

OTO 2023 Federal Legislative Priorities

- Investment in the I-44 Corridor to improve freight movement, enhance safety and improve congestion.
- Additional transportation infrastructure funding to support the 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.
- Streamlining of the environmental review processes including one federal decision and reductions in authorization decision timelines to extend to Environmental Assessments as well as Environmental Impact Statements.
- Direct funding allocations to metropolitan planning organizations, regional, and local governments with less federal oversight and streamlined regulations.

OTO 2023 State Legislative Priorities

Funding

- Investment in the I-44 Corridor to improve freight movement, enhance safety and improve congestion.
- Additional partnership opportunities between MoDOT, local governments and the private sector.
- Transferring the maintenance of state-owned roadways to local jurisdictions in the case of cost-sharing projects except in cases of aesthetic improvements.
- Increased funding for multimodal transportation to include rail, aviation, transit, sidewalk, and trail funding.
- Additional MoDOT staffing to deliver federal aid projects resulting from increased federal and state investment.

Safety

- OTO supports the passage of a primary seatbelt law to allow law enforcement to stop a driver for not wearing a safety belt.
- OTO supports the prohibition of hand-held texting while driving for all drivers.
- OTO supports reinstatement of the helmet law following a rise in motorcyclist fatalities in Missouri.