

Public Comments

Received after the April TPC Agenda was sent out





PUBLIC COMMENT



Area of concern: OATS

City/County of concern: N/A

Date received: 04/12/2024

Received through: Comment Email

Contact Name: Alma [REDACTED]

Contact Email/Ph #: [REDACTED]

Comment: Hello and thank you for reading my input. I ride the OATS bus and sometimes scheduling is difficult because there are so many riders in Springfield. My ride is never on time causing me to be late for my medical appointments. Some doctors will forfeit the appointment if the patient is late. Also, I think the OATS' Drivers are overworked. They deal with a lot of disabled riders who need help boarding the bus and help getting off of the bus. I think a helper riding along would save time and wear and tear on the Driver. I am never asked to pay for my ride but I am happy to do so. My daughter, who is disabled, rides with me and we are both willing to pay. These funds could be used to enhance the program. Presently, I think it is difficult for the Driver to collect and account for fees. They are just too busy. A Helper could take care of fees. Thank you for allowing my input.

Respectfully yours,

Alma [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

OTO Response: Thank you for this information. Public input is vital to the planning process. OATS is a partner agency we work with for vehicle funding opportunities. We are not directly involved in the scheduling or rider fees. We will forward this message to OATS. They have dealt with driver shortages in the recent past, but I do not know if that is still an issue. Thank you again for this input. We appreciate hearing from the public.



PUBLIC COMMENT



Area of concern: Lyon & El Camino Alto Drive

City/County of concern: Springfield/Greene County

Date received: 04/13/2024

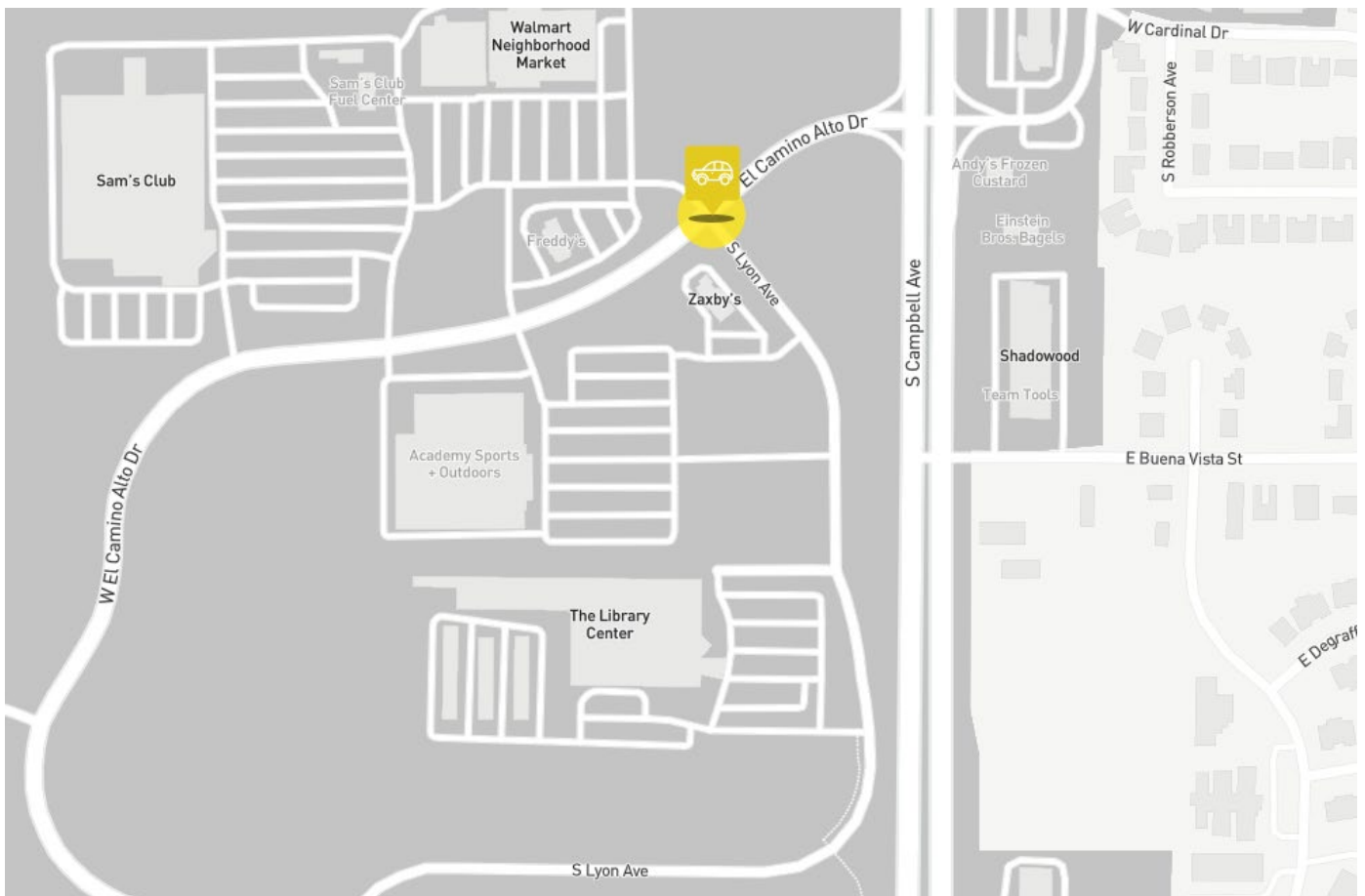
Received through: Map-A-Concern (OTO website)

Contact Name: Mandi

Contact Email/Ph #: N/A

Comment: This area of road is a constant bottleneck. Traffic stopped at the light blocks vehicles trying to enter and exit Lyon Avenue.

Map



OTO Response: Unable to respond through the Map-A-Concern feature



PUBLIC COMMENT



Area of concern: Cox Road / W Vincent / S Warren

City/County of concern: Greene County/Springfield

Date received: 04/13/2024

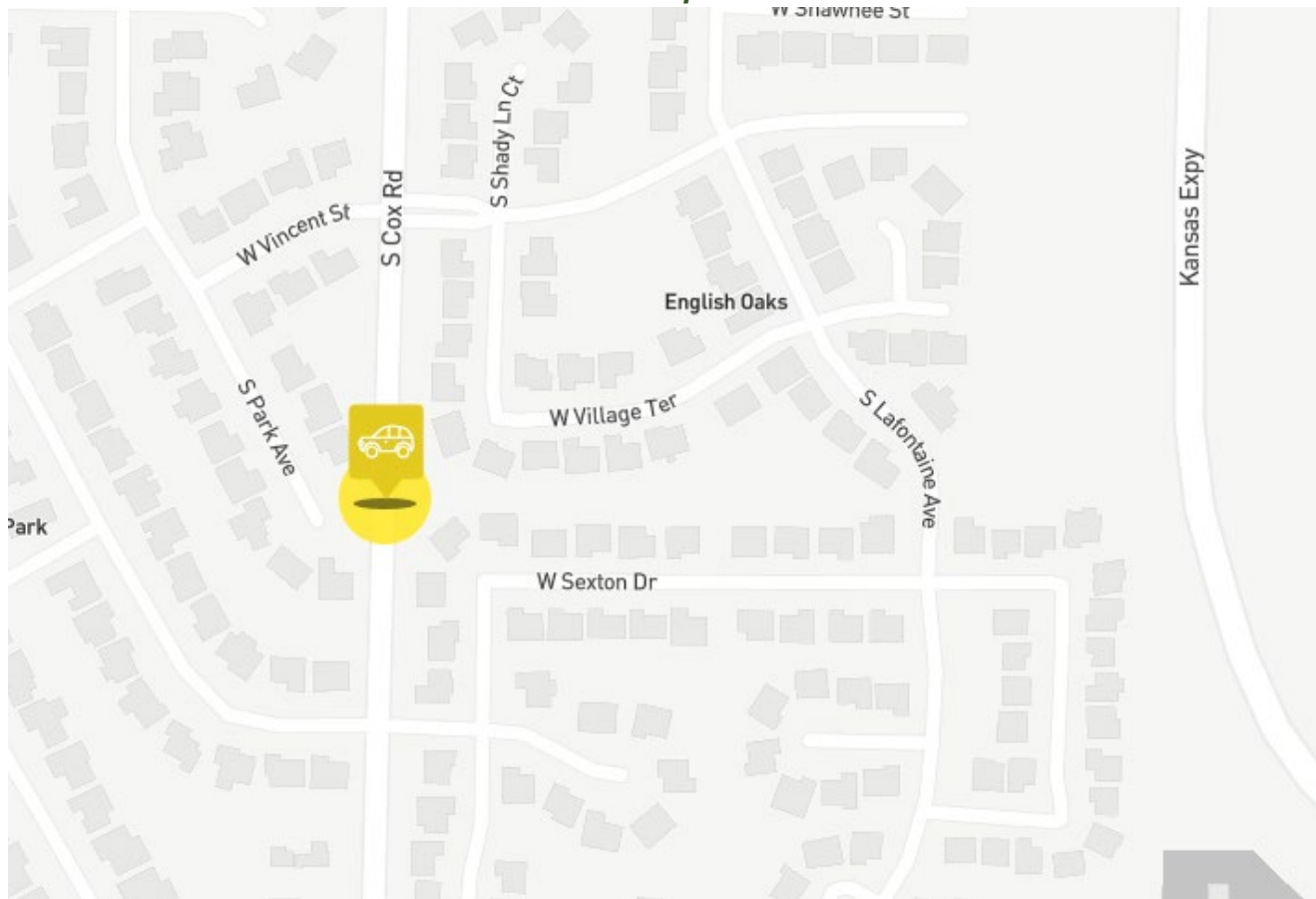
Received through: Map-A-Concern (OTO website)

Contact Name: D [REDACTED]

Contact Email/Ph #: N/A

Comment: Construct a raised median island on S Cox Road from W Vincent to S Warren. Not only will it create a traffic calming effect and slow down the speeding vehicles, it will prevent bad drivers from using the center turn lane as a dangerous passing lane. No driveways are in this area so there will be no impact on the resident.

Map



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PUBLIC COMMENT



Area of concern: Scenic from Grand to Sunshine

City/County of concern: Greene County/Springfield

Date received: 04/13/2024

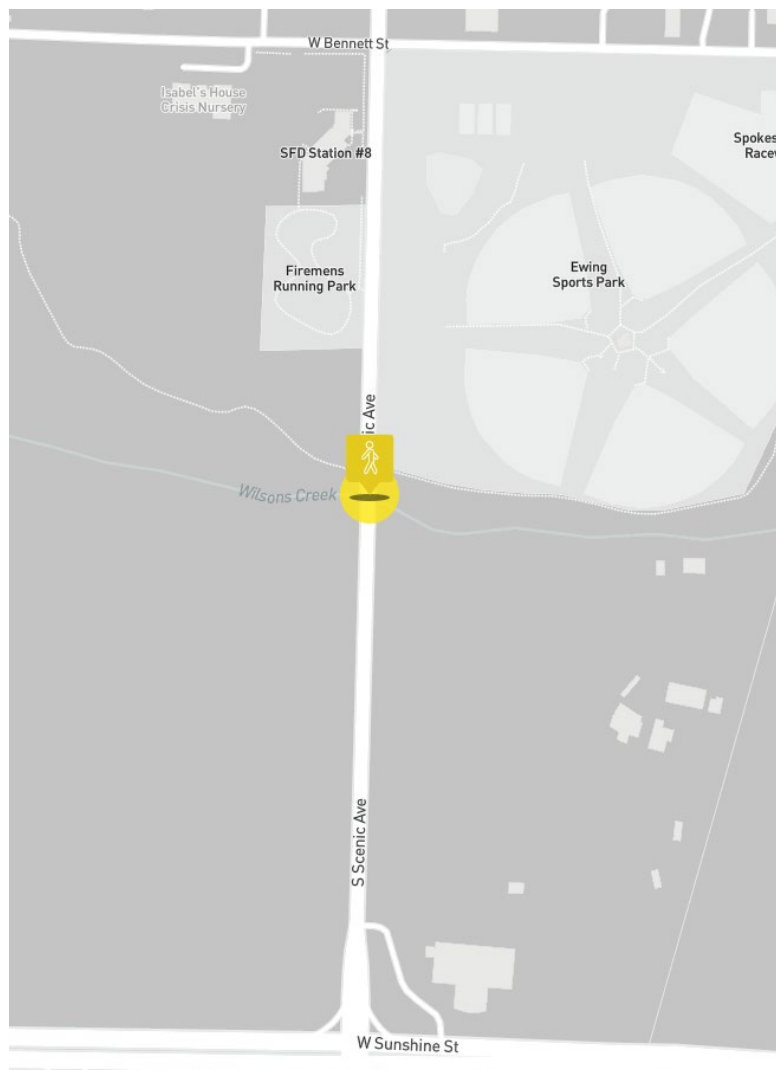
Received through: Map-A-Concern (OTO website)

Contact Name: Mandi

Contact Email/Ph #: N/A

Comment: This bridge is very narrow and highly trafficked by cars, bicycles, and pedestrians. The bridge needs to be widened and sidewalks need to be added the entire length of scenic between Grand and Sunshine.

Map



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PUBLIC COMMENT



Area of concern: US 160 / Campbell

City/County of concern: Greene County

Date received: 04/15/2024

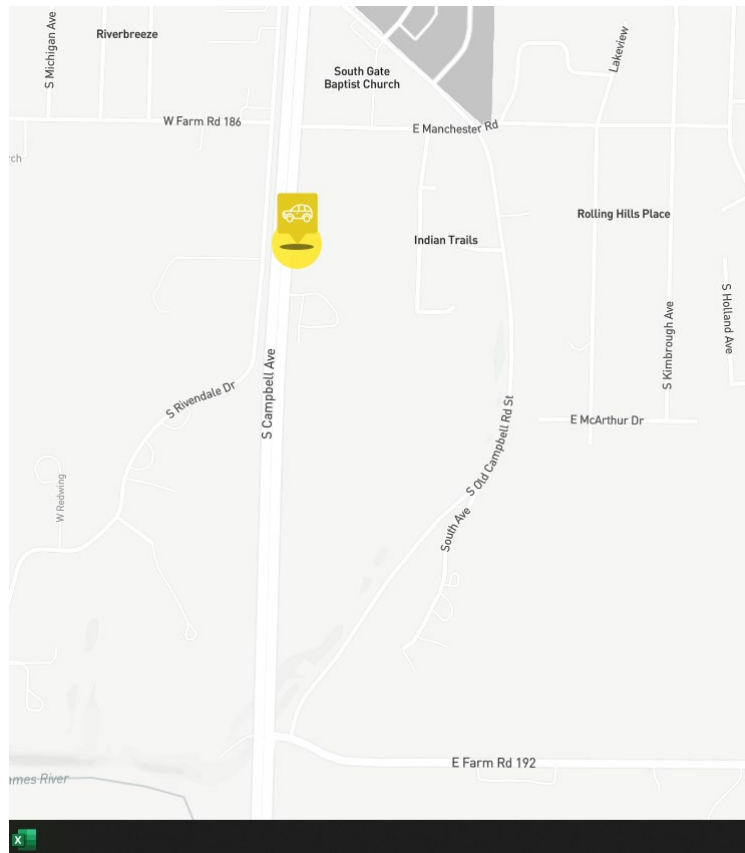
Received through: Map-A-Concern (OTO website)

Contact Name: Not provided

Contact Email/Ph #: N/A

Comment: The terminating left lane southbound on US 160 is a terrible idea. It causes a lot of dangerous driving behavior, speeding, C and I driving, etc. Every time I drive through there I witness a near accident. The left lane is the is now for anyone who has enough horsepower to pass other cars, the center lane is where you go to get cut off, and the right lane is where you go in hopes of avoiding the pending crashes.

Map



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PUBLIC COMMENT



Area of concern: Fremont & Jackson

City/County of concern: Ozark/Greene County

Date received: 04/15/2024

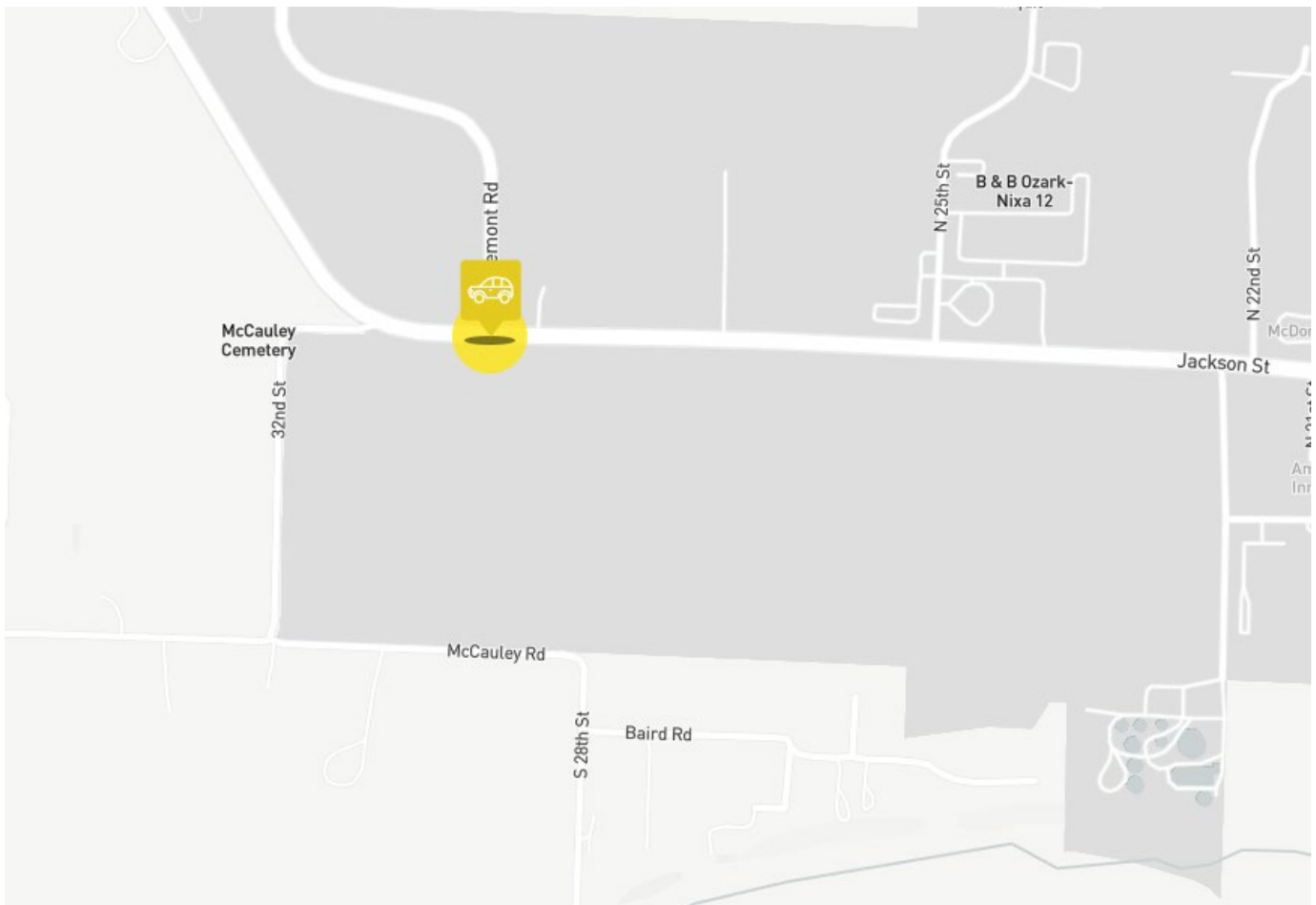
Received through: Map-A-Concern (OTO website)

Contact Name: Anonymous

Contact Email/Ph #: N/A

Comment: Even with improvements, this intersection is still difficult to turn left from Fremont during busy times of day. Cars coming from the west tend to drive in the lefthand lane making it difficult to pull into traffic.

Map



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PUBLIC COMMENT



Area of concern: OATS

City/County of concern: N/A

Date received: 04/15/2024

Received through: Comment Email

Contact Name: Emily [REDACTED] Contact Email/Ph #: [REDACTED]

Comment:

There is a huge need for OATs transportation for individuals with disabilities. Navigating the city bus system can be overwhelming and unsafe for this population so having OATs available is very important.

**Emily [REDACTED]
Director of Community Connections & Employment Solutions
The Arc of the Ozarks**

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

OTO Response:

Thank you for this information. Public input is vital to the planning process. OATS is essential to the transportation network. Currently, OTO works with OATS for vehicle funding opportunities. This information will be shared with our Technical Planning Committee and Board of Directors and forwarded to OATS. Thank you again for your input!

Have a wonderful day!



PUBLIC COMMENT



Area of concern: Daytime Population Due to Commuters

City/County of concern: N/A

Date received: 04/16/2024

Received through: Comment Email

Contact Name: Raylene [REDACTED]

Contact Email/Ph #: [REDACTED]

Comment:

Would you happen to have information about how Springfield's population increases during the day due to commuters? As a commercial property appraisal company, we include facts about the region and Springfield in our reports, and the daytime population of Springfield is one of those facts we've had in the past. Sadly, we're now having a hard time finding a source that includes the dwelling or regular population of Springfield, the daytime population due to commuters, AND the year/time frame those population numbers come from. SpringfieldRegion.com has a daytime population statement but does not cite the year/date for the numbers quoted., and I'm pretty sure it's old because the current population estimate from the US Census Bureau is clearly higher.

Will greatly appreciate any help you can provide regarding this topic!

Thank you, Raylene [REDACTED]

OTO Response:

That is a very good question. My coworker that handles data is at a conference this week. I will check with him next week to see if he has any resources for you.

Have a wonderful day!