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*Attachment: TIP Amendment 1 packet*

**Multiple changes are proposed for Amendment Number 1 to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program and can be found in the attached packet.**

1. **\*Revised\* I-44 Safety Project (MO2521)**  
MoDOT has requested to consolidate this project with the broader design-build project from Joplin to Conway. The project description, MoDOT Job Number, and programming information has been updated, as well as the revenue projections for MoDOT to account for the larger project.

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The public comment period will end on September 24, 2025 at 5 p.m. The OTO Board of Directors will review and consider approving the Amendment at their September 25, 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 Amendment.

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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