



# PUBLIC COMMENT



**Area of concern:** Massey Blvd and Aldersgate Drive

**City/County of concern:** Nixa/Christian County

**Date received:** 01/13/2024

**Received through:** Map-A-Concern (OTO website)

**Contact Name:** Wade

**Contact Email/Ph #:** N/A

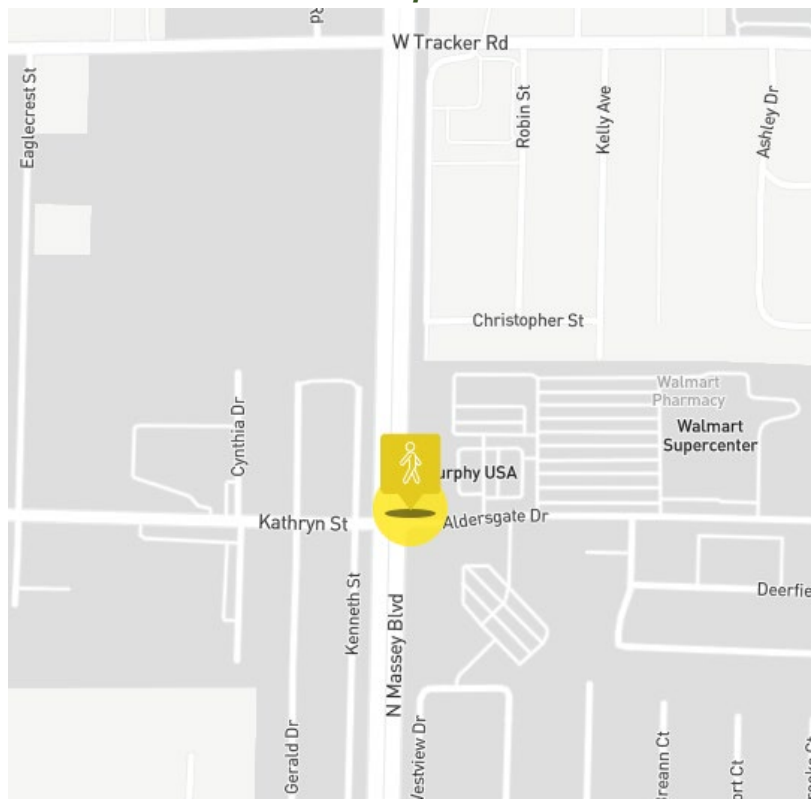
**Additional Comment to Original Comment Below:**

I also see kids walking up to tracker road too in the grass by Kenneth St

**Original Comment:**

There is no pedestrian crossing at this intersection. I've seen kids run across this road many times across this high-speed road.

**Map**



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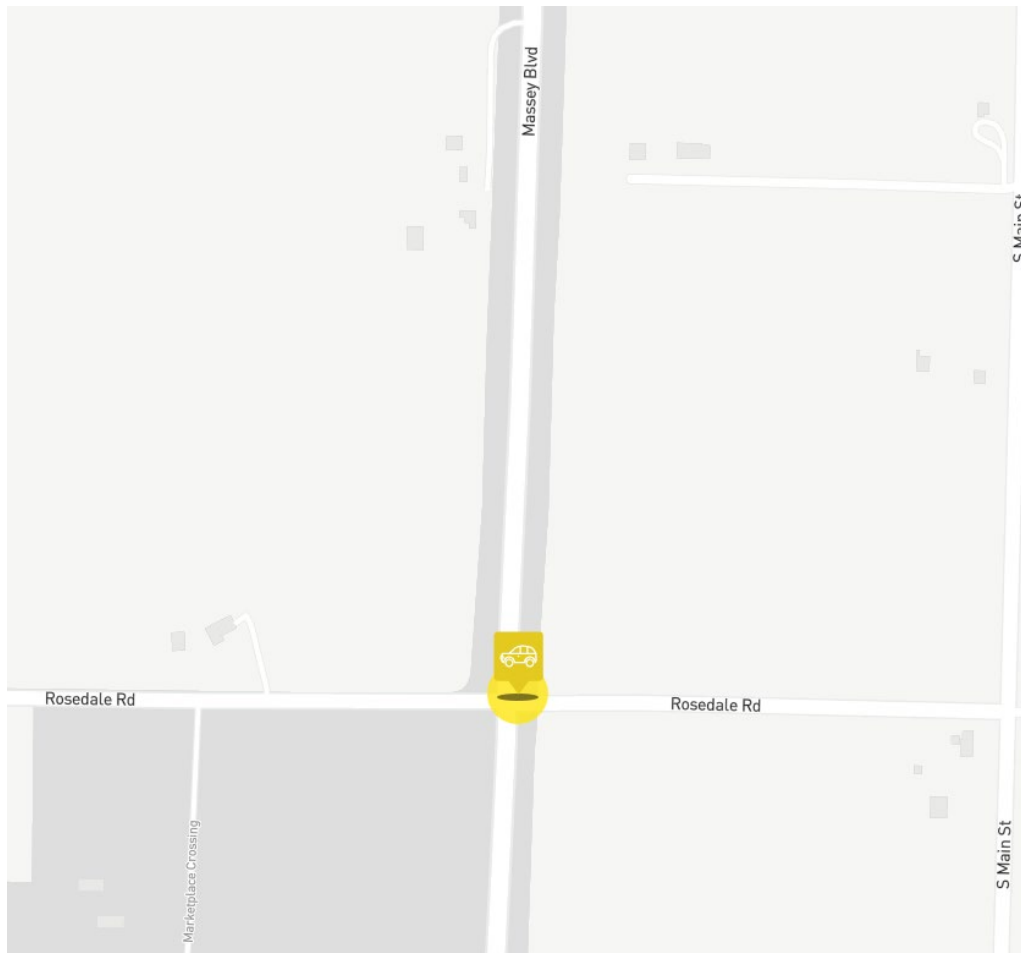
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**Comment:** This should be traffic circle? People turn left to go to Nixa. That is them going uphill. Trying to see traffic is clear. It's a bit of a blind spot because I was almost hit in the side when someone was pulling out and also a slow down traffic before getting to Nixa when it reduces to 45 mph

Map



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## PUBLIC COMMENT



**Area of concern:** Trans Ozark Trail

**Area of concern:** Missouri / Arkansas

**Date received:** 01/15/2025

**Received through:** US Mail

**Contact Name:** Ron [REDACTED]

**Contact Email/Ph #:** [REDACTED]

**Comment:**

See the attached letter and documentation.

**OTO Email Response:**

We received your letter today. Thank you for this information. Public input is vital to the planning process. In July 2021, the OTO Board of Directors adopted *Towards a Regional Trail System* as its new regional trail plan. This plan lays out a vision for 45 by 45, or 45 miles of new trail by 2045 within the OTO MPO boundaries. More information can be found here, <https://www.ozarkstransportation.org/what-we-do/bikeped>. Please let us know if there is a connection that is within the OTO boundaries, <https://www.ozarkstransportation.org/uploads/documents/OTO-Urbanized-Area-Map.pdf>.

This information will be shared with our Technical Planning Committee and Board of Directors as well as our partner agencies Ozark Greenways and SMCOG.

To: Trail Alignment Group

Ozarks Transportation Organization:

Enclosed is the combined four editions of the information about the Trans Ozark Trail. Last edition Jan 1, 2025. This is the probable plan that needs to be put in place for the success of the Trans Ozark Trail

This just may be an opportunity for your organization and the two volunteer associations to share and or help one another with future planning and possibly develop communications and partnership of some sort. They are mentioned several times in the letters. Ozark Trail Association in Missouri, and the Ozark Highlands Trail in Arkansas. I believe sharing trail relationships is a very healthy and needed endeavor. Strength in numbers! Looks like it all about (Trails in the Ozarks)!

There is Ozark Trail just waiting to be built not that far from Springfield and can use more trail attention and involvement to continue construction of the trail.

If you can reply to either the Ozark Trail Association, and or the Ozark Highland Association would be great. I would also like to be made aware on what may be happening.

I certainly hope this information is as valuable and important as it needs to be. If too confusing, please let me know and I will fix it. Thank you very much.

Regards,

Ron



***Ozark Keystone Trail markers along the trail. Barbed wire at the connection.***

### ***Connections For the 700 Mile Hiking Trail (Trans Ozark Trail)***

***This email has been sent to 337+ individuals and organizations. This is not just about making the connections at the border of MO/AR, it's about what it takes to make the connections with the Ozark Trail Association (OTA) & Ozark Highlands Trail Association (OHTA), so they have all the resources to get the trail complete. Meaning who is going to get involved that needs to be involved at a much greater level than currently exist.***

***Well Over 40 plus years ago was when the plan was put in place for a 700-mile hiking trail to be between St. Louis, MO and Fort Smith, AR. It took local, state and federal Government agencies to approve where the trail would go and get all land approvals and complete surveys. It also took money; corporations that would act as long-term sponsors with adequate funding if needed for construction purposes, and they would also get advertisement recognition. The media probably had to be involved in attempting to let people know about the long-distance hiking trail being constructed.***

***All of these efforts by all involved did not fulfill the completion of the trail. For whatever reasons, trail building did not get as far as it might have. Maybe it is time to repeat history to find out how the 700-mile trail was conceived and planned and what the intention and commitments were for completion of the trail from ST Louis, MO to***

**Fort Smith AR. It is hard to believe that the plan was designed to take over 40 plus years to complete. With still, approximately, 150 miles to go, both states combined, we could be working towards a 50-year plan, or one half a century.**

**Well Over 20 plus years ago, volunteers from AR and MO took over the building and maintenance of the trails. Their accomplishments are beyond belief, but could get even more done provided the government, media, and corporations take a 700-mile hiking trail a lot more seriously and make the connections and commitment to and with the OTA & OHTA. The connected supporters need to put the same emphasis about the development of the trail, just as the OTA & OHTA always have done and continue to do.**

**When will the (TOT) Trans Ozark Trail be completed? Need a date agreed upon by all needed supporters of when to be done. With only approximately 150 miles to go (build), including both states, it could possibly be done within 5 years' time. That's 60 months, it would be 2.5 miles per month. After 40 plus years it would be great to bring it to completion. It probably could be sooner if all the responsible parties that have to be involved, get involved and stay involved. These parties need to fully support the efforts with commitment. This would not only be beneficial to MO/AR but also for the states of the Midwest and beyond. Vacationers would not have to drive to the east and west coasts to find a long-distance trail.**

**With approximately 70 miles of trail yet to be built in southern MO, Springfield is in a very good position to provide major support to the unfinished trail that is only around 125 miles, plus or minus, away from Springfield. Springfield has the resources that's needed because of the size of the city and closeness to the trail. Springfield could possibly be a big supporter and provider of needs to the southern 70 miles of trail that still needs to be constructed. St. Louis better supports the Northern sections. They are already involved and making headway. Arkansas is in the process of completing the Keystone trail as well as Davids Trail that is, I believe, already in use. Currently, not too far from the AR/MO border.**

**The importance of all types of news media is huge. They can provide tons of interest and information to the public about the TOT's status and progress. Many people have never heard anything about the 700-mile hiking trail. My experience over the last 6 or 7 years, or even longer, about telling people about the TOT and the future completion of a 700-mile hiking trail has had the majority pretty excited about it. However, some are not interested. There are also some private landowners that do not want a trail through their property, which is their decision and legal right. But there are options. I believe they are mostly Government regulated. I am sure that there is more to it. Options may be re-routes, easements, road trails, etc. There must be answers for these gaps in the trail to be addressed. One thing for sure, if we do nothing, we will get nothing.**



*The connection answer.*

*There are approximately 7 or 8 gaps to still close to complete the TOT. For more information about how you can get involved, please visit David's Trail at [www.davidstrail.org](http://www.davidstrail.org), the Ozark Trail Association at [www.ozarktrail.com](http://www.ozarktrail.com), as well as the Ozark Highland Trail Association at [www.ozarkhighlandstrail.com](http://www.ozarkhighlandstrail.com). Contact information is listed below.*

**David's Trail**

**Website:** [www.davidstrail.org](http://www.davidstrail.org)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/davidstrail/](http://www.facebook.com/davidstrail/)

**Ozark Trail Association**

**Website:** [www.ozarktrail.com](http://www.ozarktrail.com)

**Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/ozarktrailassociation](http://www.facebook.com/ozarktrailassociation)

**Via USPS:**

**Via phone:**

**Via email:**

406 West High Street

(573)436-0540

[admin@ozarktrail.com](mailto:admin@ozarktrail.com)

Potosi, MO 63664

**Ozark Highland Trail Association**

**Website:** [www.ozarkhighlandstrail.com](http://www.ozarkhighlandstrail.com)

**Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/ozarkhighlandstrail](http://www.facebook.com/ozarkhighlandstrail)

**Vis USPS:**

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**P.O. Box 4065  
ohta@ohtrail.emberden.com**

**Fayetteville, AR 72702**

**In addition to more information about the Ozark Trail and the Ozark Highland Trail, both Associations use Facebook as the most current activities occur. Can easily monitor the events as they happen.**

**To learn even more, the OTA & OHTA have the listing of the (FAQ) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS! Answers a lot of stuff. Tells some big stories. Don't miss out!**

**The Ozark Trail Association and the Ozark Highland Association Volunteers are as good as any trail caretakers that you can find. Their relentless involvement provides all that is necessary to make sure we all have great hiking trails to use. Their dedication is unmatched.**



**The Truth**

**Time for a super thank you from all that read this to both associations and make connections with them to get this trail done. Be a part of a 700-mile dream and support their efforts. Hopefully this can be the beginning of the end of completing the TOT before 50 years in the making arrives.**





*Border monument by the lakeside; approximately 50 feet down from the trail.*



*Trans Ozark Trail*

*Time to Build,  
Ron Koskovich*

(RERUN)  
2nd Edition Nov 13th, 2024  
Plan, Date and Goal  
Future Trans Ozark Trail  
History in the Making

2nd Edition to encourage all that can help does help. Also, with the people that are required with the authority to make the decisions outlined in the article. Government Media, News Media, Corporate sponsors, etc. The initial article needs to be shared with as many contacts as possible by the interested, about the Trans Ozark Trail. Also marketing parties fit nicely into the overall TOT plan required for success. There are no limits of sharing this article and getting more involved with the TOT. Improving networking systems is imperative! Because of the long read of the article, the contacts to make connections with the trail keepers, is listed below, to continue and support the interest and enthusiasm that has begun.

What is the plan, date and goal to complete the Trans Ozark Trail by January 1st, 2030? That needs to be answered. Without a plan and without a date, there is no incentive to complete the Trans Ozark Trail and without a goal, no effort to reach it. I have had some very positive reports about the article, meaning that the information is meaningful. Please continue the efforts and share this article in any manner you can!

Thank you!!

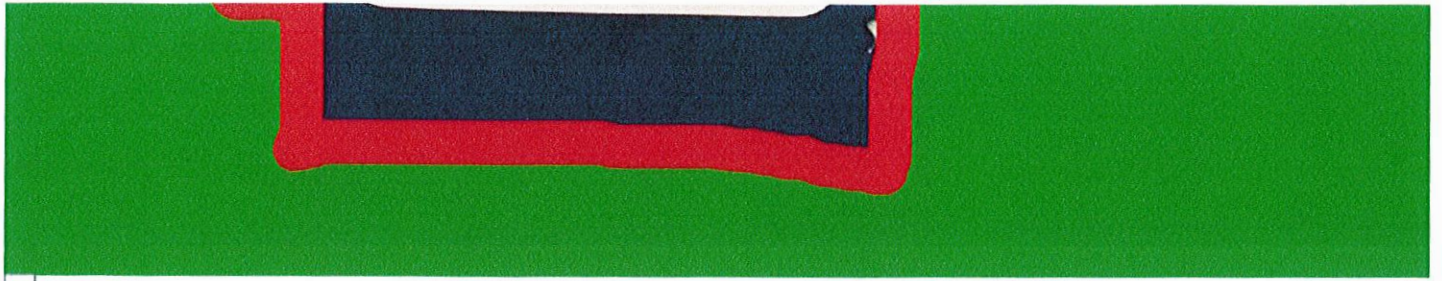
Ron

The pilot light has been lit. It is time to stoke the fire and keep the flame burning!!



Family and Friends at the Arkansas/Missouri Border. October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024





*Please re-read this entire article, respond and get involved. The people and/or organizations that have ever been involved with any trail systems take the building, construction, maintenance, oversight, care and use of trails very seriously. Simply said, the OTA and OTHA = TOT. TOT not only wants more but also needs your help. Please don't be shy. Help stop the government Red Tape and help build the TOT! Please contact them. I sincerely thank you for the support of a future great 700-mile hiking trail, which can become a worldly attraction for the Midwest. Just do it!*

*Ron K.*

### ***Future Trans Ozark Trail***

### ***History in the Making***



***Monument at the shoreline of the MO/AR border.***

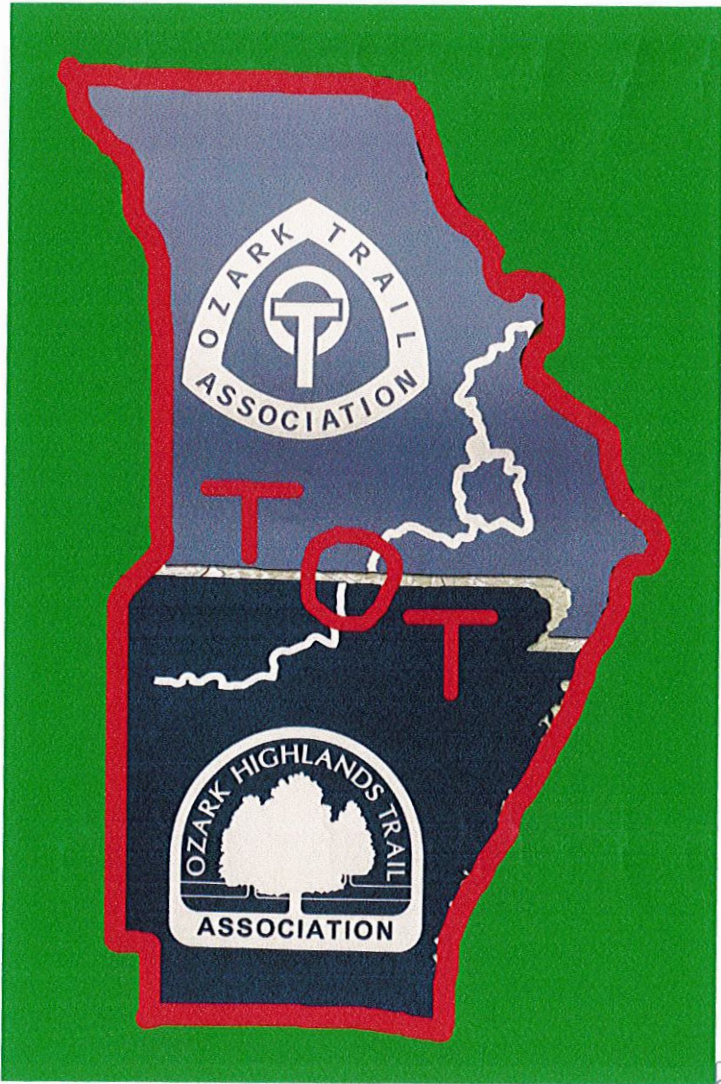
The Story----

From: Ronald Koskovich (raj2@att.net)

To: raj2@att.net

Date: Wednesday, December 25, 2024 at 12:08 PM CST

**Trans Ozark Trail New Year's Resolution.  
Complete Construction Before Jan.01, 2030.  
1825 Days to Go!  
150 Miles to Go!**



*I continue to get positive feedback about a plan to complete the 700-mile Tran Ozark Trail. I have not received any negative feedback or comments. However, there is more to be done. Even though this is the fourth time the article has been sent to all of you, this reminder remains important to get as many as possible involved in this effort. The return on investment will be huge. The beauty of it all is that it will be used for many, many years to come which will make many outdoor enthusiasts very happy!*

*I do not believe that taking 50 years to complete the TOT is acceptable by anyone's standards. I believe that the most important thing that we all need to do is make sure to make contact with as many Government officials as possible to let them know this trail is wanted by many. This includes the federal, state, local cities, counties, town ships, etc. It is difficult to understand the makings of the government systems, laws, rules, regulations, and so forth. Being somewhat complicated to the average person should remind us that the Government on all levels are public servants and that is why no one needs to be hesitant in making contact with them. They are here to help us and will help when the need is explained about the importance and rewards of a completed 700-mile hiking trail. Any official statements at all coming from the necessary government officials are beneficial and needed to shed light on when they will get involved at a much higher level than they are currently. There is not an easy answer, but any kind of public statement would cause great, Hope for many, to fulfill the Dream! Even a best guess is better than nothing.*

*So, the big question is? What Government authority has to make a final commitment as to when the Trans Ozark Trail will be completed? What may be standing in the way of what still needs to be done before a commitment is made? This question is a very important piece of the overall plan for the Trans Ozark Trail and needs to be answered goal. Close to taking 50 years to build and to use is just way too long with only approx. 150 miles left to finish. This is an achievable goal.*

*Please read and heed and share this information. Use the OTA and OHTA web sites as well as their Face Book. These have the most current daily information about the trails. Both volunteer associations will appreciate your interest and involvement, and contributions.*

*Let us not forget the importance of the news media and the corporate sponsors to assist and support the governments involvements and reasonability's. Because of the size and nearness of the Ozark Trail to Springfield MO, Springfield has all the necessary resources needed to be the other major contributor to the southern sections of approved available trail that is yet to be built in southern Missouri, close to the Arkansas border.*

*Much gratitude to all that are participating. Thanks!*

*Make it a good New Year!*

*Ron*

**(RERUN)**  
**3rd Edition Nov 24, 2024**  
**Complete the Trans Ozark Trail By Jan 1, 2030**