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February 19, 2021  
Missouri Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 270  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0270

SUBJECT: 5310 Program Funding

Ms. Yeager,

On behalf of the City of St. Joseph, I want to extend our support of continued services being proposed by the OATS Transit agency within the City of St. Joseph.

The proposed project will continue to provide transportation services to meet the needs of seniors and persons with disabilities in St. Joseph, Missouri area. We look forward to continuing a great relationship with the OATS Transit agency. These types of projects are included in the list of strategies shown to promote, enhance, and facilitate access to transportation services, including the integration and coordination of services for individuals with disabilities and seniors.

Sincerely



Chance Gallagher  
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St. Joseph Area Transportation Study Organization

City of St. Joseph, MO



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February 11, 2021

Dorothy Yeager  
Executive Director  
2501 Maguire Blvd., Ste. 101  
Columbia, MO 65201

RE: MoDOT 5310 Application

Dear Ms. Yeager:

On behalf of the Meramec Regional Planning Commission, I would like to express our continued support of OATS Transit and its commitment to providing transportation for individuals for health, employment and quality of life purposes. The proposed project for an operating assistance grant to fund services for seniors and people with disabilities to allow you to continue to provide safe, accessible and reliable transportation in Pulaski County. Projects such as this impact two of the strategies for our region as identified in the Public Transit-Human Service Transportation Coordination Plan (pg 44) for the Meramec Region: 1) *Need funding that allows for job-related transportation services. Limited funding is available for work-related transportation. There is also a lack of funding for vehicles to provide timely transit, making it problematic to guarantee participation,* 2) *Need to expand public transit services to include life enhancement, such as recreational activities, educational and lifelong learning needs, visits to nursing homes and shopping as well as increased weekend/evening hours*

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Kelly Sink of our Project Development Department at (573) 265-2993.

Sincerely,

Bonnie J. Prigge  
Executive Director

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February 16, 2021

Missouri Department of Transportation:

The Green Hills Regional Planning Commission is aware of an operating assistance application to be submitted to MoDOT (5310 funding) by OATS for the counties of Carroll, Chariton, and Harrison Counties. Upon award of the requested funding, enhancements will be made to the services OATS provides to the senior citizen and disability communities in the counties included in the application.

Please accept this letter as confirmation that the OATS application is aligned with the regional strategies outlined in the Green Hills Transit Plan currently accepted and on file with MoDOT's Public Transit Division.

Please feel free to contact me should you require additional information about this important application. Thank you for considering the request OATS is making to enhance their services within our region.

Best Regards

Jackie Soptic  
Transition Director