



Ozarks Transportation Organization Legislative Priorities

TOP INVESTMENT PRIORITIES

- Highway MM Capacity Improvements between I-44 & Route 360
- US 60 Intersection Improvements in Republic
- Kansas Expressway Capacity Improvements & Pedestrian Connectivity
- Route FF Intersection at Weaver Road in Battlefield
- US 65 & Kearney Street Interchange, with Bridge Replacement

STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- \$6 million to provide four lanes on State Highway MM between I-44 and Route 360.
- Funding a new round of Governor's Cost Share using state funds for additional partnership opportunities between local governments and the private sector.
- Continued I-44 investment to improve freight movement, enhance safety, and improve congestion in Missouri.
- Increased funding for multimodal transportation, including rail crossings, aviation, transit, sidewalk, and trails.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- \$6 million to provide four lanes on State Highway MM between I-44 and Route 360.
- Continued I-44 investment to improve freight movement, enhance safety, and improve congestion in Missouri.
- Additional transportation infrastructure funding to support OTO priorities which include safety and congestion relieving projects, as well as bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure to support the continued development of a healthy region.
- Continued streamlining of the environmental review processes including one federal decision and reductions in authorization decision timelines to extend Environmental Assessments as well as Environmental Impact Statements.
- Granting MPO's direct recipient status for federal funds allowing for a direct funding relationship between the federal government and MPOs.
- Shifting discretionary funding to formula funding through an equitable formula to metropolitan areas resulting in a more predictable funding distribution.
- Clarifying federal regulations to ensure funds suballocated to MPOs are available for obligation throughout for four federal fiscal years as outlined in 23 USC 118.b.
- Reduction in match requirements to 10 percent for all federal funds.

ABOUT THE OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION

The Ozarks Transportation Organization is the federally-designated transportation planning organization for the Springfield region. The MPO includes local elected and appointed officials from Christian and Greene Counties, and the cities of Battlefield, Nixa, Ozark, Republic, Springfield, Stafford and Willard.

The OTO Mission: To provide a forum for cooperative decision-making in support of an excellent regional transportation system.

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