



# Statement of Priorities for Sidewalks and On-Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure

The following statements outline the Ozarks Transportation Organization's priorities for the development and maintenance of sidewalk and on-street pedestrian infrastructure in the region's seven cities and two counties:

## Structure of Local Bicycle and Pedestrian Networks

- Urban Expressways and Primary & Secondary Arterials should include bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, such as sidewalks on both sides, multi-use sidepaths, and/or bicycle accommodations consistent with established best practices
- Freeway corridors should include a parallel network of continuous sidewalks, bike lanes, bike boulevards, and/or other industry standard low-stress accommodations along outer roads or other parallel minor streets to facilitate bicycle and pedestrian movement along the freeway corridor
- Local bicycle and pedestrian networks should facilitate safe movement between neighborhoods, local institutions, schools, and commercial areas, and be built according to established best practices

## Integration of Local Bicycle and Pedestrian Networks and the Regional Hard Surface Trail Network

- The region's Hard Surface Trail Network should be integrated into the fabric of each community through numerous neighborhood-level sidewalk and bicycle connections
- Local bicycle and pedestrian networks should be identified and constructed to facilitate movement between trails included in the region's Hard Surface Trail Network
- Local bicycle and pedestrian networks should be identified and constructed to facilitate movement between local institutions, schools, commercial areas and the region's Hard Surface Trail Network

## Funding

- Local jurisdictions should prioritize the construction and long-term maintenance of their local bicycle and pedestrian network in their annual budgets and capital improvement programs
- Local jurisdictions and MoDOT should negotiate in good faith to find opportunities for cost sharing and beneficial long-term maintenance agreements