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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

TO: Ozark Transportation Organization (OTO) – Technical Planning Committee (TPC)

Date: March 12, 2019

RE: Right-of-Way Variance Request

OTO Staff and Fellow Members,

The Public Works Department has reviewed preliminary plans for a commercial development within Ozark's Central Business District. The development is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of 3rd Street and Walnut Street (please see exhibit "B").

The City of Ozark has adopted the OTO Major Thoroughfare Plan (MTP) and works with the OTO to ensure that design standards and right-of-way requirements are adhered to when achievable. Ozark's planning and public works staff are working together to make certain that this portion of 3rd Street is enhanced in a manner that preserves the downtown character while efficiently and safely moving traffic through our Central Business District. Transportation planning efforts have been concentrated on the current and future development of Ozark's Historic Downtown and concepts have been preliminarily designed to focus on a pleasant pedestrian and vehicular experience.

The City of Ozark has worked closely with OTO staff and MODOT to determine the appropriate amount of right-of-way necessary to achieve the goals outlined by all the entities. City staff is requesting that this variance in right-of-way requirement be granted in an effort to promote additional investment and encourage redevelopment along the 3rd St. corridor,

Respectfully,

Jeremy Parsons

Public Works Director