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*Attachments: Statement of Priorities and On the Path to Connected Pedestrian and Bicycle Networks*

The OTO's Board of Directors will consider the adoption of a *Statement of Priorities for Sidewalks and On-Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure* as a companion document to the OTO's regional trail plan *Towards a Regional Trail System*. The regional trail plan describes the OTO's implementation strategies for connecting communities with trails and allowing people to travel throughout the region without a car. This *Statement of Priorities* describes the local bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure that will allow people to safely travel within a community without a car once they arrive. Together, these two documents describe a future where intercity bicycle and pedestrian travel is feasible, safe, and as efficient as possible.

The included priorities are divided into three categories. The first category describes key features of a comprehensive network of local sidewalks and on-street facilities. The second category describes the ways a comprehensive local network integrates with the regional trail system. Finally, the third category describes key local commitments, related funding, and maintenance.

This Statement of Priorities is supplemented by a brief report, entitled *On the Path to Connected Pedestrian and Bicycle Networks*, providing local examples of each priority. This report further describes the ideal network of sidewalks and on-street facilities and highlights the many places where elements of the ideal exist within the Ozarks. This is an informative report rather than a report focused on planning or implementation.

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The public comment period will end at 5 p.m. on January 19, 2022. After reviewing recommendations and public comments, the OTO Board of Directors will decide whether to formally adopt the changes at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 20, 2022, at noon, at 2208 W Chesterfield Blvd., Suite 101, Springfield, MO 65807.

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