

OTO 2019 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 supports the continued appropriation of funding approved in the FAST Act which authorized annual increases for transportation through 2020. Transportation appropriations should honor the authorized funding level.

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

OTO supports 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.

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.

OTO 2019 State Legislative Priorities

OTO supports alternative sources of funding for transportation infrastructure to ensure increased investment in the statewide system; such funding should not negatively impact the state's limited general revenue budget.

OTO supports raising the motor fuel tax within the confines of the Hancock Amendment.

OTO supports Modifying Missouri's timely sales tax filing discount for retailers and directing the savings to fund transportation infrastructure.

OTO supports increasing auto license and registration fees in order to fund transportation infrastructure improvements.

OTO supports Increased funding for multimodal transportation to improve port, rail, aviation and a dedicated source of state transit funding for Missouri's public transit providers.

OTO supports repeal of the prevailing wage requirement for public works projects.

OTO opposes the transfer of state owned roadways to local ownership and maintenance with or without funding to offset the cost.

OTO supports legislation that provides 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.