

I-44 Improvements in the OTO Urban Area

Type of Project: Highway

Name of the Project: Expand I-44 to 6 lanes in the Springfield Area

Location of the Project: I-44, Springfield, MO 65803

Project Sponsor: Ozarks Transportation Organization (Springfield Area MPO)

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Project Description:

Phase II: Glenstone to West Bypass - \$64.78 million

Project Benefits include

- Better incident clearance times. It currently takes 51 minutes on average to clear an incident while attempting to keep one lane open. An additional lane will allow responders to have space to improve personal safety and to clear incidents more efficiently.
- Reduced emissions by getting traffic moving.
- Reduced accidents resulting from reduced congestion. Frequently vehicles running the speed limit are surprised by congestion ahead and are not prepared to stop quickly, resulting in both primary and secondary crashes.
- Congestion relief to keep people and freight moving.
- Replacement of six bridges to accommodate the additional lanes and replace aging structures.

Amount Requested \$48 million (74%)

Project match from Missouri Department of Transportation funding from state fuel and vehicle sales tax.

Project may be funded in greater non-federal amounts as needed. If award does not fully fund the project, the project will be scaled to smaller sections, matched by MoDOT revenue. OTO is committed to programming funding for the I-44 Corridor improvements.

Project Breakdown:

Auxiliary lanes to connect ramps: \$7.583 million

Adding an additional travel lane in the median both directions: \$40 million

Federally Required sound walls \$1.5 million

Drainage Box for trail crossing \$1 million

Intersection improvement at I-44 and MM \$6.5 million

Roadway Resurfacing \$8.2 million

Project Phase: Construction

Expected Obligation Date: December 2023

Estimated Award Date: February 2024

Estimated Project Completion Date: September 2026

NEPA Category of Action: Undetermined

Status of Environmental Review: In Progress. Conceptual Report has been approved.

Process to Provide for an Opportunity for Public Comment: During the development of the OTO metropolitan transportation plan, the public was specifically asked for input on needed projects. OTO has a specific website giveyourinput.org where the public can comment at any time. Social media sites are continuously accepting public input. In addition, input is requested during the development of the annual OTO TIP. MoDOT will have a public comment period during project development.

Prior Federal Funding: Source and Amount: \$595,519 total expended. \$535,967 National Highway Performance Program funding through USDOT.

Prior U.S. DOT Discretionary Grant Requests: Yes. MoDOT requested an INFRA grant in 2020.

https://www.modot.org/sites/default/files/documents/1_Narrative_I-44_Final.pdf

TIP/STIP Status: No. The STIP contains funding for the Phase I widening of I-44 from US65 to Glenstone.

MoDOT will administer the project and has a long history of delivering projects on time and under budget. You can be confident that funds will be obligated during FY24.

