



THOUGHT QUESTION . . .

If you could fix one single thing in the state of Missouri for bicyclists . . .

If you could magically and instantly complete one single project of reasonable, limited scope to most improve the environment for bicycling . . .

What would it be?

COMPLETE STREETS AND A NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH MoDOT



**MISSOURI BICYCLE AND
PEDESTRIAN FEDERATION**

WWW.MOBIKEFED.ORG



WHAT'S UP WITH MOBIKEFED?

- ✘ Capitol Day Feb 16th/Legislative Agenda
- ✘ National Bike Summit/Missouri delegation
- ✘ Missouri Safe Routes to School Network
- ✘ Taking Safe Routes, biking, walking to underserved communities
- ✘ Statewide Safe Routes outreach, Walk/Bike to School Day
- ✘ Bicycle education and clinics



WHAT'S UP WITH MOBIKEFED?

✕ We need your help to get all this done!



COMPLETE STREETS

52%
of Americans
want to bike
more than they
do now.





COMPLETE STREETS



NO SIDEWALKS



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TOO NARROW TO SHARE WITH BIKES



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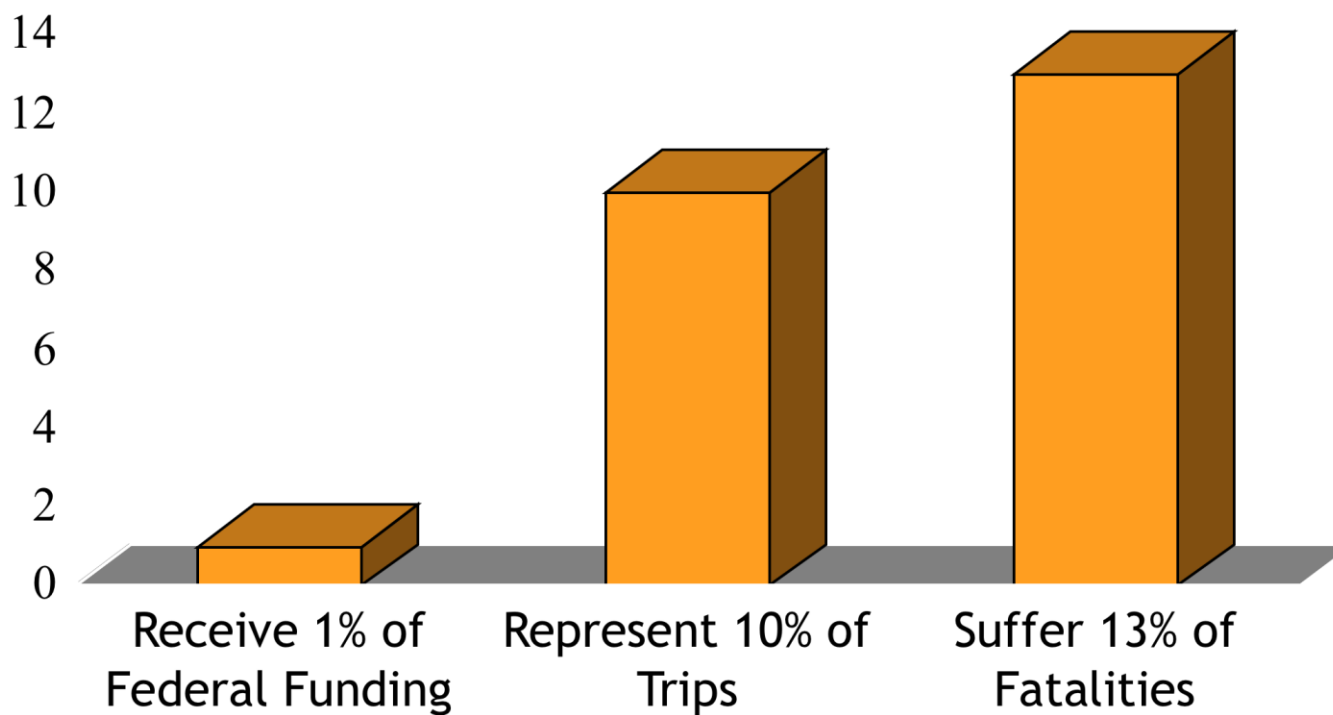


TOO DANGEROUS TO CROSS ON FOOT



INCOMPLETE STREETS ARE UNSAFE

Pedestrians and Bicyclists...



FMIS, NHTS, FARS federal
databases

MISSOURI COMPLETE STREETS LEGISLATION



- ✘ Working for four years
- ✘ Passed House unanimously 2008
- ✘ Passed House Transportation Committee unanimously 2009
- ✘ Working with leadership/key legislators since summer 2009 for 2010
- ✘ Opposed by MoDOT (see below for why)



THE PROBLEM

Missouri Constitution Section 29

The highways and transportation commission shall be in charge of the department of transportation . . [and] (i) shall have authority over the state highway system



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Missouri Constitution Section 30(b)

The remaining balance in the state road fund shall be used and expended in the sole discretion of and under the supervision and direction of the highways and transportation commission for the following state highway system uses and purposes and no other . . .



THE RESULT – OUR PROPOSED BILL

- ✗ Originally **shall provide** bike/ped, as appropriate, with exceptions
 - + This is unconstitutional in MO
- ✗ So . . . changed to **fully consider** bike/ped
 - + MoDOT's position: Even this is unconstitutional
- ✗ Our position?

MISSOURI COMPLETE STREETS LEGISLATION



- ✘ Legislature has a powerful relationship with state agencies like MoDOT
- ✘ No bill passed $\neq$ no results
- ✘ MoDOT and MoBikeFed feel that internal implementation of these policies by MoDOT is a better option



NEGOTIATIONS

- ✘ Meetings with MoDOT this fall
- ✘ Can we resolve this impasse over the bill & the constitutional issue?



MEETING WITH MODOT CHIEF ENGINEER

- ✗ Kevin Keith, MoDOT Chief Engineer
- ✗ Newly enthused about bicycling
- ✗ Opposes CS bill on constitutional grounds
- ✗ Working to implement bike/ped internally
- ✗ Wants to demonstrate MoDOT is making real change
- ✗ Wants something real, tangible, achievable
- ✗ Wants it ASAP



MEETING WITH MODOT CHIEF ENGINEER

- ✘ MoDOT's internal bike, ped, ADA policies *are* improving
- ✘ But they are not always followed
- ✘ Changing culture in a 6000 employee organization is not easy
- ✘ Can we do something to accelerate that culture change?
- ✘ We came up with a plan . . .



COMPLETE STREETS RESULTS & FUTURE

- ✖ CS resolution (not bill) in MO legislature
- ✖ Improved MoDOT policies
- ✖ Support for CS National Legislation
- ✖ Several MO cities with CS policies
- ✖ 2 MPOs (+1 in process) with CS policies
- ✖ New CDC funded statewide initiative to promote CS to MPOs, RPCs, cities
- ✖ A major new bike/ped partnership with MoDOT . . .



MODOT'S NEW PEDESTRIAN POLICY

Real progress:

- ✖ **Previously:** Ped facilities considered only when conditions X,Y,Z exist
- ✖ **Now:** The design and installation of pedestrian facilities is to be **considered on all projects** beginning at the planning stage
 - + Very close to the **language** in our **Complete Streets bill**



MODOT'S NEW PEDESTRIAN POLICY

“Pedestrian facilities should be a topic of discussion at all public meetings and a special effort is to be made to contact local groups of non-drivers, such as the disabled community, seniors and schools. Communities and affected disability advocate groups need to be included in the planning and design process.”

[More at epg.modot.org](http://epg.modot.org)



MODOT'S OTHER POLICIES

- ✘ Similar changes to MoDOT's bicycle policies are in the works
- ✘ MoDOT has been working hard to implement ADA policies and standards

NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH MODOT!





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- ✘ MoBikeFed & partners identify & prioritize most needed bicycle, pedestrian, ADA projects across Missouri
- ✘ MoDOT & partners will then add the the projects to the planning process and work to move them forward



NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH MODOT!

The Missouri Priority Bicycle, Pedestrian, and ADA Project List will:

- ✗ Help statewide projects get built
- ✗ Help local projects get built
- ✗ Help institutionalize routine bike/ped accommodation within MoDOT
- ✗ Demonstrate need for bike/ped funding in a concrete way



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The Missouri Priority List will:

- ✗ Identify highest priority local projects
- ✗ Identify highest priority statewide projects
- ✗ Tangibly demonstrate MoDOT's commitment to bike/ped
- ✗ Develop partnership & cooperation between local MODOT staff and bike, ped, trails, ADA groups



NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH MODOT!

- ✘ At least 5-10 projects on each Local Priority List
- ✘ At least 100-200 projects on the Statewide Priority List
- ✘ 10%-30% (?) of them on MoDOT/partners High Priority List



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How will it work?



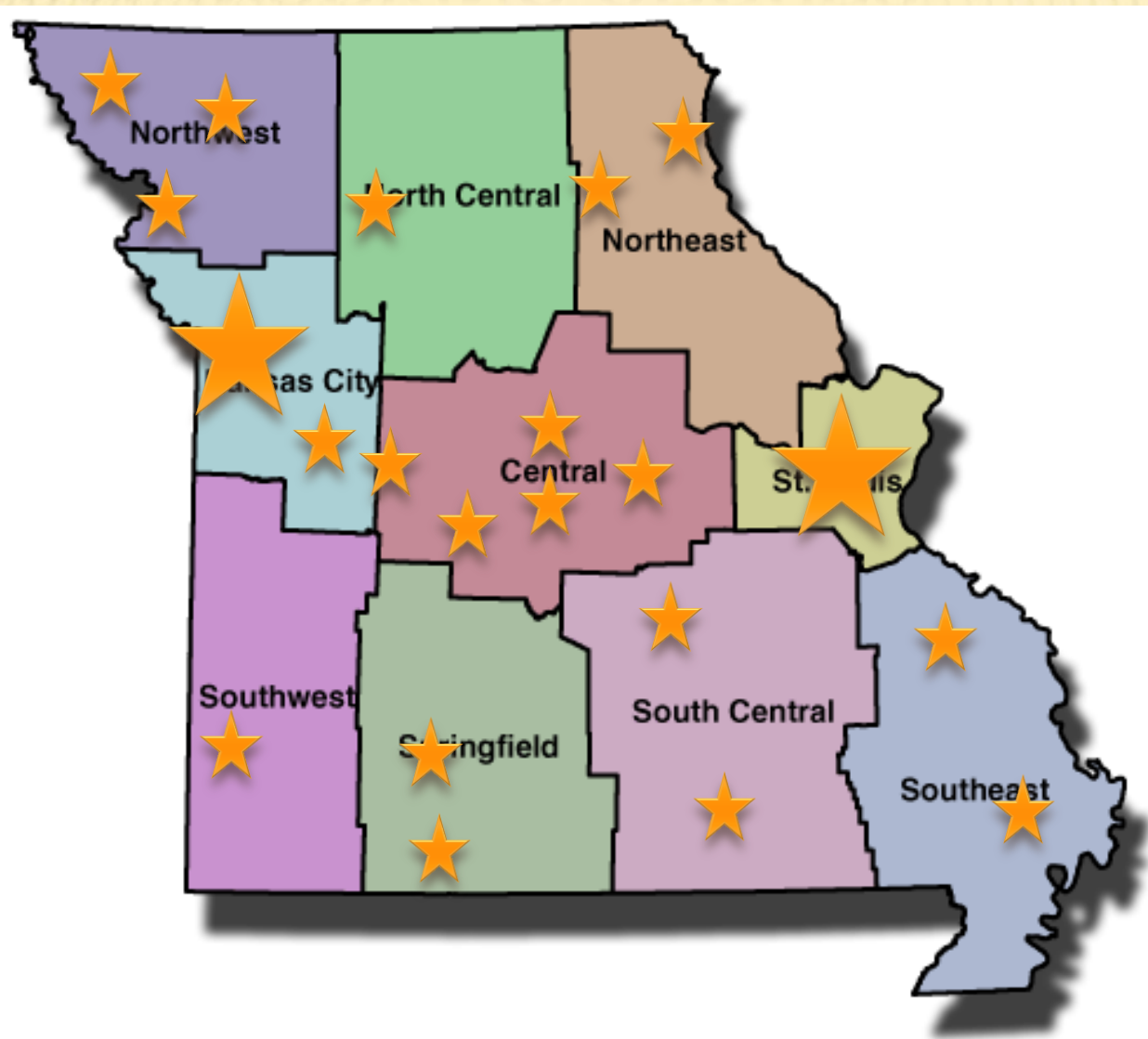
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Timeline

- × Today: Project submission starts
- × March 5th: Local working groups submit prioritized local project lists
- × Late March: Missouri Priority Bicycle, Pedestrian, & ADA Project List published
- × May-June: MoDOT/partners select High Priority Projects
- × Next 5-7 years: Projects built (starting ASAP)



LOCAL WORKING GROUPS



Plus:

- ADA projects
- National bicycle routes
- Review of current MODOT projects for bike/ped/ADA additions

ST Louis & KC local groups encompass those entire metro areas—together, more than half the state's population



SEEKING PROJECTS

- ✗ On or off MoDOT system

- + But MoDOT will only tackle on-system projects for its High Priority list

- ✗ Improved shoulder, bike lane, sidewalk, intersection improvement, curb cuts, improve signage, etc etc etc

- ✗ Limited in scope; actually doable in short term

- ✗ Best and most needed projects



SEEKING PROJECTS

- ✕ Fill a gap
- ✕ Create connectivity
- ✕ Complete a network or route system
- ✕ Add on to currently planned projects
- ✕ Most use by the most people
- ✕ Most bang for the buck
- ✕ Most pressing, most needed, most lacking



YOU CAN HELP

- ✕ Submit project ideas:

 - MoBikeFed.org/HighPriority

- ✕ Help your Local Working Group identify/research/prioritize projects

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