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*Attachment: Destination 2045 Amendments 4, 5, 6 packet*

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

**Amendment 4**

Updated Projects

One project in the draft FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program is not on the Constrained Project List in *Destination 2045*, so two projects have been moved from the Unconstrained to Constrained list:

- 173 – Route 125/OO Intersection Improvements
- 174 – Route OO Capacity Improvements

Several estimates have also been updated to reflect the work programmed in the FY 2025-2028 TIP:

- 5 – I-44 Capacity Improvements from Kansas Expressway to Glenstone Avenue > updated Time Band to 2025 and Cost to \$51,716,260
- 126 – Kansas Expressway Capital Improvements Phases I, II, and III from Norton Road to Kearney, including the I-44 Interchange > updated cost to \$57,224,000.

Updated Funding

Additional funding has been made available for I-44 and the 2025 funding projects have been updated to reflect the amount of funding for 2025 shown in the FY 2025-2028 TIP. Suballocated funding estimates for STBG-U, TAP, and CRP have also been updated in the LRTP revenue projection tables.

**Amendment 5 – Major Thoroughfare Plan for Springfield/Greene County**

A request has been made to update the Major Thoroughfare Plan near Haseltine/Farm Road 115 and Chestnut Expressway, in relation to property owned by Springfield Underground. A portion of the proposed principal arterial has been removed, the roadway realigned with existing access, and the functional classification changed to collector, as seen on the included map. The City of Springfield and Greene County will concurrently update their plans with the OTO approval process.

## **Amendment 6 – Major Thoroughfare Plan for Ozark**

A request has been made to update the Major Thoroughfare Plan in Ozark for the connection between Jackson and Selmore along 17<sup>th</sup> Street. This is currently a principal arterial in the OTO MTP, while Ozark has the existing portion of 17<sup>th</sup> as a secondary, with the proposed sections as primary. The proposal is to classify the entire corridor as a secondary arterial. Ozark will concurrently update their plan along side the OTO process.

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 17, 2024 at 5 p.m. The OTO Board of Directors will review and consider approving the Amendments at their July 18, 2024 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.

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