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Attachment: Draft FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program packet

The Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) announces a public comment period for the Draft FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP is a listing of work to be undertaken by the OTO for the 2027 fiscal year which runs from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. Some of the items included for the next fiscal year are:

- Board of Directors, Technical Committee, Local Coordinating Board for Transit, Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and Traffic Incident Management Subcommittee meetings
- Focus on Safe and Accessible Transportation Options
- Long Range Transportation Plan Development
- Transportation Improvement Program
- Continued maintenance of Ozarkstransportation.org and giveyourinput.org
- Annual State of Transportation Report
- Prioritization of projects for use of MoDOT system improvement funds
- Growth Trends Report

How to comment:

Online: <http://giveyourinput.org>

Email: comment@ozarkstransportation.org

Fax: 417-862-6013

In writing: OTO, 2208 W. Chesterfield Blvd., Suite 101, Springfield, MO 65807

The public comment period will end on May 20, 2026, at 5 p.m. The OTO Board of Directors will review and consider approving the UPWP at their May 21, 2026, 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 FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program.

For more information, contact: Debbie Parks, Finance Officer/Grants Administrator, Ozarks Transportation Organization, 2208 W. Chesterfield Boulevard, Suite 101, Springfield, Missouri 65807, 417-865-3042.

Ozarks Transportation Organization is your Springfield-regional Metropolitan Planning Organization, or MPO. The MPO is a body of elected and appointed members who work together with local, state, and federal elected officials and policy-makers, serving to make funding and planning decisions for transportation within the Springfield, MO region.

Public input is a cornerstone of our operations. To tell us what you think, please email us at comment@ozartstransportation.org. Find us on Facebook or on Twitter @theOTOMPO.

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