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Transportation Management Center Ground-breaking Jan. 12

A ground-breaking ceremony will be held at 3 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 12, at the Springfield Public Works Service Center complex for the Springfield/MoDOT Regional Transportation Management Center. The TMC is a partnership project between the Missouri Department of Transportation and City of Springfield to improve the efficiency and safety of roadways in the Springfield region.

The new facility will be located inside the Public Works Service Center complex at 1111 W. Chestnut Expressway on land already owned by the City of Springfield.

Springfield's Transportation Management Center was established in 1998 by the City of Springfield and Missouri Department of Transportation. City and State personnel work side by side at the TMC coordinating traffic flow in the metro area. They use the citywide computerized traffic signal system, the closed-circuit, real-time traffic monitoring camera system, and other useful equipment to address changes in traffic-flow patterns and respond to incidents that occur throughout the transportation system. Using the traffic cameras, TMC operators can monitor the flow of traffic along major arterials throughout the city. When incidents such as crashes or stalled vehicles occur, TMC operators can relay valuable information to 911 operators who dispatch emergency response personnel to the scene. TMC operators also can modify the traffic signal programming, if necessary, in an effort to alleviate the impact of such incidents to the flow of traffic.

TMC staff are on duty weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information from the TMC can be found on the Web at www.ozarkstraffic.info, which is updated 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The TMC was originally located inside the Discovery Center of Springfield and is now housed in a temporary location at Walnut Street and Jefferson Avenue. The $3.2 million project is funded with more $1.5 million from two separate federal earmarks. The remaining $1.7 million cost is paid for by City and State local funds.

For more information, contact: Jason Haynes, Public Works Traffic Engineering, (417) 837-5799; or Adam Humphrey, Missouri Department of Transportation, (417) 837-5787.

The Insurance Services Office is a national rating agency that conducts assessments every 10 years specifically of a Fire Department’s ability to suppress structure fires. Of more than 1,700 rated Missouri departments, Springfield is among six departments to hold the ISO 2 rating.
Download the Action Plan submitted to the ISO and its letter of response. For more information, contact: Fire Chief David Hall, 864-1530.