

# Highway MM: Corridor of Opportunity



**HIGHWAY MM**  
CORRIDOR OF OPPORTUNITY

US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
MULTIMODAL PROJECT DISCRETIONARY GRANT  
OPPORTUNITY (MPDG) RURAL 2024



**Freight Connections**

**May 6, 2024  
Funding Commitments**

**Pedestrian Safety**



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May 6, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: The City of Republic Highway MM "Corridor of Opportunity" MPDG Rural Application

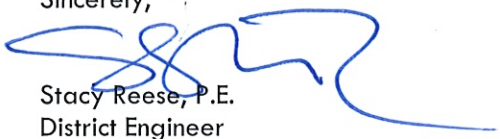
Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) would like to pledge our support for the MPDG Rural 2024 discretionary grant application for the City of Republic's State Highway MM "Corridor of Opportunity" project, submitted in partnership with MoDOT, the Ozarks Transportation Organization, City of Republic, and Greene County, Missouri.

This project will significantly improve operational capacity and mobility needs while addressing critical safety concerns along Route MM. This once rural freight corridor is quickly becoming a central urban economic hub. The project will unlock further economic growth opportunities and equitable access to jobs. Highway MM is a developing corridor and will continue to develop because of its proximity to interstate, rail, pipeline, and air freight facilities. The project also enhances freight movement efficiency by upgrading a 2-Lane arterial into a 4-lane roadway with raised medians. Pedestrian and bicycle access is a regional priority, and this project includes Americans with Disabilities Act compliant sidewalks and pedestrian access along the corridor.

We would appreciate your consideration of the 2024 application for the Highway MM Corridor project. This application represents a strong partnership between the State of Missouri, Greene County, the Ozarks Transportation Organization, and the City of Republic.

Sincerely,

  
Stacy Reese, P.E.  
District Engineer



*Our mission is to provide a world-class transportation system that is safe, innovative, reliable and dedicated to a prosperous Missouri.*

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE BUILDS DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE MULTI-MODAL PROJECT DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM (MPDG) IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION AND MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE HIGHWAY MM EXPANSION PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Republic, Missouri, (“City” and/or “Republic”) is a municipal corporation and Charter City located in Greene County, Missouri, being duly created, organized, and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s BUILDS Department desires to apply for the RAISE Discretionary Grant through the Ozarks Transportation Organization (“OTO”) for a requested amount of \$25,000,000, to be used toward the Highway MM expansion project (“MM Expansion”); and

**WHEREAS**, the MM Expansion is expected to benefit citizens and guests of the City by, among other things, providing an alternative route of transportation, enhancing roadway safety in and through the City, and adding capacity to a rural route that is rapidly becoming a regional economic hub; and

**WHEREAS**, the MM Expansion Project has multiple segments as demonstrated in the MM Project Map (“Exhibit A”);


**WHEREAS**, if awarded, the funds from the RAISE grant would be applied toward Segments B and E; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that participating in grant opportunities such as the RAISE Discretionary Grant will result in beneficial savings to the City while increasing transportation options in and through the City and improving roadway safety and security for the City’s citizens and guests.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REPUBLIC, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1.** The City of Republic’s BUILDS Department is authorized to apply for the Multi-Modal Project Discretionary Grant Program (MPDG) through the Ozarks Transportation Organization for a requested amount of \$25,000,000, to be used toward the Highway MM Expansion Project; and
- Section 2.** The City Administrator, or his/her designee(s), on behalf of the City, is authorized to take the necessary steps to implement this Resolution.
- Section 3.** This Resolution shall become effective on and after the date of passage and approval as provided by law.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, this 16th day of April, 2024.



Eric Franklin, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 24-R-18

**Attest:**

  
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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

**Approved as to Form:**

  
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Megan McCullough, City Attorney

**Final Passage and Vote:** The vote was 7 Aye-Fields, Gerke, Harter, Neal, Shaw, Updike, and Wilson. 0 Nay. Motion Carried.



County of **GREENE** State of Missouri



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ADAM HUMPHREY  
Highway Administrator

May 6, 2024

Mr. David Cameron  
City Administrator  
City of Republic, Missouri  
213 North Main Avenue  
Republic, MO 65738

**RE: MPDG - Rural Grant Support  
Route MM Roadway Widening Project in Republic, MO**

Dear Mr. Cameron:


The Greene County Commission is aware of the City of Republic's intent to pursue federal grant funding through the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Rural for the Route MM corridor widening project, and that this proposed project scope would include the widening of the existing Route MM roadway corridor to a new 4-lane divided arterial with raised medians between I-44 and James River Freeway. We recognize that the adjacent land use surrounding this transportation corridor currently encompasses several major commercial and industrial developments including a new Amazon warehouse distribution facility, the Convoy of Hope world distribution center, McLane Trucking grocery and foodservice distribution facility, along with several other existing industrial development facilities.

As a result of this increasing land use intensity around the City of Republic, the Route MM corridor is strained in its current condition to provide adequate level of service for the transportation needs of our citizens. On behalf of the Greene County Commission, we believe that the widening improvements of Route MM are critically needed in order to facilitate the continued growth that is occurring within this surrounding region.

We wish to express our support for the City's pursuit of this federal transportation grant funding. As a demonstration of Greene County's commitment and support towards this MPDG Rural Grant project, we are hereby committing to share in the cost of this project through a cooperative agreement with the City of Republic in order to aid in the construction of these proposed roadway improvements. Greene County will commit to matching the City of Republic's contribution of non-federal local funds to this project, in an amount not to exceed \$1.5 million.


Greene County has a rich history of working in a cooperative effort with both the City of Republic and MoDOT to deliver transportation improvements to our region, and we look forward to another opportunity to maximize our resources in this effort to improve the safety and capacity of the Route MM roadway corridor for our citizens.

Sincerely,



Bob Dixon  
Presiding Commissioner

Rusty MacLachlan  
1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner



John C. Russell  
2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner



OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION  
A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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3 May 2024

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Ozarks Transportation Organization is pleased to support the City of Republic's MPDG Rural application for the Highway MM: *Corridor of Opportunity* project. State Highway MM is a developing corridor, providing new employment opportunities and mixed-use development for diverse housing and retail accessibility.

The overall project provides safe and efficient freight movements, bicycle-pedestrian accommodations, and corridor connectivity. These improvements are necessary to facilitate a quality transportation network in a fast-growing area of the OTO region. In addition to supporting the rapid development along the corridor, the planned improvements will support alternative routing, if necessary, between I-44, MO 360, and US 60. OTO values the resiliency this offers the region, further supporting the movement of freight and goods associated with the supply chain.

The implementation of the Highway MM: *Corridor of Opportunity* project supports all five goals from the OTO long range transportation plan, *Destination 2045*: (1) a safe transportation system for all users on all modes; (2) preserve existing transportation assets and promote fiscal responsibility; (3) connected, integrated, multi-modal system; (4) build a transportation system that supports a resilient region that is prepared for the future; and (5) build quality projects that implement best design standards and engineering practices.

The Ozarks Transportation Organization Board of Directors, at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 18, 2024, adopted a resolution of support for the Highway MM: *Corridor of Opportunity* project, recognizing the size and complexity of the improvements, and the additional funding needed to support the project in its entirety. This resolution likewise certified that the project would be included in the Transportation Improvement Program upon approval for funding. The OTO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee continues to support this project and its integration with the bicycle and pedestrian system. We appreciate your consideration of funding for the Highway MM: *Corridor of Opportunity* project and look forward to improving a key corridor that supports a growing region.

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Sincerely,

Sara J. Fields, AICP  
Executive Director

Ozarks Transportation Organization

Resolution # 2024-03

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION RESOLUTION  
OF SUPPORT FOR THE MM CORRIDOR OF OPPORTUNITY PROJECT**

Whereas, the Ozarks Transportation Organization has identified the MM Corridor as a regional transportation need; and

WHEREAS, development is rapidly occurring along the MM corridor leading to increased safety hazards and capacity concerns

WHEREAS, the MM railroad crossing is hazardous and causes traffic to back up onto US 60

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Transportation, the City of Springfield, nor Greene County have been to able to identify adequate funding sources to complete the improvement; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation is making available funds for the purpose of improvements to America's infrastructure;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ozarks Transportation Board of Directors agrees to add the MM Corridor of Opportunity project to the Transportation Improvement Program upon receipt of a federal award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ozarks Transportation Organization hereby supports the MM Corridor of Opportunity project and authorizes staff to provide letters of support and certification for inclusion in the Ozarks Transportation Organization Transportation Improvement Program.

I, Martha Smartt, Secretary of the Ozarks Transportation Organization, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted at the regular meeting thereof assembled this 18th day of January, 2024.

DocuSigned by:

**MARTHA SMARTT**

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Martha Smartt

Secretary of the Ozarks Transportation Organization Board of Directors





OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION  
A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

CERTIFICATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE  
FY 2024-2027

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Ozarks Transportation Organization, which is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Springfield, Missouri Urbanized Area hereby certifies that upon award of federal discretionary grant funding, the **MM Corridor of Opportunity** project will be included in the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program. The local match funding has been identified and approved. The OTO recognizes the importance of this project and welcomes the federal investment in the region.

DocuSigned by:

*Derek Lee*

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January 18, 2024

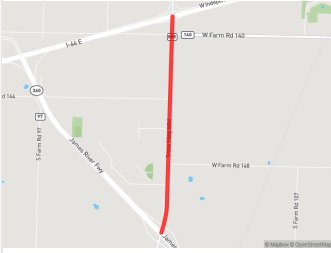
Derek Lee, Chairman  
Ozarks Transportation Organization  
Board of Directors

Date

# Project Overview

## 2 Projects Listed

### RP1703-22A3 - ROUTE MM IMPROVEMENTS - I-44 TO ROUTE 360



Plan Revision <b>23Adopted</b>	Section <b>Cost Shares</b>	Project Type <b>System Improvement</b>	Lead Agency <b>MoDOT</b>
County <b>Greene County</b>	Municipality <b>Republic</b>	Status <b>Programmed</b>	Total Cost <b>\$9,986,734</b>
MoDOT ID <b>J8S0836B</b>	Federal ID <b>S602093</b>	Project From <b>I-44</b>	Project To <b>Route 360</b>

Project Considerations  
Environmental Justice Area, Advance Construction

**Project Description**  
Roadway improvements on Brookline Avenue from I-44 to Route 360 (James River Freeway) in Republic.

**Funding Source Notes**  
Non-Federal Funding Source: State Transportation Revenues, City of Republic; FYI: Federal Funding Category upon Anticipated Advanced Construction (AC) Conversion - Discretionary/STBG; \$6 million from MoDOT Cost Share Program for Economic Development

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FUTURE	TOTAL
Engineering	Local	\$184,562	\$184,562	\$181,413	-	-	-	\$550,537
Engineering	STBG (FHWA)	\$260,735	\$65,600	\$270,400	-	-	-	\$596,735
Engineering	MoDOT	\$65,184	\$16,400	\$67,600	-	-	-	\$149,184
<b>Total Engineering</b>		<b>\$510,481</b>	<b>\$266,562</b>	<b>\$519,413</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,296,456</b>
ROW	STBG (FHWA)	-	\$552,390	-	-	-	-	\$552,390
ROW	MoDOT	-	\$138,098	-	-	-	-	\$138,098
ROW	Local	-	\$445,790	-	-	-	-	\$445,790
<b>Total ROW</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,136,278</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,136,278</b>
Construction	MoDOT	-	-	\$935,351	-	-	-	\$935,351
Construction	Local	-	-	\$581,247	-	-	-	\$581,247
Construction	STBG (FHWA)	-	-	\$3,741,402	-	-	-	\$3,741,402
Construction	STBG-U (FHWA)	-	-	\$2,296,000	-	-	-	\$2,296,000
<b>Total Construction</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$7,554,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$7,554,000</b>
<b>Total Programmed</b>		<b>\$510,481</b>	<b>\$1,402,840</b>	<b>\$8,073,413</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$9,986,734</b>

## 2024 - 2028 Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule

						STATE FISCAL YEAR PROJECT BUDGETING						
						Prior	7/2023	7/2024	7/2025	7/2026	7/2027	
						Prog	6/2024	6/2025	6/2026	6/2027	6/2028	
County:	GREENE	Pavement resurfacing from Rte. 125 in Strafford to the Webster County line.				Engineering:	8	32	0	0	0	0
Route:	RT DD	Adv. CN: 233	State : 58	Local : 0	Estimated Total: 299	R/W:	0	0	0	0	0	
Project No.:	8S3228	Anticipated Federal Funds : AC-STBG			Award Date : 10/2023	Construction:	0	259	0	0	0	
Length:	2.75	Let With : 8S3226 8S3227			Future Cost : 0	FFOS:	0	0	0	0	0	
MPO:	Y	Tip No. : GR2204-22				Payback:	0	0	0	0	0	
County:	GREENE	Bridge improvement over I-44 in Springfield. Project involves bridge A0713.				Engineering:	30	9	10	20	175	0
Route:	RT EE	Federal: 1,192	State : 298	Local : 0	Estimated Total: 1,520	R/W:	0	0	0	0	0	
Project No.:	SU0066	Anticipated Federal Funds : NHPP			Award Date : 2027	Construction:	0	0	0	0	1,276	0
Length:	0.10	Let With :			Future Cost : 0	FFOS:	0	0	0	0	0	
MPO:	Y	Tip No. :				Payback:	0	0	0	0	0	
County:	GREENE	Pavement resurfacing from Weaver Road in Battlefield to end of route at Haselfine Road.				Engineering:	2	2	7	53	0	0
Route:	RT FF	Adv. CN: 442	State : 111	Local : 0	Estimated Total: 555	R/W:	0	0	0	0	0	
Project No.:	SU0018	Anticipated Federal Funds : AC-STBG			Award Date : 2025	Construction:	0	0	0	491	0	0
Length:	3.06	Let With :			Future Cost : 0	FFOS:	0	0	0	0	0	
MPO:	Y	Tip No. : BA2301-23				Payback:	0	0	0	0	0	
County:	GREENE	Pavement resurfacing from Rte. D to 0.3 mile north of Rte. 60 east of Springfield.				Engineering:	11	4	68	0	0	0
Route:	RT J	Adv. CN: 539	State : 135	Local : 0	Estimated Total: 685	R/W:	0	0	0	0	0	
Project No.:	8S3211	Anticipated Federal Funds : AC-STBG			Award Date : 2025	Construction:	0	0	602	0	0	0
Length:	5.50	Let With : 8S0745 8S3133 8S3153 8S3215			Future Cost : 0	FFOS:	0	0	0	0	0	
MPO:	Y	Tip No. : GR2205-22				Payback:	0	0	0	0	0	
County:	GREENE	Add lanes on Brookline Avenue from I-44 to Rte. 360 (James River Freeway) in Republic. Design, right-of-way and inspection by Republic. \$6,000,000 Cost Share, \$2,296,000 STBG-Urban and \$4,673,000 Republic funds.				Engineering:	408	332	329	0	0	0
Route:	RT MM	Adv. CN: 8,912	State : 0	Local : 4,673	Estimated Total: 13,993	R/W:	0	568	0	0	0	
Project No.:	8S0836B	Anticipated Federal Funds : AC-STBG			Award Date : 2024	Construction:	0	0	12,356	0	0	0
Length:	1.51	Let With :			Future Cost : 0	FFOS:	0	0	6,969	0	0	
MPO:	Y	Tip No. : RP1703-22A				Payback:	0	0	0	0	0	