

**OTO FY 2017-2020 DRAFT TIP
ONE DOT FHWA – ONLY REVIEW 7/19/16
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Introduction (Pg. A-I – A-iii) Paragraph 2)

1. Page A-I, 1st sentence – Consideration should be given to replacing the reference to the OTO’s study area with the verbiage “Springfield metropolitan planning area”.

Example revision text:

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the short-range capital improvement program for various transportation systems located in the ~~Ozarks Transportation Organization’s study area~~. Springfield metropolitan planning area. The Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Springfield, Missouri Urbanized Area.

2. Page A-I, Paragraph 2 - The statement is made that federal-aid projects must be programmed in the TIP. Please consider adding a statement that clarifies that the TIP must also include all regionally significant projects, including those from non-Federal funding sources. The inclusion of a brief description of a “regionally significant” project would be informative. *The JATSO is required, under 23 CFR 450.324, to develop a TIP in cooperation with the MoDOT and public transit operators. The TIP shall cover a period of at least four years, must be updated at least every four years, and must be approved by the MPO and the governor.*

Annual Listing of Obligated Projects List (Pg. A-viii)

3. Would there be value to include a brief description of what the annual listing of obligated projects document presents?

Transportation Plan Compliance (Page A-viii)

4. Paragraph 2, 1st sentence - Please consider referring to the metropolitan planning area.

Example:

Federal funding is used to improve highways and major intersections located within the Springfield metropolitan planning area, which serve.....

Funding Sources (A-ix - A-xi)

5. 1st Sentence (Pg.A-ix) – Please consider replacing the verbiage “federal government” with the “U.S. Department of Transportation”.
6. Funding Programs Table – The NHS and IM federal funding categories are no longer available under the FAST Act. These programs should be removed from the table.
7. State of Missouri (Pg. A-xi) - Please consider inserting the word “state” before the word “revenue”.

based on the 2040 MTP. Consideration should be given to clarifying the status of the Transportation 2040 MTP.

Section E: Roadways Section (E-1 – E-95):

18. Why are STIP # shown for the locally sponsored TIP# RP1502 & SP1209 projects?

Section F: Transit (F-I - F-iv):

19. 5310 Selection Criteria (Pg. F-ii) – Is the math shown correctly relative to the required 55% allocation?
20. Ranking Consideration Tables - The Section 5307 Ranking Consideration table refers to goals and objectives from the Transportation Plan 2040. The Section 5339 Ranking Consideration table refers to goals from the Journey 2035. Is it OTO's intention to cite goals from two different OTO MTPs? Please take steps to reconcile as needed.
21. Project Page Notes: The project page notes presented for LPA sponsored roadway projects includes reference to local funding source. For consistency in presentation, please identify in the project page notes, the local funding source for City Utilities sponsored transit projects.
22. MoDOT Responsible Agency projects – MoDOT is shown as the responsible agency for several Section 5310 funded transit projects. Does this mean that MoDOT is recognized as the project sponsor for these projects? If yes, why is there no STIP # shown?

If no, who is the project sponsor?
23. TIP # MO1507. – Why is there no local or state match amount shown for this Section 5310 funded project?

Section G: Financial: (Pages G-i – Gxi):

24. Revenue Sources (Pg. G-i, paragraph 2) – It states that the FAST Act will provide 2.9 percent or \$27 million more in federal funds to Missouri, annually. What is the basis for this statement?
25. State (Pg. G-I, paragraph 5) – It states that currently, annual contractor awards average approximately \$800 million, down from \$1.2 billion, with nearly 88 percent aimed at taking care of the system, up from 50 percent. The comparison that is being shown is unclear, potentially misleading and negative, at a time when the MoDOT available funding picture has experienced a hugely positive turnaround. Why not show the comparison of programmed funds for MoDOT construction project awards in the current FY2017-2021 TIP to the prior MoDOT FY2016 – 2020 STIP? This comparison is very positive for the FY2017 to FY2021 program period.

Based on a comparison of the estimated available revenue shown in the OTO FY2015-2018 TIP and the amount shown in the draft FY2017-2020 TIP, the amount of MoDOT revenue (state & federal) available for roadway funding in the Springfield metropolitan planning area in FY2017 and FY2018 period increases from \$16,840,000 to \$73,552,995. The amount of the estimated allocation of STBG suballocated funds is also forecasted to increase from a total of \$9,189,126 to \$11,499,737 over the same FY2017 to FY2018 period.