

OTO 2020 Federal Legislative Priorities

Short Term Priorities

OTO supports the timely passage of transportation reauthorization legislation that includes increased funding levels for roads, bridges, bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure and transportation planning.

OTO requests 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.

OTO supports an increase in the FAA Passenger Facility Charge to assist funding airport facilities.

OTO supports the streamlining of environmental review processes including one federal decision and reductions in authorization decision timelines to extend to Environmental Assessments as well Environment Impact Statements.

Longer Term Priorities

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 2020 State Legislative Priorities

OTO supports alternative sources of funding for transportation infrastructure to ensure increased investment in the statewide system.

- 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 an equitable miles per gallon motor vehicle registration model that supports increasing fuel efficiencies while maintaining revenues from registration fees.
- OTO supports partnerships between MoDOT, local governments and the private sector

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.