



# OTO BIKE/PED PLAN REPORT



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Implementation in FY2011

This report outlines the bike/ped accomplishments related to the OTO Bike/Ped Plan. Activities occurring during the 2011 Fiscal Year, July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, are included.

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## IMPLEMENTATION IN FY2011

### BIKE/PED PLAN GOALS AS APPROVED DECEMBER 15, 2005

Each goal includes an explanation of how the following pages tie back to this list.

- Define a Comprehensive Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Network
  - BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- Integrate the Bicycle and Pedestrian Network to the Existing Transportation System
  - BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
  - INFRASTRUCTURE
- Promote Bicycling as an Eco-Tourism Mode Focusing on Historical and Natural Attractions in Greene and Christian Counties
  - COMMUNITY SUPPORT
- Enhance Safety through Education and Law Enforcement
  - COMMUNITY SUPPORT
  - SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
- Promote Bicycling and Pedestrian Safety
  - COMMUNITY SUPPORT
  - SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
- Improve the Bicycle-Pedestrian-Transit Link
  - INFRASTRUCTURE
- Funding
  - BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
  - COMMUNITY SUPPORT
  - INFRASTRUCTURE



### DRAFT BIKE/PED PLAN GOALS AS PROPOSED IN JOURNEY 2035

Each goal includes an explanation of how the following pages tie back to this list.

- Develop a comprehensive regional bicycle and pedestrian network by identifying both on-street and off-street facilities within the OTO
  - BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- Integrate the bicycle and pedestrian network with the existing transportation system
  - BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
  - INFRASTRUCTURE
- Enhance and promote bicycling and pedestrian safety
  - COMMUNITY SUPPORT
  - SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
- Identify and target sources to fund pedestrian and bicycle facilities and programs
  - BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
  - COMMUNITY SUPPORT
  - INFRASTRUCTURE
- Promote bicycling and walking as a means of transportation integral to daily activities
  - BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
  - COMMUNITY SUPPORT
  - INFRASTRUCTURE
- Support bicycling and walking for the promotion of tourism in the OTO region
  - COMMUNITY SUPPORT



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN FY2011

### Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

BPAC is a subcommittee of the OTO Technical Planning Committee. With its own mission and set of bylaws, BPAC provides input and research related to bicycle and pedestrian activities and infrastructure in the OTO region.

BPAC met more often than usual during FY2011. OTO has been updating the Long Range Transportation Plan, Journey 2035, and BPAC has been instrumental in developing the bike/ped update for the plan. BPAC finalized several components of the bike/ped plan update.

- New Goals and Objectives (Goals listed on Page 1 of this report)
- Policy Priorities
- Project Priorities
- Detailed list of needed bicycle and pedestrian projects



### Community Support

OTO provides staff technical assistance to several groups in the OTO region. This includes Ozark Greenways (OGI), through their Technical Committee and the STAR (Sustainable Transportation Advocacy Resource) Team, the Childhood Obesity Action Group, the Ozarks Clean Air Alliance, and the Missouri Livable Streets Advisory Team.

Ozark Greenways has expanded their focus from trails to promoting and advocating alternative modes of transportation. While the OGI Technical Committee still works on trail development and trail connections, the STAR Team examines how Greenways can be better advocates for infrastructure, better enforcement, bicycle and pedestrian-friendly policies, and education and encouragement of bicycle use and walking. During this past year, OGI celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an organization. Following the announcement in early 2010 that Springfield had been named a Bronze level Bicycle Friendly Community, STAR Team looked for ways to advance the region to Silver or better.

- Counted over 100 miles of trail in the region
- Drive Less, Live More Campaign
- Missouri House Complete Streets Resolution
- Columbia, MO Bicycle Information Tour
- Record participation in Bike to Work Week > over 1200 registered
- STAR Team Member Andy Cline, recognized by Missouri Bicycle and Pedestrian Federation for efforts in promoting bicycling and walking in the Springfield Area
- Complete Streets included in Transportation Chapter of the new Springfield Strategic Plan
- Bikes Belong discount program a success for Bambino's Café
- Ozarks Regional Bike Summit
- OGI Greene County Destination Plan

The Childhood Obesity Action Group worked on two efforts this year. One was a walking school bus program at 4 Springfield elementary schools, funded by a Transportation Enhancement Grant and the other was a broader community initiative to promote healthy living, the Healthy Living Alliance, funded by the Missouri Foundation for Health.



The Ozarks Clean Air Alliance continued to meet and promote strategies for clean air in the Springfield region. Support for bicycling and walking is included in the Clean Air Action Plan. With the 2010 monitoring data, Springfield and the surrounding area is still in attainment. The three year ozone design value at the conclusion of 2010 was 67 ppb.

Missouri Livable Streets is a public-private partnership between the University of Missouri Extension, Missouri Department of Transportation, and over 12 other organizations, including the Ozarks Transportation Organization, as an MPO (metropolitan planning organization) representative. Together, these organizations work to ensure that all communities have flexible policies in place so that all Missourians have access to safe transportation options, regardless of age, ability, or income.

- Missouri Livable Streets Advocacy Training Manual
- Advocacy Training for Ozark and Nixa Citizens
- Developing Livable Streets Design Guidelines
- Planning a televised Livable Streets Facilitated Workshop



## Infrastructure

The Ozarks Transportation Organization provides funding opportunities for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in addition to the programmatic elements mentioned earlier. This funding can be accessed by a variety of agencies, so long as it is used in accordance with the OTO long range plans. OTO member jurisdictions also make investments in area bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, adding to the completeness of the system.

- Streetscapes in Springfield
- Sidewalks on Elm and Cloverdale in Battlefield
- Sidewalk in Nixa along Nicholas and Butterfield roadways
- School sidewalk in Ozark along State Highway 14
- Sidewalk on Elm in Republic
- School sidewalk in downtown Strafford
- Sidewalk on North and South Glenstone in Springfield
- Sidewalk on south Campbell in Springfield
- Sidewalk on Kearney from Kansas Expressway to Glenstone in Springfield
- ADA accommodations along the Link



- First Link segment completed between JQH Arena and Hammons Field
- Pedestrian accommodations at transit stops along the state roadways
- Bike Corral at Walnut and South in Springfield
- South Dry Sac Greenway from State Highway 13 to Fulbright Landfill
- Wilson Creek Greenway Phase III
- Ward Branch Trail
- Study to connect Wilson Creek Marketplace to Wilson Creek Trail
- Fassnight Creek Greenway from Parkview High School through Fassnight Park

## Safe Routes to School

Safe Routes to School is a specific category of funding for projects that promote safe ways for children to get to school, especially through promotion of biking and walking. The program funds infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects. Many projects and programs support the safe routes to school mission, although they may not receive funding from that particular source.

- Danger Ranger program with Springfield Public Works and Springfield Public Schools
- Pilot Walking School Bus in 4 Springfield Schools organized by the Ozarks Regional YMCA and the Childhood Obesity Action Group
- School Zone flashers and speed indicators, including portable radar trailers > throughout region
- Safe Routes to School Training with Robert Johnson of PedNet in Nixa
- Springfield school sidewalks program, funded by 1/4-cent sales tax
- Ozark school sidewalks
- School Walking Route Maps developed by Springfield Public Works and Ozark Greenways
- Willard Schools Bicycle Education program in physical education classes, includes helmet for each student

