



**OZARKS
TRANSPORTATION
ORGANIZATION**

A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
DECEMBER 19, 2016**

MEDIA CONTACT

Sara Fields
417-865-3042 (102)
417-862-6013 (f)
comment@ozarkstransportation.org

Ozarks Transportation Organization receives perfect audit

The OTO Board of Directors accepted the FY 2015-2016 Financial Statement Audit at the December 15, 2016 meeting. Auditor Cinda Rodgers presented an Unmodified Opinion regarding the financial statement audit for fiscal year 2016, which runs July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Ms. Rodgers stated the Unmodified Opinion is as good as can be given, and praised the staff for the internal controls and accounting policies that are in place. She added that from her perspective, the OTO is a well-run organization, and the financial records are in great shape.

"The Board of Directors has always known our staff was top notch," said Chair Bob Cirtin, adding, "The citizens of Southwest Missouri can rest assured their transportation tax dollars are being used in the best means possible."

The Board of Directors praised the staff, commending Debbie Parks, Operations Manager and Sara Fields, Executive Director, for their efforts to ensure the finances of the OTO are protected from fraud and misuse and are spent wisely. The Board also thanked them for being open and transparent with the OTO's accounting practices.

Si usted necesita la ayuda de un traductor del idioma español, por favor comuníquese con la Andy Thomason 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 Andy Thomason at 417-865-3042 at least 2 working days prior to the expiration of the public comment period.

If you need relay services please call the following numbers: 711 - Nationwide relay service; 1-800-735-2966 - Missouri TTY service; 1-800-735-0135 - Missouri voice carry-over service.

OTO fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. For more information or to obtain a Title VI Complaint Form, see www.ozarkstransportation.org, or call 417-865-3042.