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Attachment: Program Management Plan

The Ozarks Transportation Organization is seeking public input on an amendment to its *Program Management Plan for the Section 5310: Enhancing Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities* grant program. The *Program Management Plan* outlines how the grant program is administered. This includes who is eligible to apply, what projects are eligible for funding, and how applications will be scored.

Changes included in this amendment include revised scoring criteria, refined listing of eligible projects, and eligibility requirements for applicants. The revised scoring criteria prioritizes, all other things equal, applications that offer flexibility in scheduling, extended hours of operations, and services that connect communities. The list of eligible projects has been changed to reflect long-standing practices. Finally, the requirement to participate in E-Verify has been moved from after the grant award to an application requirement.

Visit <http://giveusyourinput.org/category/public-comment/> or the OTO offices to review the amended *Program Management Plan* in further detail and to submit comments. Comments can also 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 public comment period will end on at noon on February 15, 2018. The OTO Board of Directors will review and consider approving the amended *Program Management Plan* at their February 15, 2018 Board Meeting, held at 12:00 noon at 2208 W. Chesterfield Boulevard, Suite 101, Springfield, Missouri. After reviewing recommendations and entertaining public comment, the OTO Board of Directors will decide whether to formally adopt the amended *Program Management Plan*.

For more information, contact: Andy Thomason, Planner, Ozarks Transportation Organization, 2208 W. Chesterfield Boulevard, Suite 101, Springfield, Missouri 65807, 417-865-3047.

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@ozarkstransportation.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 Andy Thomason al teléfono 417-865-3042, cuando menos 48 horas antes del plazo.

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.

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