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A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Attachment: TIP packet

Five new items are proposed for the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program. Annually, the Springfield region receives FTA Section 5307, Urbanized Area Formula Funding, which can be used for planning, security, and some operations of transit which serves the public. City Utilities applied for, and if approved, will receive funding for the following projects.

1. ***New*** Operating Assistance – Fixed Route (CU1600)
Operating Assistance in the amount of \$1,700,000 with local match of \$1,700,000.
2. ***New*** Preventative Maintenance (CU1601)
Subsidy of preventative maintenance expenses for existing public transit service with \$402,541 in federal funding and \$100,635 local match.
3. ***New*** ADA Paratransit Maintenance of Existing Operations (CU1602)
Subsidy of existing ADA paratransit bus service with \$254,218 in federal funding and \$63,555 local match.
4. ***New*** Transit Planning – FTA 5307 (CU1604)
This project is listed in the OTO UPWP each year for short range transit planning activities with federal funding of \$160,000 and local match of \$40,000.
5. ***New*** Transit Security – FTA 5307 (CU1605)
This project is for the purchase of capital security equipment with \$25,422 in federal funding and \$6,356 in local match.

The public comment period will continue until April 21, 2016. After reviewing recommendations and public comments, the OTO Board of Directors will decide whether to formally adopt the amendment at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 21, 2016, at noon, at 2208 W. Chesterfield Boulevard. Suite 101, Springfield, MO.

The amendment will be available for review at the Ozarks Transportation Organization offices and at ozarkstransportation.org. Comments may be submitted in writing to Ozarks Transportation Organization, 2208 W. Chesterfield Boulevard, Suite 101, Springfield, Missouri 65807, emailed to comment@ozarkstransportation.org or faxed to 417-862-6013. The Amendment packet is also attached in this email press release.

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@ozartstransportation.org. Find us on Facebook, or on Twitter @giveusyourinput. Or call, or stop by our office at 2208 W. Chesterfield Boulevard, Suite 101, in beautiful Chesterfield Village.

Si usted necesita la ayuda de un traductor del idioma español, por favor comuníquese con la Debbie Parks al teléfono 417-865-3042, cuando menos 48 horas antes de la reunión.

Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Debbie Parks at 417-865-3042 at least 2 working days prior to the expiration of the public comment period.

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