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Attachment: FY 2021 UPWP/Operational Budget Amendment One packet

An amendment to the 2021 Unified Planning Work Program, with accompanying changes to the Operational Budget, is proposed to:

1. **Add the purchase of Aerial Photos. (+\$25,000)**
The 2020 Aerial photo delivery was delayed due to some quality control issues with the final deliverable product.
2. **Decrease the salary/fringe line. (-\$15,000)**
Estimates have been revised to reflect staffing changes.
3. **Decrease the Transportation Consultant Line. (-\$10,000)**
OTO will likely not hire consultants for studies during the irregular conditions resulting from COVID-19.
4. **Remove the 2021-2024 TIP.**
OTO elected not to adopt a new TIP, but to amend the existing TIP.

The total budget amount remains the same.

How to comment:

Online: <http://giveusyourinput.org>

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The public comment period will end on October 14, 2020 at 5 p.m. The OTO Board of Directors will review and consider approving the Amendment at their October 15, 2020 Board Meeting, held at 12:00 noon via electronic means. The meeting will be broadcast via Facebook Live. After reviewing

recommendations and entertaining public comment, the OTO Board of Directors will decide whether to formally adopt the Amendment.

For more information, contact: Natasha Longpine, Principal Planner, Ozarks Transportation Organization, 2208 W. Chesterfield Boulevard, Suite 101, Springfield, Missouri 65807, 417-865-3042.

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