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*Attachment: Public Participation Plan*

The Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) is seeking public input on an update to its *Public Participation Plan*. The *Public Participation Plan* (PPP) outlines how the OTO informs, engages, and gathers public input on plans and policies at key decision points in the regional transportation planning process.

Changes in this update include a new section describing how OTO evaluates and improves its public outreach efforts, updates language and processes throughout the document to improve clarity and reflect current guidance and practices and expands descriptions of engagement tools and opportunities for public involvement.

**Comments can be submitted via:**

- Online at GiveUsYourInput.org (<http://giveusyourinput.org/>)
- Email at [comment@ozarkstransportation.org](mailto: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 at **5pm on July 13, 2026**. Comments received will be reviewed and incorporated where appropriate before the plan is presented to OTO Board of Directors for adoption, which is scheduled for **July 16, 2026**.

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@ozarkstransportation.org](mailto:comment@ozarkstransportation.org). Find us on Facebook or on X @theOTOMPO. Or call, or stop by our office at 2208 W. Chesterfield Boulevard, Suite 101, in beautiful Chesterfield Village.

For more information, contact: David Knaut, Multimodal Planner, Ozarks Transportation Organization, 2208 W. Chesterfield Boulevard, Suite 101, Springfield, Missouri 65807, 417-865-3047.

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