



OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

2208 W. CHESTERFIELD BOULEVARD, SUITE 101, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65807 PHONE: 417-865-3047

16 May 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) is pleased to support the City of Republic's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) – Supplemental Planning grant application. Funds will be used to hire a consultant to complete an ADA Transition Plan for the community. One of the goals in the OTO's Long Range Transportation Plan, *Destination 2045*, is "A safe transportation system for all users on all modes, "including consideration of "vulnerable road users and under-represented populations to ensure equity in transportation decision-making." ADA Transition Plans are an important assessment tool which ensures that communities are aware of areas where infrastructure is non-compliant with ADA standards.

Ozarks Transportation Organization is a current recipient of a Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning Grant. OTO began the plan development for the Safety Action Plan for the region. The City of Republic is covered by this Safety Action Plan which will be adopted in Fall 2024. While the plan does provide an overview of ADA policies, it does not include a detailed Transition Plan. A supplemental planning grant will lead to the creation of an ADA Transition Plan for the City of Republic. This plan will become a supplemental attachment for the region's Safety Action Plan and serve as a model for other jurisdictions in the region.

The Ozarks Transportation Organization Board of Directors, at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 16, 2024, adopted a resolution of support for the City of Republic SS4A Supplemental Planning grant application. The OTO also certified that the project would be included in the Transportation Improvement Program upon approval for funding.

We appreciate your consideration of this application for funding and look forward to a completed ADA Transition plan, that will serve as a model for the region.

Sincerely,

Sara Fields, AICP
Executive Director

**OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION RESOLUTION
OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF REPUBLIC'S SS4A SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Ozarks Transportation Organization has adopted *Destination 2045*, the regional long-range transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, *Destination 2045* has an identified goal of a safe transportation system for all users on all modes, including considerations of vulnerable road users and under-represented populations to ensure equity in transportation decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the City of Republic is wanting to develop a comprehensive ADA Transition Plan as a supplement to the Ozarks Transportation Organization's Safety Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Republic has not been able to identify adequate funding sources to complete the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Ozarks Transportation Organization is currently preparing a Regional Safety Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation is making available funds for the purpose of supplemental planning in coordination with the development of a Safety Action Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ozarks Transportation Board of Directors agrees to add the City of Republic's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) supplemental planning project to the Transportation Improvement Program upon receipt of a federal award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ozarks Transportation Organization hereby supports the regional trail connection project and authorizes staff to provide letters of support and certification for inclusion in the Ozarks Transportation Organization Transportation Improvement Program.

I, Martha Smartt, Secretary of the Ozarks Transportation Organization, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted at the regular meeting thereof assembled this 16th day of May 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Martha Smartt", is written over a horizontal line.

Martha Smartt
Secretary of the Ozarks Transportation Organization Board of Directors



OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION
A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

CERTIFICATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Ozarks Transportation Organization, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Springfield, Missouri Urbanized Area hereby certifies that upon award of federal discretionary grant funding, the City of Republic's **Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) Supplemental Planning Project** will be included in the Transportation Improvement Program. The local match funding has been identified and approved. The OTO recognizes the importance of this project and welcomes the federal investment in the region.

Derek Lee, Chairman
Ozarks Transportation Organization
Board of Directors

May 16, 2024

Date