




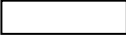











OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
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PERFORMANCE MEASURES
2014

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The Ozarks Transportation Organization long range transportation plan, *Journey 2035*, sets forth performance measures as a way for OTO to monitor the success of the Plan and the continued transportation-related activities of the OTO and its jurisdictions. Eleven performance measures were identified with targets for 2035. This report highlights current progress on each measure.

At a Glance:  **Improving**  **Declining**  **No Change**

Performance Measure	Target	2014 Status
Vehicle Miles Traveled per Capita	That VMT per Capita will grow no more than 5 percent from its peak in 2004, at a value of 19, by 2035. Growth should be captured in other modes	
Modal Balance	Decrease "Drove Alone" to 75 percent for the region by 2035	
Bicycle/Pedestrian Network Completion	If, on average, 4 miles of sidewalk are added each year within the OTO area, but no new roadways, by 2035, the total percent of roadways with sidewalks would be 33.5	
Total Disabling Injury and Fatal Crashes per Million Vehicle Miles Traveled	That disabling injury and fatal crashes/MVMT will continue a downward trend	
On-Time Performance of Transit System	The CU service standard is 90 percent. The system will be considered to have acceptable on-time performance at this 90 percent level	
Percent of Housing Units within ¼-mile of a Bus Route	That the percent of housing units within the CU Transit service area and the OTO area within ¼-mile of a bus route is on the upward trend between now and 2035	
Average Commute Time	Keep the average commute time less than 25 minutes by 2035	
Peak Travel Time	That less than 20 percent of the OTO area roadways will be severely delayed	
Percent of Roadways in Good Condition	That 85 percent or more of the Major Roads in the OTO region are in Good Condition	
Bridge Condition	That the percent of bridges in Fair or Better Condition will stay above 90 percent	
Ozone Levels	That the region will be able to demonstrate transportation conformity for its plans, programs, and projects	

1. Vehicle Miles Traveled per Capita

A lower value is better.

Description

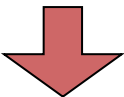
Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) is the total number of miles driven by all vehicles within a given time period and geographic area. By comparing VMT to the number of persons in the region, OTO can gauge just how much VMT is changing in relation to the potential number of people driving. VMT is influenced both by the number of vehicles using the roadway system and the trip length of those vehicles, which increases with the geographic area that is urbanized.

Target

That VMT per Capita will grow no more than 5 percent, to a value of 19 from its peak in 2004, by 2035. Travel growth should be captured in other modes.

Current Value/Trends

Year	Daily VMT	Population	VMT per Capita
2014	5,061,794	*323,031	15.67
2013	4,933,188	*320,259	15.40
2012	4,954,024	*316,298	15.66
2011	4,931,037	*312,126	15.80
2010	5,010,884	310,283	16.14
2009	4,969,336	*303,720	16.36
2008	5,063,022	*298,910	16.94
2007	5,185,837	*293,385	17.68
2006	5,115,547	*287,216	17.81
2005	4,904,027	*280,622	17.48
2004	4,946,098	*275,796	17.93
2003	4,630,231	*271,251	17.07
2002	4,540,996	*266,874	17.02
*Census Estimate			



Result

The VMT per capita improved from 2012 to 2013, but reversed that trend in 2014. The value of 15.71 VMT/capita, however remains well below the target maximum of 19.

Notable Factors

Factors that could have influenced the reductions in vehicle miles traveled include the Great Recession, an aging population, the fact that the younger population is not driving as much as their older cohorts, and relatively high fuel prices from 2008 to the first part of 2014. The slight trend reversal in 2014 could be related to the sudden drop in fuel prices in the latter half of 2015, as well as the improving economy.

2. Modal Balance

A lower value is better for “Drive Alone,” while a higher value is better other modes.

Description

Modal balance describes the varying proportions of mode choice at a given time. Modes can include walking, cycling, public transport, carpooling, and private motor vehicle, as well as taxicab, motorcycle, and no travel mode – as in working from home. As an indicator, modal balance provides information on how many types of users there are within the system. As a performance measure, modal balance shows the success of alternative forms of transportation. OTO has decided to focus on a subset of modes –

- Car, Truck, or Van – Drove Alone
- Car, Truck, or Van – Carpooled
- Public Transportation – All
- Bicycle
- Walked
- Worked at Home

This data is derived from the American Community Survey, which asks, “How did this person usually get to work last week?” Respondents are asked to mark the method they used most often if they used more than one mode of transportation during the trip. The American Community Survey collects data on a yearly basis, but on a smaller scale. To maintain reliability in the data in areas with smaller populations, yearly samples are aggregated over multiple years. This also limits the geography for which American Community Survey Data is available. For the OTO region, this data is offered at the County and Place level. In this analysis, the data for all of Christian and Greene Counties have been used, as the information was not available at just an MPO level.

Target

Decrease “Drove Alone” to 75 percent for the region by 2035.

Current Value/Trends

Christian and Greene Counties	
2000	82%
2005-2009	82%
2006-2010	82%
2007-2011	83%
2008-2012	83%
2009-2013	83%

Result

The percentage of those who “Drove Alone” stayed steady between evaluation years, though the desired result is for the percentage to decrease. While this is the case, public transportation did increase during the 2009-2013 timeframe compared to the 2008-2012 timeframe.

Notable Factors

This data is available from the American Community Survey (ACS) which is delayed in its provision of data compared to the timeframe OTO is analyzing. Also, this ACS data spans a 5-year collection timeframe and includes data from before the Great Recession, which impacted driving behaviors.

3. Bicycle/Pedestrian Network Completion

A higher value is better.

Description

Using aerial photography and data from individual jurisdictions, OTO tracks where sidewalks exist within the OTO study area. This plan recommends sidewalks be located in residential, as well as commercial areas. This performance measure will compare the miles of roadway with sidewalk to the miles of roadway without and will not include roadways with a classification of Expressway or higher. The measure will not distinguish between those roads with sidewalks on one side of the street versus both sides of the street. Sidewalks are usually added to existing roadways at a rate of just a few miles per year. Sidewalks should be included with construction of new roadways.

OTO has also identified the future trail network for the region. This performance measure will be assessed by the miles of completed trails. Only those trails used for transportation will be counted. The Frisco Highline Trail will only be counted to the Greene County northern boundary. Currently, 225 miles of trail are planned for the region.

Target

If, on average, 4 miles of sidewalk are added each year within the OTO area, but no new roadways, by 2035, the total percent of roadways with sidewalks would be 33.5.

- 1) That 35 percent of roadways have sidewalks, excluding those with Expressway classification or above.
- 2) That 80 miles of the trail network be completed by 2035.

Current Value/Trends

**excluding Freeways, Freeway Ramps, and Expressways (per the OTO Major Thoroughfare Plan)*

	2012	2013	2014
Percent Roadway with Sidewalks	29.62	30.50	30.77
Miles of Existing Greenway Network	53.84	56.04	60.22



Result

Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations continued to increase in the OTO region.

Notable Factors

Improvements include new sidewalk in almost every OTO community. Sidewalk improvements were made in new and old developments, near schools, and in the downtown area. MoDOT and City Utilities have also partnered to construct sidewalks to improve access to transit stops.

For the Greenway Network, as more connections are created, previously considered loop trails are becoming part of the larger system.

4. Total Disabling Injury and Fatal Crashes per Million Vehicle Miles Traveled

A lower value is better.

Description

Crash rates are defined by crashes per Million Vehicle Miles Traveled (MVMT). This can be an effective way to gauge roadway safety trends. This does not account for how many disabling injuries or fatalities occurred with a single crash, rather, it considers if any disabling injury or fatality was associated with a crash, and then compares that to the vehicle miles traveled. By indexing the number of crashes to vehicle miles traveled, one can take into account the risk involved given the number of miles driven. The more miles one travels, the higher their risk for a crash. This exposure factor is more accurate in determining roadway safety.

Target

That disabling injury and fatal crashes/MVMT will continue a downward trend as shown in the graphic below.

Year	VMT	Disabling Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes	Disabling Injury Crashes and Fatal Crashes/MVMT
2014	5,061,794	197	38.92
2013	4,933,188	192	38.92
2012	4,954,024	190	38.35
2011	4,931,037	198	40.15
2010	5,010,884	237	47.3
2009	4,969,336	254	51.1
2008	5,063,022	220	43.5
2007	5,185,837	226	43.6
2006	5,115,547	266	52
2005	4,904,027	244	49.8
2004	4,946,098	249	50.3
2003	4,630,231	233	50.3
2002	4,540,996	233	51.3

Result

The crash rate in the OTO region has stayed steady from 2013 to 2014, with a slight increase since 2012.

Notable Factors

The Blueprint for Safety and its Southwest District Committee has focused on reducing fatalities on the MoDOT network. Statewide, fatalities are at all-time lows. Values are varied from prior reports as more complete reporting has caused adjustments to the 2012 and 2013 crash numbers.

5. On-Time Performance of Transit System

A higher value is better.

Description

The timeliness of each bus route is determined through spot checks by a supervisor. Such checks are performed randomly. Timeliness can help determine if a route needs adjusting, if there are issues at stops along a route, or if there is a broader roadway efficiency issue. Timeliness also demonstrates the reliability of the system. System reliability can be more important to a user than frequency of service.

Target

The CU service standard is 90 percent. The system will be considered to have acceptable on-time performance at this 90 percent level.

Current Trends/Values

Source: City Utilities Transit

Year	Percent on Time
2007	89.21
2008	91.47
2009	91.32
2010	93.54
2014	--

Result

Due to changes in how data is collected, an updated measure is not available at this time. City Utilities has added automated vehicle location equipment on their buses and on-time performance via this method began to be collected in January of 2015.

Notable Factors

City Utilities has purchased automated vehicle location devices for each of their buses. This will be able to provide a holistic view of timeliness for the transit system once it is in place. Because every route and every stop will have information available, the on-time performance is likely to deviate from current trends.

6. Percent of Housing Units within ¼-mile of a Bus Route

A higher value is better.

Description

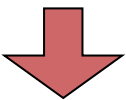
The percent of housing units within a ¼-mile of a bus route is an indicator of how many potential people are available to use the transit system. This measure examines the City Utilities Transit service area at the proximity of housing units to CU bus service.

Target

That the percent of housing units within the CU Transit service area and the OTO area within ¼-mile of a bus route is on the upward trend between now and 2035.

Current Trends/Values

Year	OTO Area Housing Units		CU Service Area Housing Units		1/4-mile Relevant Bus Route		% Households w/in 1/4-mile CU Bus Route	
	Number	% Change	Number	% Change	Number	% Change	OTO Area	CU Service Area
2010*	138,623	--	77,620	--	64,871	--	47	84
2012**	140,911	1.65	78,305	0.88	65,329	0.71	46	83
2013**	141,832	0.65	78,547	0.31	65,480	0.23	46	83
2014**	142,882	0.75	78,879	0.42	65,679	0.30	46	83



Result

Based on this analysis, access to transit has not improved since 2011. The target is for an upward trend.

Notable Factors

The number of housing units for the OTO region, as a whole, is static as the data source is the 2010 Census. The OTO is able to use this as a base number, however, and add information from building permit data collected with the Growth Trends document.

The number of housing units in the region increased at a higher rate for the OTO area as a whole compared to the CU Service Area, and even more so compared to those housing units within a quarter-mile of the CU bus routes.

*Based on 2010 U.S. Census Bureau Housing Units

** Based on OTO Growth Trends Building Permit Data plus 2010 U.S. Census Bureau Housing Units

7. Average Commute Time

A lower value is better.

Description

Average commute time is the amount of time taken to travel to work as reported by workers over the age of 16 on the American Community Survey and the decennial Census. This data is not available at the OTO level, so it will include all of Christian and Greene Counties. This measure is an indicator of both the distance commuters are traveling and the potential congestion drivers face during their commute.




Target

Keep the average commute time less than 25 minutes by 2035.

Current Value/Trends

Source: US Census Bureau – American Community Survey, Table S0801

	1980	1990	2000	2005-2009	2007-2011	2008-2012	2009-2013	Difference in Minutes 2008-2012 to 2009-2013
Christian	24.0	27.4	25.1	24.1	24.5	24.9	25.6	0.7
Greene	17.2	17.6	19.2	19.5	19.2	18.8	19.0	0.2
Battlefield	22.1	22.6	23.1	22.7	23.1	22.1	22.7	0.6
Fremont Hills	N/A	17.0	19.8	19.7	23.6	23.2	23.8	0.6
Nixa	20.8	19.1	23.8	21.9	22.4	23.4	24.9	1.5
Ozark	21.0	19.2	21.6	22.0	23.1	23.3	23.3	0.0
Republic	20.5	21.6	25.1	23.4	22.2	22.3	21.5	-0.8
Springfield	15.4	15.7	17.0	17.6	17.3	16.9	17.3	0.4
Strafford	19.2	20.4	22.4	23.0	23.7	20.8	22.1	1.3
Willard	20.6	23.2	23.0	23.8	23.1	24.8	26.1	1.3
Average of Greene/Christian	20.6	22.5	22.2	21.8	21.9	21.9	22.3	0.4
Average of OTO Cities	19.9	19.9	22.0	21.8	22.3	22.1	22.7	0.6

	Blue cells show improvement
	Red cells show decline
	White cells show no change

Result

Overall, commuting times have not improved since the previous analysis, with only commuters in Republic seeing a reduction in commute times and Ozark with no change. The average commute does remain under the target of 25 minutes for the region.

Notable Factors

As stated earlier, the American Community Survey data spans multiple years, including before and after the Great Recession. The survey data also covers a much smaller sample of the population than the former Census Long Form. In several instances, the margin of error was larger than the difference between the analysis years.

8. Peak Travel Time

A lower value is better.


Description


Travel time along the roadway system is determined through travel time runs which utilize Global Positioning System (GPS) units. These units collect data to determine the average time it takes to travel a corridor. When the speed of travel drops more than 20 mph below the posted speed limit, a roadway is determined to have significant delay.

Target



That less than 20 percent of the OTO area roadways will be significantly delayed.

Current Value/Trends

	AM Peak Total		
	2005	2008	2012
 Miles 20+ mph below speed limit	12.85	33.63	25.26
Total Travel Time Mileage	265.04	343.23	342.57
Percent Significantly Delayed	5%	10%	7%

	PM Peak Total		
	2005	2008	2012
 Miles 20+ mph below speed limit	18.37	46.23	48.93
Total Travel Time Mileage	264.27	354.8	339.48
Percent Significantly Delayed	7%	13%	14%

Result

  AM Peak travel time is improving, but PM Peak travel time is not. This factor has not changed since the previous report, as this information is only developed once every four years.

Notable Factors

The difference in improvement between AM and PM could be related to continued unemployment in the OTO region. PM travel is likely influenced factors other than the journey to or from work, while travel during the AM peak can mostly be attributed to commuting to work and/or school.

9. Percent of Roadways in Good Condition

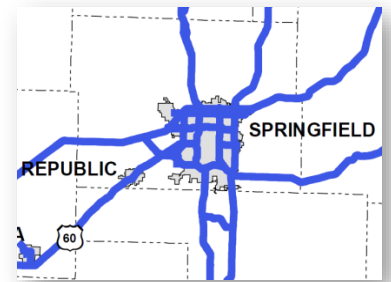
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Description

The Missouri definition of good condition uses factors such as smoothness and physical distress to determine quality. The goal for the Missouri Department of Transportation is to have 85 percent of all Major Roads in Good Condition. The current OTO values for 2010 are higher than for the entire State of Missouri. Overall, in Missouri, the Major Roads were more than 85 percent good, while in the OTO, 93 percent are considered good. Major Roads are principal arterials, including interstates, freeways and expressways. This map highlights the major roads in the OTO region.

Major Roads in the OTO Region

Source: Missouri Department of Transportation



Target

That 85 percent or more of the Major Roads in the OTO region are in Good Condition.

Year	Major % Good
2002	65
2003	61
2004	59
2005	61
2006	78
2007	87
2008	89
2009	91
2010	93
2011	94
2012	94
2013	94
2014	96

For MoDOT owned roads only.
Based on MoDOT Tracker Data.



Result

The percentage of Major Roads in Good Condition was constant 2011 through 2013 and then increased in 2014, continuing to remain above 85 percent.

Notable Factors

The Smooth Roads Initiative, which started in 2006, is evident in MoDOT's ability to maintaining a Good Condition on the area's major roadways.

10. Bridge Condition

A higher value is better.

Description

Bridge condition ratings are calculated by taking the lowest sub-rating of the super-structure, sub-structure, and deck. Ratings range from 3 to 9. At a bridge rating of 3, bridges are closed to the public. A bridge rating of 5 is considered Fair, with all primary structural elements as sound, though they may have minor section loss, cracking, spalling, or scour. A bridge rating of 9 is Excellent. The Missouri Department of Transportation does not have a set goal for this measure. This measure shows those bridges which are rated 5 or higher, in Fair or better condition.

Target

That the percent of bridges in fair or better condition will stay above 90 percent.

	Total Bridges	Total Fair+	Percent Fair+
2001	251	242	96.41
2002	252	242	96.03
2003	253	244	96.44
2004	259	250	96.53
2005	265	256	96.60
2006	270	257	95.19
2007	273	260	95.24
2008	277	262	94.58
2009	287	269	93.73
2010	290	268	92.41
2011	317	298	94.01
2012	328	311	94.82
2013	333	318	95.50
2014	331	316	95.47

Includes state and non-state bridges



Result

The percentage of bridges with Fair or better condition ratings remains above the target of 90 percent.

Notable Factors

The continued focus on taking care of the system and MoDOT's Safe and Sound Bridge Program are both reasons for the region's continued ability to keep the area's bridges in fair or better condition. Though the percentage of bridges in Fair or better condition appears to have decreased slightly since 2013, the number of bridges rated a 3 or 4 has not changed, just the total bridge count.

11. Ozone Levels

A lower value is better.

Description

Ozone is a regulated pollutant under the Clean Air Act and the allowable amount is set by the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Ozone is measured on a three-year design value. This is based on the 4th highest ozone value during each of those three years. The standard in place is set at 75 ppb. The standard is reviewed at least once every five years and either stays in place or is adjusted downward. The next review is scheduled for 2014 or 2015. As a metropolitan transportation organization, the OTO is responsible for ensuring that the region complies with transportation conformity requirements. This essentially states that the transportation projects within the non-attainment area are consistent with air quality goals.

Target

That the region will be able to demonstrate transportation conformity for its plans, programs, and projects.

Years	Value
2002-2004	70
2003-2005	71
2004-2006	71
2005-2007	77
2006-2008	73
2007-2009	69
2008-2010	68
2009-2011	69
2010-2012	74
2011-2013	72
2012-2014	68



Result

As the region has yet to go non-attainment, conformity is not an issue for OTO at this time. The most recent Ozone Design Value is still within the limits set by EPA through the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. The Design Value has improved since the previous report and voluntary efforts are underway to keep the area in attainment.

Notable Factors

Weather is a major factor in the area's ozone values and 2012 was a very hot year. The rolling average of the Ozone Design Value also means that years with prior lower values are not accounted for in the most recent average. The Ozarks Clean Air Alliance is participating in EPA's Ozone Advance Program to mitigate the impacts of ozone in southwest Missouri.



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