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# 2025 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The OTO's *Bicycle and Pedestrian Implementation Report* is compiled annually to record the wide range of bicycle and pedestrian prioritization, engineering, evaluation, and education activities completed throughout the region. This report demonstrates the region's ongoing commitment to developing a more complete bicycle and pedestrian network.

### GUIDING DOCUMENTS

The Ozarks Transportation Organization has adopted several plans and policies that serve as guiding documents for the region's bicycle and pedestrian programs. These plans include Destination 2045, the official long-range transportation plan and Towards a Regional Trail System, a regional trail plan. Additionally, the OTO has a Statement of Priorities for local bicycle and pedestrian networks and completed a Regional Trail Investment Study, which analyzed several key corridors and provided a cost estimate for proposed alignments.

### GOALS AND TARGETS

The *Towards a Regional Trail System* included a goal for trail construction. The OTO will construct 45 miles of new trails by 2045, or 45 by 45. The focus has not been placed on which specific trails get built, rather the focus is on ensuring steady trail construction. Two benchmarks have been set to help encourage regular progress to achieve this goal. Since the adoption of the goal and benchmarks in 2021, 14.6 miles of new trails have been constructed in support of the 45-mile goal.

### NEEDS IDENTIFICATION

The Ozarks Transportation Organization continuously works to identify transportation needs and prioritize funding to address these needs. This occurs through the annual STIP project prioritization process, regular Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meetings, participation with Ozark Greenways, and through special planning efforts.

### ENGINEERING

Many funding, engineering, and construction activities were in progress or completed in the OTO region during 2025.

#### TRAILS AND BIKEWAYS

- Constructed 27,943 linear feet (LF) of multi-use trails, including another phase of multi-use path along the Kansas Expressway Extension in Greene County, another phase of the Chadwick Flyer Trail in Ozark, portions of the Grant Ave Parkway in Springfield and the Shuyler Creek Trail in Republic
- Construction Funding awarded for approximately 13,251 LF of multi-use trails, including multi-use trail extensions of the Finley River Trail in Ozark, the Ward Branch Greenway trail in Springfield and the connection of the South Creek and Wilsons Creek Greenway trails in Springfield, creating an over 11-mile-long connected trail

- Ongoing funded trail projects with approximately 36,614 LF of multi-use trails including another phase of the Chadwick Flyer Trail in Ozark, the LeCompte Trail, additional phases of the Jordan Creek Greenway, South Creek Greenway, Wilsons Creek Greenway in Springfield

#### **STREETSCAPES AND CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS**

- Four crossing improvements as part of the Chadwick Flyer Trail construction in Ozark, including two Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB).
- Several Intersection and crossing improvements in Springfield, including a High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) signals over W Kearney St and Chestnut Expressway.

#### **SIDEWALK AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS**

- Constructed over 14,395 LF of new sidewalk

#### **ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

- Multiple sidewalk improvements in unincorporated Greene County
- 83 sidewalk ramps and sidewalk improvements in Nixa
- Completed Construction addressing accessibility improvements along Kansas Expressway in Springfield.
- Repair and replacement of 29,100 LF of sidewalk in different neighborhoods of north Springfield

### **EVALUATION**

SGF Yields and the *Let's Go Smart: Transportation Collaborative* continue to evaluate the region's bicycle and pedestrian system through quarterly yield checks and periodic *Walk & Talk* events.

### **EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT**

There are multiple organizations and campaigns such as SGF Yields, Better Block SGF, SpringBike, and Safe Kids Springfield, which continue to host events to encourage and improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety. The OTO region benefits from this wide range of educational and engagement activities, which also include numerous other fun runs, 5k races and cycling events from many other community and neighborhood groups.

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## GUIDING DOCUMENTS

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The OTO Board of Directors has adopted bicycle and pedestrian plans and priorities over the past several years, providing guidance to prioritization and funding efforts.

### DESTINATION 2045

The OTO adopted a new long-range transportation plan, entitled *Destination 2045*, in 2021. This plan will guide transportation investments over the next 5 years and help the region address five key transportation goals:

- Goal 1 - A Safe Transportation System for All Users on All Modes
- Goal 2 - Preserve Existing Transportation Assets and Promote Fiscal Responsibility
- Goal 3 - Connected, Integrated, multi-modal System
- Goal 4 - Build a Transportation System that Supports a Resilient Region that is Prepared for the Future
- Goal 5 - Build Quality Projects that Implement Best Design and Engineering Practices

*Destination 2045* includes strong support for multi-modal investments and projects that help improve bicycle and pedestrian safety.

### TOWARDS A REGIONAL TRAIL SYSTEM

The OTO adopted a new trail plan, entitled *Towards a Regional Trail System*, in 2021. This plan explores the continued expansion of the region's trail system and sets a goal for 45 miles of new trails by 2045. The **45 by 45** goal will help ensure the region successfully creates a network of trails that truly connects our communities.

### STATEMENT OF PRIORITIES

In January 2022, the OTO Board of Directors adopted a Statement of Priorities for local bicycle and pedestrian networks. This includes the development and maintenance of sidewalk and on-street pedestrian infrastructure in the region's seven cities and two counties. The eight priorities are grouped into three categories. These priorities describe a grid-like network of bike/ped infrastructure that connects regional trails, schools, neighborhoods, and commercial centers.

### ON THE PATH TO CONNECTED BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN NETWORKS

These eight priorities are embodied in local bicycle and pedestrian networks across the OTO region. *On the Path to Connected Pedestrian and Bicycle Networks* highlights many of these local examples. For example, residents of Strafford can safely move between neighborhoods, schools, and commercial areas. Willard also has a pedestrian underpass that connects neighborhoods to the Frisco Highline Trail north of US 160.

### REGIONAL BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAIL INVESTMENT STUDY

In the fall of 2016, the OTO Transportation Alternatives Selection Committee noted the continued decreases in dedicated bicycle/pedestrian funding and asked OTO to study the

investment required to construct a regional trail system. Area trails connecting OTO communities were segmented and evaluated for cost and environmental concerns. The study refined 88 miles of trail corridors and identified a buildout cost of \$125 million. This study has been the basis for OTO's continued efforts to construct and connect trails throughout the region.

## GOALS AND BENCHMARKS

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The adoption of *Towards a Regional Trail System* in 2021 included a goal for trail construction. This goal will guide future trail development efforts. To measure progress towards goal achievement, two benchmarks have been set. These benchmarks have been used to measure progress over three-year periods.

### 45 BY 45

The OTO has set a goal to construct 45 miles of new trails by 2045, or **45 by 45**. Communities will be connected, and gaps will be filled if the region is able to build 45 miles of new trails. The focus has not been placed on what specific trails get built, rather the focus is on ensuring steady trail construction. Two benchmarks have been set to help encourage regular progress to achieve this goal.

#### MILEAGE BENCHMARK

A mileage benchmark has been set at 6 miles of new trail every 3 years. This will be measured by when funding is identified. This target recognizes the cyclical nature of construction projects and allows for the design and right-of-way phases of trail projects.

#### INVESTMENT BENCHMARK

A complementary investment benchmark has been set at \$6 million of new trails every 3 years. This will be measured by when funding is identified. This target recognizes the complex nature of some planned trails and allows the region to track significant investments of its trail network.

At the end of calendar year 2025, the region had constructed **14.6 miles of new trails in the four years** since setting the goals and benchmarks and identified funding for **13.4 miles of new trails**. Communities invested more than \$15 million, including around \$2.5 million in local funds, surpassing each of the two benchmarks in the first period.

## NEEDS IDENTIFICATION

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The Ozarks Transportation Organization continuously works to identify transportation needs and prioritize funding to address these needs. Below are descriptions of some needs lists and prioritization processes from 2025.

### ANNUAL STIP PRIORITIZATION

The OTO recommended several projects for inclusion in MoDOT's STIP that will benefit bicyclists and pedestrians. These projects include improvements along Kansas Expressway,

West Bypass/ US 160 and CC, and can contribute to improving multimodal connectivity in the region. Besides these recommendations, MoDOT's 2026-2030 STIP includes multiple projects that will have direct benefit for the multimodal connectivity of the region. These projects include pedestrian improvements along Glenstone Ave and upgrades of pedestrian facilities, including crossings along East Sunshine Rd/ Route D.

## BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The OTO's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meets regularly to discuss regionally significant projects, complete planning and safety studies, and to assist in setting bicycle and pedestrian funding priorities.

## OZARK GREENWAYS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The OTO continues to participate on Ozark Greenways' Technical Committee. These monthly meetings provide OTO staff with an opportunity to learn about ongoing trail needs and to provide information on upcoming funding opportunities.

## MoDOT MULTIMODAL UNFUNDED NEEDS LIST

The OTO participated in the development of a statewide Multimodal Unfunded Needs List. A total of 15 regional trails and local bicycle and pedestrian projects from the OTO region, valued at about \$23 million, were included on the state's need list. Trail projects included the Route 66 trail in Strafford, shared used path from Ridgecrest Ave in Nixa to Fremont Rd in Ozark, multi-use paths along S Glenstone Ave and Kansas Expressway south of Grand St, pedestrian improvements along Route EE from Haseltine Rd to US 160 (West Bypass), pedestrian crossing improvements along US 160 between Route 744 (Kearney St) to Battlefield Rd and trail improvements along Route M from Route ZZ in Republic to Route FF in Battlefield and along FF to Weaver Rd. Individual communities submitted a wide range of local bicycle and pedestrian needs. Projects ranged from \$200,000 to \$3,500,000 and a new list is completed annually.

# ENGINEERING

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## TRAILS AND BIKEWAYS

While many pieces of the regional system are in the planning stages, several have been designed and constructed as part of the effort to make a continuous trail system and multimodal network.

### CONSTRUCTION FUNDING AWARDED

- Multi-use path as of the Finley River Trail in Ozark from the Ozark Community Center heading west to US 65 (approx. 2,850 LF)
- Sidewalk connector to the Chadwick Flyer Trail along Jackson St/ MO14 in Ozark (approx. 550 LF)
- Multi-use path on south side of Grand St in Springfield from Campbell Ave to Kansas Expressway (approx. 6,400 LF)

- Multi-use trail as part of the Ward Branch Greenway Trail in Springfield from S Fremont Ave to E Bradford Parkway (approx. 1,531 LF)
- Multi-use trail as part of the South Creek Greenway trail in Springfield, connecting the trail with the Wilsons Creek Greenway trail (approx. 2,429 LF)

### FUNDED ENGINEERING AND PLANNING STUDIES

- Engineering and design of a multi-use trail as part of the Wilson's Creek Greenway along Republic Rd from current terminus in South Springfield to Wilson's Creek Blvd trail in Republic
- Engineering and design of sidewalk connections along Hines St in Republic
- Engineering and design of a multi-use trail as part of the Fasnigh Creek Greenway Trail along Bennett St from Springfield Art Museum to Glenstone Ave

### CONSTRUCTED

- 5,775 LF of multi-use path along Kansas Expressway from W Farm Road 182 to intersection of W Farm Road 190 and S Farm Road 141 in Greene County
- Approximately 824 LF of multi-use path along N Farm Rd 127/ Melville Rd, including path on the bridge over I-44 in Greene County
- 3,380 LF of multi-use trail as part of the Chadwick Flyer Trail in Ozark, including Phase V along N 20<sup>th</sup> Street and a connector to the trail on the west side of N 20<sup>th</sup> Street
- 8,976 LF multi-use trail as part of the Shuyler Creek Trail along Farm Road 182 from Wilson Creek National Battlefield to City of Republic
- 4,158 LF of multi-use path as part along E Galloway St from S Luster Ave to S Lone Pine Ave in Springfield
- 4,330 LF of multi-use path as part of the Grant Ave Parkway from Grand St to College St in Springfield
- 500 LF of multi-use trail as part of the Jordan Creek Trail from Smith Park to Division St in Springfield
- 1,952 LF of bike lanes on W Republic Rd between east of S Campbell Ave to S Fairview Ave in Springfield

### IN PROGRESS CONSTRUCTION

- Multi-use trail as connector to "Trail of Tears Park" (approx. 900 LF) from S Cloverdale Rd and sidewalk along 4th St (approx. 2,500 LF) in Battlefield
- Multi-use path along N Cheyenne Rd and North St in Nixa (approx. 3,260 LF)
- Chadwick Flyer Trail including overpass of US 65, and Chadwick Flyer Spur to Ozark High School (approx. 3,643 LF)
- Multi-use trail as part of the Finley River trail in Ozark (approx. 1,151 LF)
- MM Pedestrian Underpass with multi-use path in Republic (approx. 500 LF)
- Le Compte trail along east side of LeCompte Road from Division to Railroad crossing in Springfield (approx. 5,670 LF)
- Multi-use trail and bicycle and pedestrian underpass of I-44 as part of the Pea Ridge Creek Greenway from Doling Park to Norton RD in Springfield (approx. 1,147 LF)

- Jordan Creek Greenway multi-use trail from Mt Vernon St to Grant Ave in Springfield (approx. 5,625 LF)
- Trail of Tears Greenway multi-use trail from Nathanel Greene Park to E Sunshine St in Springfield (approx. 3,995 LF)
- Wilson's Creek Greenway multi-use trail from Rutledge Wilson Park to James Ewing Park-Hillcrest trailhead in Springfield (approx. 6,819 LF)
- Multi-use path as part of South Creek Greenway Trail along E Sunset St to E Edgewood St, including intersection improvements at Sunset and Glenstone and sidewalk connection to transit stop south of Sunset (approx. 254 LF)
- Link Trail segment along N Sherman Parkway in Springfield (approx. 1,150 LF)
- Multi-use path as part of the South Creek Trail along E Sunset St in Springfield (approx. 2,500 LF)

### **IN PROGRESS ENGINEERING AND PLANNING STUDIES**

- Chadwick Flyer Study for the corridor between Kissick Ave and Sunshine St to identify safe and most practical trail alignments and road crossings in this corridor was completed in March 2024. In August 2024, Ozark Greenways awarded a contract for engineering and design services for the studied corridor.
- Engineering and design of a multi-use trail as part of the Wilson's Creek Greenway and along Route FF from Republic Rd to Weaver Rd in Battlefield
- Engineering and design of a multi-use trail as part of the Blue Stem Greenway, Finley River trail and the Kali Springs Trail in Ozark
- Engineering and design of multi-use trail as part of the South Creek Greenway connecting to the Wilson's Creek Greenway, the Fassnight Creek Greenway between S Fort Ave and Springfield Skate Park and from Glenstone to Enterprise, and Ward Branch Greenway from National Ave to Fremont Ave in Springfield.
- Engineering and design of a multi-use trail as part of Route 66 trail in Strafford

### **STREETSCAPES AND CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS**

- Two Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) and additional road crossing improvements as part of the Chadwick Flyer Trail construction in Ozark: One on N 20th Street between W Trevor Tail and W Richwood Road and one on W Clay Street near the intersection with N 17<sup>th</sup> Street
- Intersection improvements on Kansas Expressway (Missouri Route 13) at W Sunset St and W Walnut Lawn St, including new pedestrian medians, adding crossing legs and increasing crosswalk visibility
- High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) signal on W Chestnut Expressway (Loop 44) east of N Eldon Ave in Springfield
- High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) signal on W Kearney St (Missouri Route 744) between N Boonville Ave and N Robberson Ave in Springfield

### **SIDEWALKS AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS**

Sidewalk improvements are a continual activity in the OTO area.

## CONSTRUCTION

- 8,703 LF of sidewalk within new subdivisions in Republic
- 1,650 LF of sidewalk along west side of N Old Wilderness Rd from Missouri Route 14 to Cox Health Urgent Care in Nixa
- 225 LF of sidewalk along south side of W Dale St at N Johnston Ave in Springfield
- 200 LF of sidewalk along north side of W Division St east of N West Bypass in Springfield
- 215 LF of sidewalk along west side of N Fort Ave south of W Kearney St in Springfield
- 730 LF of sidewalk along north side of W High St from N Newton Ave to Kansas Expressway in Springfield
- 195 LF of sidewalk along north side of W Lee St east of N Newton Ave in Springfield
- 1,600 LF of new sidewalk along of W Mt Vernon St from S Casa Grande Ave to S Lulwood Ave in Springfield
- 672 LF of new sidewalk along west side of S Miller St from W Mt Vernon St to W Tarkio St in Springfield
- 205 LF of new sidewalk along west side of N Park Ave from W High St to Tom Watkins Park in Springfield
- The Greene County Highway Department constructed new sidewalk in unincorporated Greene County with a value of \$354,000.

## ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

- Sidewalk improvements in multiple areas of unincorporated Greene County with a value of \$206,000.
- Pedestrian Improvements in Nixa, including improving repair and replacement of sidewalk and improving 83 sidewalk ramps
- Repair and replacement of 29,100 LF of sidewalk on multiple streets, including W High St, W Division St in Northeast Springfield and E Commercial St, E Blaine St and E Florida St in the Weller neighborhood
- Safety and Pedestrian Improvements along Kansas Expressway (Missouri Route 13) in Springfield from Norton Rd to ramps of James River Freeway, including filling sidewalk gaps, replace sidewalk, ramps and bus stop pads to meet ADA standards and improving pedestrian signals at intersections, including the intersection with W Kearney St

## IN PROGRESS

- Pedestrian Improvements along Chestnut Expressway (Loop 44/ Business 65) in Springfield from I-44 to Eastgate Ave, including filling sidewalk gaps, replacing sidewalks, ramps, and improving several signalized intersections for pedestrians
- Pedestrian Improvements along Kearney Street/ MO Route 744 in Springfield from West Bypass/ US 160 to N LeCompte Ave, including filling sidewalk gaps, replacing sidewalk, ramps, and improving several signalized intersections for pedestrians
- Pedestrian Improvements along Missouri Route 125/ OO in Strafford, between E Olive St and E Evergreen St, including new sidewalk and pedestrian crossing improvements at intersections and new roundabouts

## PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PLANS & STUDIES

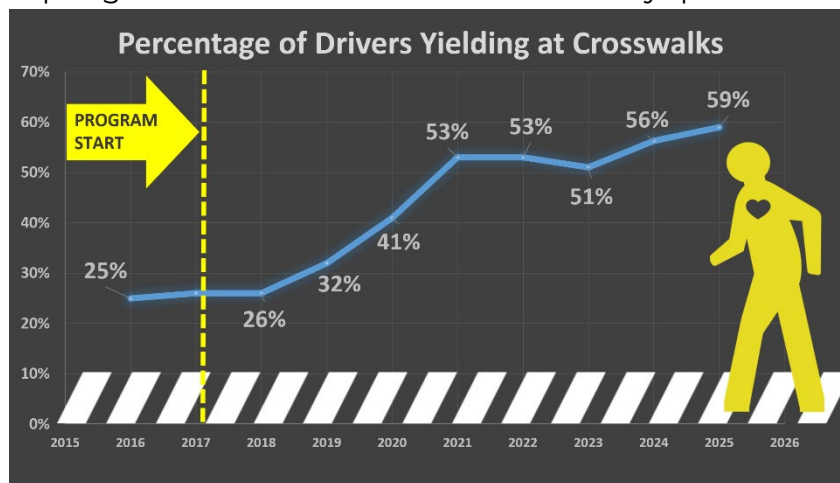
- City of Ozark is in progress of updating their ADA transition plan. The plan includes a self-evaluation, public outreach and will determine where accessibility access exists within the city and how the city can address these issues. The city completed the draft plan with adoption expected in early 2026.
- City of Republic is working on the update of the City's ADA transition plan update, which will include an evaluation of pedestrian hazards in the right-of-way with funding through FHWA Safe Streets for All program.
- City of Springfield also received funding through FHWA Safe Streets for All program for a regional transportation culture study that will analyze behavioral components of crashes and close calls and provide strategies for educational strategies and speeding study and a neighborhood traffic calming plan.
- The City of Willard is updating their master transportation plan which will evaluate the local transportation network and prioritize future developments of the system.

## EVALUATION

### SGF YIELDS: CROSSWALK COMPLIANCE STUDIES

Crosswalk compliance studies, performed by Springfield Public Works Traffic Operations division since 2017, evaluate driver compliance at six crosswalk sites with similar traffic speeds and characteristics across Springfield. Two locations are studied every quarter as a control group. The remaining sites are selected from each of the four City Council zones.

Results from each location are averaged to produce a snapshot of driver compliance across town. Results of the assessment are posted on two educational boards, located at the intersection of Campbell & Walnut Lawn and Glenstone & Division. The chart to the right



shows the development of driver compliance since the start of the study. Overall, drivers yielding at crosswalks increase from 25% in 2017/18 to around 59% in 2025.

## LET’S GO SMART: TRANSPORTATION COLLABORATIVE - WALK & TALKS

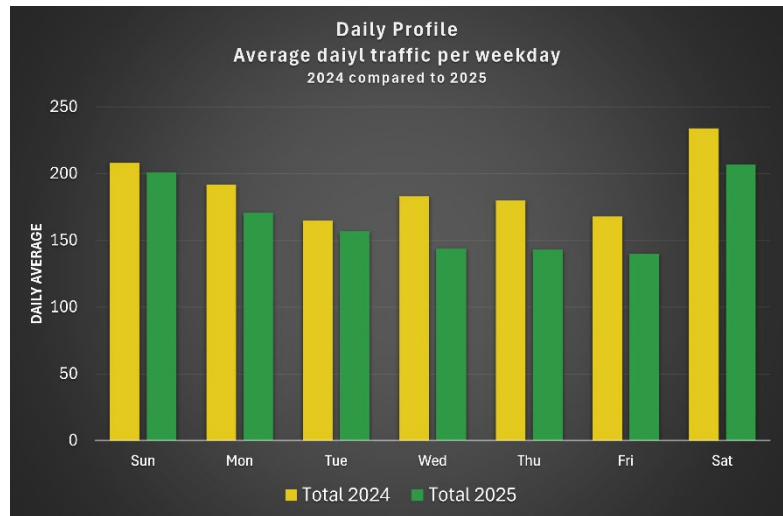
The Let’s Go Smart: Transportation Collaborative hosted four Walk & Talk events in 2025 to evaluate walkability in and around Doling, Midtown and Downtown neighborhoods and the City of Ozarks. The collaborative held one Bike & talk event during bike walk & wheel week. These events bring together community stakeholders and advocates to discuss recent improvements, current needs, and future projects in different neighborhoods.



## OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION TRAIL COUNTS

The Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) began collecting trail use data in late 2023 to better understand how people are using the region’s growing trail network. These counts track the total number of users traveling in both directions — including bicyclists —

and are publicly available through OTO’s online trail dashboard. In 2024, OTO used one counter to gather data on seven trails between May and December, recording an overall daily average of 168 users. Activity varied by location, with the Galloway Greenway seeing the highest average daily use at 457 users, and the Chadwick Flyer Trail in south Springfield averaging 35 users per day. In 2025, the addition of a second counter expanded



monitoring to 12 trails. That year showed an overall daily average of 132 users, again led by the Galloway Greenway at 298 daily users, while the North Jordan Creek Trail averaged 25 per day. Overall, the data offers valuable insight into how weather and weekends influence trail activity, with noticeably higher use on weekend days — averaging 193 users per day in 2024 and 158 in 2025. The data can help OTO and its partners in making informed decisions about future investments and improvements.

## EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

### SAFETY GUIDES

OTO has continued to make available Safety Guides printed with materials from the League of American Bicyclists on bicycle safety. These have been shared with member jurisdictions and Ozark Greenways for distribution around the region. These were also included for distribution to Bike Walk & Wheel Week participants.

### CYCLE CONNECT 417

Cycle Connect 417 formed in September of 2022 and is encouraging women to explore cycling and connecting women within Southwest Missouri. The group organizes community rides for women on every first Saturday of each month with the goal of bringing women together and providing an inclusive environment with cycling opportunities for all skill levels.

### LET’S GO SMART: TRANSPORTATION COLLABORATIVE

The Ozark Greenways Let’s Go Smart Committee and the Community Partnership of the Ozark’s Transportation Collaborative combined into the Let’s Go Smart: Transportation Collaborative in 2019. This combined group continues to support the two groups’ key priorities: non-motorized transportation and expanding transportation options for the region’s under-resourced. In April of 2025, the collaborative partnered with Sherwood Elementary School to host a Bike Bus to School. The Bike Bus was the final celebrational event of the school’s bike and scooter unit. The event included around 15 school children and multiple volunteers that rode their bikes or scooters together through the neighborhood to school before class started.



### LET’S GO SMART WEBSITE

Let’s Go Smart is a campaign to educate the region about making smart choices when using transportation. This not only includes bicycling, walking, and carpooling, but also trip chaining, bicycle safety, and more. The Let’s Go Smart website continues to be a standalone site hosted by the Ozarks Transportation Organization and includes a place for events and an interactive map of the region’s bike and bus routes and trails.

### BETTER BLOCK SGF

Better Block SGF empowers individuals to reimagine the built environment to build a better city, one block at a time. This community non-profit advocates for pedestrian friendly design and improvements, conducts community engagement, and implements tactical urbanism projects. In 2024 Better Block SGF started the Medical Mile placemaking project along National Avenue between E Sunshine Street and James River Freeway. The project’s purpose is to create public spaces along the Medical Mile that are welcoming, safe and accessible, and will enhance the district’s identity, promote economic activity and improve the quality of the experience for visitors and residents. In May of 2025, the project created a pop-up park in a parking lot on E Primrose St which included seating



areas, outdoor games like cornhole and pickle ball and hosted live music events and food trucks.

## SGF YIELDS

The SGF Yields campaign aims to initiate a cultural change in Springfield toward being more pedestrian friendly. To encourage this shift, the campaign utilizes two key strategies – education and awareness. Staff works with local schools and talks with students in their classrooms about how to be a “Safety Superhero.” The city also has created ‘Mr. Walker’ statues and placed them around the city near crosswalks and heavily used pedestrian areas to remind drivers to pay attention for pedestrians. Finally, City staff monitors drivers’ yield compliance at crosswalks across the city. Statistics are shared with the community each quarter.



SGF Yields was awarded funding to conduct *Crosswalk Yield Checks* in cooperation with the Springfield Police Department. These checks will be treated as opportunities for “edu-forcement,” including driver education as the issuance of a warning from the Springfield Police Department. After this period of “edu-forcement,” drivers may be issued citations. Crosswalk Yield Check locations are determined by Springfield Public Works and Springfield Police Department with guidance and input from citizens through the SGF Yields Citizen Action Group.



In 2021, SGF Yields in partnership with neighborhoods, also started to organize Lantern Walks within the City of Springfield. This event aims at creating more awareness to children as the most vulnerable group of road users. Neighborhoods, schools, and families are encouraged to help organize a route for a lantern walk, which has learning stations for children and adults about safe walking habits, crosswalk laws and how to encourage safe street crossings for all road users. In 2025, 8 neighborhoods participated in the Lantern Walks.

The campaign evolved into the statewide available SafeAcross program. The SafeAcross program is a partnership between the City of Springfield and the Missouri Department of Transportation and provides resources, guidance and funding to communities in Missouri to launch their own local education programs. SGF Yields was also designated as [noteworthy practice of the Safe System Approach by the U.S. Department of Transportation](#).

## SAFE KIDS SPRINGFIELD

Safe Kids Springfield is a member of Safe Kids USA, and works to bring together health and safety experts, educators, corporations, foundations, governments, and volunteers to

educate and protect families. One focus area for Safe Kids is bike and pedestrian safety. Safe Kids provides safety education materials, helps with distribution of bicycle helmets, and offers bike rodeos at various events. In 2025 the program reached 6,667 individuals through bike safety presentations and distributed over 2,208 bike helmets to children within Southwest Missouri with a focus on Greene, Christian, Webster, Barry, Dade and Lawrence County.

## AWARDS

- Springfield has been **awarded bronze status as a Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC)** by the League of American Bicyclists, which recognizes progress on infrastructure, planning, education, encouragement and evaluation benchmarks in bicycling. The [BFC's report](#) card highlights Springfield's steady expansion of its regional trail system, integration of bicycle planning into city projects, and strong community partnerships as strengths of the application, while connectivity — particularly expanding low-stress protected routes and closing network gaps in underserved areas — remains a key area for improvement to advance toward a silver designation.
- After the US Bike Route (USBR) 51 designation in 2024, The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) approved the designation of **USBR 251**. USBR 251 spans from Bella Vista, Arkansas to Polk County, Missouri. The route uses mostly existing roadways from Arkansas through Springfield to the Frisco Highline Trail and then follows the trail.

## EVENTS

### BIKE WALK & WHEEL WEEK

Ozark Greenways sponsored Bike Walk & Wheel (BWW) week in May. The 2025 BWW week featured a Trail Clean Up at Sac River trails and multiple walk and bicycle events that provide an opportunity to explore the region in a group setting. Over 400 participants from different cities within the region including Battlefield, Nixa, Ozark, Republic, Springfield and Willard took part in BWW.

### SCULPTURE WALK SPRINGFIELD

Sculpture Walk Springfield bills itself as a museum without walls with access to all. Quality sculptures from local, national, and international artists are placed around Springfield with a focus on the downtown area. The 2025-2026 collection included 27 sculptures, including a permanent installation at the Roundtree neighborhood and the airport and an interactive neon mural on the north wall of the History Museum.

### SPRINGBIKE BICYCLE RIDES

SpringBike Bicycle Club led multiple bike rides, including county road rides on weekday evening rides each Monday through Thursday from April to September; a monthly slow roll on low volume, low speed intown streets for all experience levels on a Sunday afternoon from March to November; and eight scheduled weekend rides during the year with multiple ride length options between 12 and 65 miles. The club rides familiarize riders with

roads and streets in the Springfield area and with bicycle courtesy and safe operation techniques..

**NATIONAL WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY**

Empower: abilities, a local non-profit that advocates to remove barriers and empower independent living for all people with disabilities, organized a special event on October 15<sup>th</sup> to raise awareness about how community members with impaired vision are empowered to move freely with help of the White Cane Law.

**RUNS, WALKS, AND RIDES:**

7th Annual Springfield  
Tour de Brew  
16th Annual  
Breakthrough TID  
Bicycle Ride  
ALO: Let Freedom Run  
Bass Pro Fitness Series  
ConcreteKIDS Triathlon  
ConcreteMan Triathlon  
Conservation Marathon  
Couple Shuffle  
Dirt Quad  
Dream Dash  
Freedom Tri  
Frisco Railroad Run  
Girls on the Run 5K  
Go Girl Run Springfield  
Jack Frost 5K  
NAMI Neon Night Run  
5K  
Night Light 5k

Oktoberfest Beer Run  
OMRR's Run for the  
Ranch  
Omba Caramba! XC MTB  
Race  
OneSolePurpose 5K/10K  
Run  
Pancake Ride  
Potters House 5k & Fun  
Run - Springfield, MO  
Pound The Pavement  
For Parkinson's 5k  
Recovery Rocks 5k/10k  
Run  
Redbird Run  
Republic 100-mile  
Walking Club  
Republic Got Mud? Run  
Republic Tiger Triathlon  
Rock4Kids Paint the Run  
Rockin' Roll Bike & Music  
Festival

Ruck 'N' Run  
Running From Squatch  
Running From Yeti  
Run and Remember 5K  
Santa's CHRISTMAS  
EXPLOSION Run  
Sertoma Duck Waddle  
5K  
Shamrock Shuffle/ Fleet  
Fleet Springfield  
Southwest Missouri  
Tandem Rally  
Springfield Turkey Trot  
Strafford Turkey Trot  
Tour de Crawdad  
Team O'Reilly 5K  
The Fast & The Furriest  
5K  
Tri at the Y: Pat Jones  
YMCA Triathlon  
Willard Turkey Trot  
Numerous other  
walks/runs/rides not  
listed





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