



2013 - 2014 Bicycle & Pedestrian Activities



Springfield was recognized as a Bronze-level Bicycle Friendly by the League of American Bicyclists.

The Missouri Bicycle and Pedestrian Federation honored Springfield Public Works Interim Co-director, Jonathan Gano, with the Distinguished Service Award.

Awards

Let's Go Smart

Let's Go Smart Springfield is a new community partnership, led by Ozarks Greenways, encouraging better choices in traveling including: biking, walking, driving and riding the bus. The program also encourages better health, financial savings, and environmental benefits.

Ozark Greenways, through the Healthy Living Alliance, received \$91,000 from a CDC grant to implement a Let's Go Smart Marketing campaign and other associated activities. Let's Go Smart has produced a number of public service announcements, developed an interactive website with a facility map, and maintains an active blog.

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Safe Routes to School

A four week walk and bike safety education program was hosted by four Springfield elementary schools

Healthy Living Alliance

Began in 2011 with a grant from the Missouri Foundation for Health, a network is working to encourage healthy, active living in Springfield.

Mobile Education

MoDOT uses a mobile bike safety trailer in schools for education.

STAR Team

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The Ozarks Greenways, Sustainable Transportation Advocacy Resource (STAR) team met monthly.

Contributions include: Let's Go Smart Springfield, City of Springfield Person Powered Mobility Plan, Bicycling articles for Ozarks Living magazine

Tour de Ozarks

A bicycle and brews festival was held May 10 on the Square in Springfield benefiting Ozarks Greenways

Bike to Work Week

Ozarks Greenways sponsored the event from May 12 through May 16 with over 1,000 participants

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By the end of 2013, Greene County was fourth in state with over 1,000 participants and fifth in the state with 103,000 logged miles

Education

Events

Goals

Develop a comprehensive regional bicycle and pedestrian network by identifying both on-street and off-street facilities within the OTO

Integrate the bicycle and pedestrian network with the existing transportation system

Enhance and promote bicycling and pedestrian safety

Identify and target sources to fund pedestrian and bicycle facilities and programs

Promote bicycling and walking as a means of transportation integral to daily activities

Support bicycling and walking for the promotion of tourism in the OTO region



Bicycle/Pedestrian Network Completed

OTO has identified a strategic network of bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and is monitoring progress as part of its Journey 2035 Long Range Plan.

	2012	2013
% of roadways with sidewalks	26.62	30.50
Miles of greenway network	53.84	56.04

New Facilities

Bicycle Facilities

The City of Springfield has tripled the marked bicycle facilities as part of an aggressive program to provide bicycle accommodations along bicycle routes.

New Facilities cont.

Sidewalks

Various sidewalk projects were completed to fill gaps on major streets, provide safe routes to school and address ADA needs.

Trails

- South Creek Trail at Scenic Avenue was rebuilt to improve flow and reduce standing water on the trail
- Nearly a mile of new trail on the Cherokee Trail of Tears was completed on abandoned Missouri Pacific Rail
- Almost a half-mile of new trail on Fasnicht Creek and Upper Ward Branch has been completed
- Several more trails are currently in the construction and design process

Streetscapes

Completed

- Mill Street from Campbell to Boonville.

Under Construction

- Boonville from Tampa Street to Chestnut Expressway
- Route 66 Roadside Park
- McDaniel St. between South and Jefferson

The Link

The Link is a project by the City of Springfield to link greenway trails and activity centers using low-traffic, low-speed streets and continuous accessible sidewalks.

- Almost 4 miles of bicycle route have been signed around the MSU campus
- The Talmage Trail was completed connecting the Link and Doling Park
- Link signs and a bicycle aid station were installed



Planning

For the first time, 2 regional trails were added to the OTO priority list:

- Route 66 Trail from Strafford to Springfield
- Jordan Valley/Wilson's Creek/Schuyler Creek Trails connecting downtown Springfield to Republic

The City of Springfield has developed a draft Person-Powered Mobility Plan and Complete Streets Ordinance that will be presented to City Council

The City of Republic began a Transportation Plan which will include guidance for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure needs

The Healthy Living Alliance partnered with Missouri State University to form the Healthy Living Alliance Walkable Neighborhood Project. The project conducts audits and has gained feedback on 11 different neighborhoods

Three regional health departments participated in the creation of SWMOCOUNTS.org, allowing anyone to track indicators such as obesity and air quality in the community

