqueid=71&from=all&communityjobs=false&jobid=community-development-director-1)

### **CITY OF SPRINGFIELD - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://WWW.GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM/CAREERS/SPRINGFIELDMO/JOBS/4629351/PLAN-REVIEW-SPECIALIST](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/springfieldmo/jobs/4629351/plan-review-specialist)

### **CHRISTIAN COUNTY - SENIOR PLANNER**

INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON CHRISTIAN COUNTY'S WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://CHRISTIANCOUNTYMO.CRITERIONHCM.COM/JOBS/395/1/#331](https://christiancountymocriterionhcm.com/jobs/395/1/#331)

### **MODOT - TRANSPORTATION PLANNER**

INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON MODOT'S WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://MOCAREERS.MO.GOV/HIRETRUE/CE3/JOB-BOARD/5EFFE9B2-4B89-494B-AC76-C45E25190768/D7D7AADF-EEC4-458E-A5C8-1FE8BE2D8EBF?JB=1](https://mocareers.mo.gov/hiretrue/ce3/job-board/5effe9b2-4b89-494b-ac76-c45e25190768/d7d7aadf-ee4-458e-a5c8-1fe8be2d8ebf?jb=1)

### **MODOT - LPA PROGRAM MANAGER - TRANSPORTATION PROJECT DESIGNER**

INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON MODOT'S WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://MOCAREERS.MO.GOV/HIRETRUE/CE3/JOB-BOARD/5EFFE9B2-4B89-494B-AC76-C45E25190768/3BEE63C7-B753-4A37-A36E-FFA6E1A6E605?JB=1](https://mocareers.mo.gov/hiretrue/ce3/job-board/5effe9b2-4b89-494b-ac76-c45e25190768/3bee63c7-b753-4a37-a36e-ffa6e1a6e605?jb=1)



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# OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA) BASIC TRAINING

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MODOT, LTAP IS HOSTING A LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA) BASIC TRAINING – PERSON OF RESPONSIBLE CHARGE THREE-PART SERIES TRAINING.

PROJECTS ADMINISTERED BY LOCAL AGENCIES USING TITLE 23 FEDERAL FUNDS REQUIRE THE LOCAL AGENCY TO HAVE A “QUALIFIED PERSON OF RESPONSIBLE CHARGE” WHO IS A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE PROJECT.

SESSION OVERVIEW CAN BE FOUND BELOW AND A REGISTRATION LINK (ONE LINK FOR ALL 3 SESSIONS) CAN BE FOUND ON THE MISSOURI LOCAL TRAINING & RESOURCE CENTER WEBSITE HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.MLTRC.ORG/ASSNFE/EV.ASP?ID=2573](https://www.mltrc.org/assnfe/ev.asp?ID=2573)

**PART I TOPICS COVERED: - NOVEMBER 13, 2024 - 12:30 PM TO 2:00 PM**

GETTING STARTED

AUDITS AND REVIEWS

PLANNING A PROJECT

HIRING A CONSULTANT

**PART II TOPICS COVERED: - NOVEMBER 19, 2024 - 12:30 PM TO 3:00 PM**

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL REQUIREMENTS

DEVELOPING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND PROJECT ESTIMATE

BUYING RIGHT OF WAY

**PART III TOPICS COVERED: - NOVEMBER 20, 2024 – 9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM**

BIDDING A PROJECT

CONSTRUCTION OF A PROJECT

FINAL CLOSE OUT OF A PROJECT



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