



OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION

A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Mr. Travis Koestner
Missouri Department of Transportation
3025 E. Kearney Street
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Dear Mr. Koestner:

The Ozarks Transportation Organization Board of Directors voted on August 16, 2018 to request that MoDOT consider following both the OTO design standards and the MoDOT typical roadway section standards with regards to pedestrian accommodations for roadway expansion projects. The OTO design standards are included for your reference.

We recognize that funding is not adequate to fund all the transportation infrastructure needs and that includes sidewalks. Therefore, we request a methodology be established to evaluate the need for pedestrian facilities on roadway expansion projects where sidewalks do not currently exist. In areas that are not yet developed and a demand for sidewalks is absent, sidewalks could be constructed with new development.

We recognize that MoDOT is doing a great job in replacing sidewalks when affected by construction projects and providing for ADA accommodations. While the construction of new sidewalks without local investment has been limited, we appreciate that the design typically incorporates pedestrian provisions.

We are excited at the prospect of working together to establish a process to evaluate sidewalk construction with roadway expansion projects. We appreciate our continued partnership and the excellent transportation system we enjoy because of your outstanding customer service and look forward to opening a dialogue regarding pedestrian accommodations.

Sincerely,

Dan Smith
Chairman, OTO Board of Directors
Public Works Director, City of Springfield

