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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Springfield-area, requests public comment on an update to the OTO Public Participation Plan. The *2017 Public Participation Plan* comment period will last for **45 days from April 28, 2017 to June 12, 2017**. Comments received will be reviewed and incorporated where appropriate before the Plan is presented to the OTO Board of Directors for adoption. A draft of the *2017 Public Participation Plan* is available for review at the OTO office, 2208 W. Chesterfield Blvd, Suite 101, Springfield, MO 65807 and online at [ozarkstransportation.org](http://ozarkstransportation.org). Comments may be submitted in writing by mail, by fax at (417) 862-6013, by email at [comment@ozarkstransportation.org](mailto:comment@ozarkstransportation.org), or at [giveusyourinput.org](http://giveusyourinput.org).

The *Plan* documents how the OTO will provide for public involvement on plans and policies at key decision points in the regional transportation planning process. As the federally designated MPO for the Springfield metro area, the OTO is required to maintain a public participation plan. The *Plan* also includes survey results and performance measures to identify the most effective ways to reach out to all interested parties and improve community engagement.

All individuals and organizations with an interest in transportation are encouraged to provide input on the *Plan*, especially members of under-represented groups including individuals with disabilities, lower income persons, and minority populations.

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