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Attachment: Destination 2045 Amendment 9 packet

Several items are included in Amendment 9 to the long range transportation plan, *Destination 2045*.

Updated Major Throughfare Plan

A. Removal of Proposed Collector in Springfield and Greene County

Toth and Associates, on behalf of the Hawkins Mill development, is requesting the removal of a proposed collector between Farm Roads 151 and 159, north of Norton Road in Greene County and the City of Springfield. This request is also being considered concurrently by Greene County and Springfield.

B. Removal of Proposed FF Extension

OTO staff is requesting the removal of the FF Extension from Farm Road 194 to Route 14, as a result of the updated travel demand model. This would also include the removal the Guin Road and Tracker Extensions that would have provided connectivity west to the FF Extension.

Updated Official Trail Map

In 2023, OTO adopted an official trail map through Amendment Three of *Destination 2045*. The official trail map was developed in collaboration with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and based on the *Towards a Regional Trail System* planning document. Since its adoption, new construction and planning of regional trails, along with public feedback from OTO's *Destination Safe Streets* plan and local jurisdiction planning, have highlighted the need to update the official trail map.

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 May 14, 2025 at 5 p.m. The OTO Board of Directors will review and consider approving the Amendments at their May 15, 2025 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 Amendments.

For more information, contact: Natasha Longpine, Transportation Planning Manager, Ozarks Transportation Organization, 2208 W. Chesterfield Boulevard, Suite 101, Springfield, Missouri 65807, 417-865-3042.

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