

OTO Federal Legislative Priorities

Short Term Priorities

OTO supports legislation that provides states, cities and counties the right to collect sales and use taxes from internet sales regardless of the location of the business providing the good or service.

OTO's top project request is the upgrade of highways around Springfield to the I-244 loop designation.

OTO supports the Appropriation of funding levels approved in the FAST Act which authorized annual increases for transportation through 2020. Transportation appropriations should honor the authorized funding level.

OTO advocates for an increase in the FAA Passenger Facility Charge and supports a multi-year Federal Aviation Authorization Bill to avoid the disruption of continued short-term extensions and ensure needed airport improvements are made.

OTO requests funding to support the OTO Priority Projects of Regional Significance which includes safety and congestion relieving projects to support the continued development of a healthy region.

Longer Term Priorities

The OTO encourages continued support of partnerships between local, state, and federal entities that will maximize available dollars through collaborative efforts.

OTO supports long term sustainable funding for transportation in order to strengthen the United States Highway Trust Fund program and ensure funding is available for the country's critical transportation infrastructure projects.

OTO supports federal operating assistance for the Springfield area's transit systems including efforts to secure capital funds for bus replacement and multimodal infrastructure.

OTO supports more direct allocations to state, regional, and local governments with less federal oversight and streamlined regulations.