

ANNUAL REPORT 2012



MISSOURI BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FEDERATION

The Missouri Bicycle and Pedestrian Federation has put forward an ambitious and successful agenda in 2012—with our lobbyist in Jefferson City and work with Missouri's Congressional delegation in Washington, DC., and other programs to support local, state, and national advocacy and programs in support of more, better, and safer bicycling and walking in Missouri.

Thanks to the help and support of thousands of Missourians who bicycle, walk, run, and use trails, key actions by our elected representatives, and strategic action by many bicycling, walking, running, and trails organizations across the state, our issues now have visibility far beyond what most of us would have dreamed of just a few years ago:

🚲 **\$13.5 million Bike/Ped Priority Projects List continued implementation:** In 2010, groups across Missouri, organized by the Missouri Bicycle & Pedestrian Federation, worked together to create a prioritized list of over 250 top priority bicycle, pedestrian, and ADA-related projects. In 2011, MoDOT found \$13.5 million new funding for 13 of the highest priority projects. In 2012, work several of the projects was started or moved forward. In addition, MoDOT continued to use the list to encourage MoDOT districts to find funding for additional projects on the list; several additional projects were funded.

MoBikeFed.org/priorityprojects

🚲 **The number of Complete Streets Policies in Missouri continues to grow:** At the end of 2012, Missouri had 22 Complete Streets policies adopted, up from just three policies in 2007. In 2012, the cities of Belton and Clayton adopted Complete Streets policies and the Kansas City-area Mid-America Regional Council published its Complete Streets Guide.

BUILDING A MOVEMENT

In the next 5 years, we will gather thousands of active members from every part of the state of Missouri and work together to create a new movement in support of bicycling and walking. We will build partnerships and coalitions with like-minded organizations to expand our influence.



Capitol Day in Jefferson City



The six largest cities in Missouri have adopted Complete Streets policies, meaning that over 1.2 million people live in a city with Complete Streets policy. Three metropolitan planning organizations have adopted Complete Streets policies, covering about 5 million people (including some in Kansas and Illinois).

🚲 **Missouri continues as a leader in the national Complete Streets movement:** The National Complete Streets Coalition again named a large number of Missouri's Complete Streets policies as among the best and strongest in the nation, including Crystal City, Herculaneum, DeSoto, Ferguson, St. Louis, Columbia, Lee's Summit, Grandview, Pevely, Blue Springs, Independence, Elsberry, and Festus. Columbia and St. Joseph are also among the longest-established Complete Streets policies in the nation. MoBikeFed.org/CompleteStreets

🚲 **Had another very successful legislative year in Jefferson City ever.** Our investment in funding our lobbyist in Jefferson City, our annual Capitol Day and other regular visits to the Capitol, the work in developing a detailed Legislative Platform and pursuing its priorities over a span of years and decades, the contribution of an active state Legislative Committee, and the work of thousands of enthusiastic volunteers and members paid off again. In 2012, these legislative initiatives—each representing multiple years of work, planning, and coalition-building—passed the Missouri General Assembly:

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🚲 **Greatly improved our legislative influence 2005-2012:** The support of our members, supporters, and like-minded organizations from across Missouri has greatly accelerated legislation in support of bicycling and walking in Missouri. From 1994 to 2004, three bike/ped-related bills were passed. From 2005 (when we hired our first lobbyist) to 2012, no less than *33 of the planks of our Legislative Platform have been passed or approved—or proposals we opposed, defeated.*

🚲 **Continued work towards "Bicycle Missouri – Same Roads – Same Rights" license plate:**

After working for passage of enabling legislation for the plates in 2011 (a MoBikeFed project since 2004—which gives an idea of how long it takes to move even minor legislative items), the Federation moved towards actual production of the plates in 2012. Over 200 bicycle supporters signed up to receive the first plates and the design was refined and approved. First plates should be on bicycle supporters' automobiles in 2013. The plates provide a way for bicyclists across Missouri to show their love for bicycling to friends and neighbors, have an important safety/advocacy messages, and help provide ongoing revenue to support MoBikeFed's work in support of bicycling across Missouri.



🚲 **Cross-state bicycle routes:** The Way of American Genius Bicycle Route, paralleling US 36 across northern Missouri, was unveiled in 2012. The route was created and promoted by Missouri's Hwy 36 Coalition. MoBikeFed worked to have the route adopted into the U.S. National Bicycle Route system. Work to official designate U.S. Bicycle Route 76, the TransAmerica Trail, in Missouri and have directional signs places on this route through southern Missouri, continued. This has been a more-than-decade-long effort by

BUILDING A WORLD CLASS NETWORK

Over the next 5 years, we will support and encourage the development of bicycle and pedestrian planning in communities across Missouri. We will work for better roads, trails, and facilities for walking and bicycling. We will work to create complete, connected networks of walkable, bicycleable routes throughout our communities and our state.



Ride with Legislators during the Grand Opening of the Pat Jones Pedestrian Bicycle Lane over the Missouri River at Jefferson City



MoBikeFed, MoDOT, the Adventure Cycling Association, and many other allies. With the Way of American Genius route now opened, Missouri now has seven cross-country or cross-state bicycle routes officially adopted or in common use. More info:

<http://mobikefed.org/content/missouri-bicycle-maps-and-routes>

- 🚲 **Bike/Ped River Crossings:** In addition to the recently improved major river bridges (Jefferson City River Bridge bike/ped path, Meramec River Bridge re-striping), Now bike/ped paths are planned for the new Missouri River bridges at Washington (in planning) and the Daniel Boone Bridge (I-64/40; construction began 2012. *Altogether we have gone from having NO bike/ped crossings of the Missouri River in Missouri in the early 1990s to six bridges with excellent accommodation, three more with reasonable accommodation (via shoulders), and two more in progress stages today.*
- 🚲 **Advocated for anti-harassment ordinances:** This year, St. Louis City passed a anti-harassment measure, after encouragement and skillful lobbying by St. Louis-based advocacy organization Trailnet. In past years, Columbia, Greenwood, and Independence, Missouri, have passed similar ordinances banning harassment of bicyclists, pedestrians, and people in wheelchairs; meaning that we now have four cities with anti-harassment policies. MoBikeFed's membership has identified anti-harassment as one of their very top priorities and that has moved anti-harassment to the top of our statewide legislative agenda.
- 🚲 **Advocated to extend and complete the Katy Trail.** Work to extend the Katy Trail network along the Rock Island corridor, from state line to state line, continued. Missouri State Parks continued to work with Ameren, the corridor owner, to railbank the portion of the line between Windsor (on the Katy Trail) and Pleasant Hill (on the edge of the Kansas City metro area). This will allow the trail to be built on the railroad bed, creating a much better trail experience when this portion of the corridor is complete. This has, however, resulted in some years of legal work in preparation for actual construction to commence, which is still some years off.
- 🚲 **Work to create an implement a unified statewide trails vision:** Several possibilities for new cross-state trail connections opened up in 2012, including possibilities to extend the Katy

INCREASING SAFETY AND REDUCING CRASHES

In the next 5 years, we will reduce the rate of pedestrian and bicycle crashes and injuries per trip around Missouri by one third. We will promote and encourage motorist education programs and activities and work with law enforcement to encourage appropriate enforcement activities to promote safety for all road users.



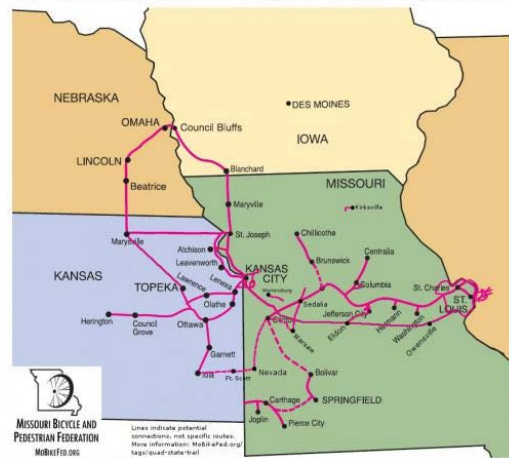
Bike Ed Class with MoDOT staff



Trail to the west and to extend the Rock Island Trail from Windsor east. Eldon started work on a trail on its segment of the Rock Island line. A group of trails and park supporters, including MoBikeFed, is working to create a unified trails vision for Missouri.

🚲 Organized the Missouri delegations to the **National Bike Summit** in Washington, DC, in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012. The connections the Missouri delegation have made with our **Missouri members of Congress** have been invaluable in moving local, state, and national issues forward. Bicycle and pedestrian funding has survived three key votes in the U.S. Senate in 2011; support of Missouri's members of Congress will be key moving forward.

Proposed Multi-State Trail System



🚲 Organized the sixth annual **Bicycle and Pedestrian Day at the Capitol**, which brought dozens of MoBikeFed supporters to Jefferson City to make personal contact with state lawmakers and policy leaders. These personal visits, backed up by hundreds of messages, made a big impression on Missouri lawmakers. The result is we had our best ever single year for getting pro-bicycle, pro-pedestrian legislation passed in the Missouri General Assembly. Continued to work with our **representative in Jefferson City, Jim Farrell**, to develop relationships with legislators and state officials in Jefferson City.

🚲 **The Bicycle Friendly Communities, Universities, and Businesses programs in Missouri have reached new heights.** In 2008, Missouri had no entries in any category of the Bicycle Friendly America program. Today, *Missouri has 27 communities, universities, and businesses* who have been recognized by some level of the Bicycle Friendly America program, from Honorable Mention to Gold. In 2012, Lee's Summit earned Bronze level Bicycle Friendly status, making it the first and only community in Missouri to have both Bicycle Friendly and Walk Friendly status. See MoBikeFed.org/BicycleFriendlyMissouri

🚲 **Represented bicycle and pedestrian interests on numerous committees and working groups**, such as Transportation Enhancements, CMAQ, Recreational Trails, Safe Routes to School, and other local, state, and national programs. These committees typically act as community advisory committees for these programs and give suggestions, refine procedures, and evaluate grant applications to help these programs better meet the needs of citizens. Our job on these committees is to make sure that the interests of those of us who bicycle and walk and well represented and that the *millions of dollars spent annually in these programs is used in the most productive possible way.*

🚲 **Continued to work with national bicycle and pedestrian advocacy groups for better, fairer funding for bicycling and walking in Congress.** Missouri's Congressional Delegation



continues to hold a key role in making transportation funding decisions. MoBikeFed worked to coordinate the efforts of national groups, regional and city-wide groups, and our members and supporters across the state. The result was one of the major victories of the bicycle and pedestrian movement, as federal bicycle and pedestrian funding levels and programs were held mostly at steady levels, despite fierce public and private opposition to these programs from certain very powerful key Congressional leaders and very powerful national interest groups. It was a tough fight, as two Missouri Congressmen, Sam Graves and Billy Long, joined many of their colleagues to vote to completely eliminate federal funding for bicycling and walking.

- 🚲 **Held the successful 8th annual BikeMO Ride in mid-Missouri.** A new partnership with Les Bourgeois Winery in Rocheport—the start and end point for the ride—has added a whole new dimension to the event.
- 🚲 Held a successful Clips of Faith event in St. Louis. The beer and film tour, held in partnership with New Belgium Brewing, was a very successful fundraiser for the Federation, a lot of work for many generous volunteers, and a lot of fun for participants.
- 🚲 **Expanded and a revitalized our Board and Advisory Commission** to include strong statewide representation from key groups and organizations from all parts of Missouri and many key organizations, groups, agencies, and businesses that are involved in bicycling, walking, running and trails.
- 🚲 Continued to implement a powerful **Vision of Active Transportation in Missouri** that lays out ambitious goals and details exactly what communities across the state need to do to become more bicycle and pedestrian friendly, including Building a Movement, Building a World Class Network, Increasing Safety and Reducing Crashes, and Encouraging Activity. See MoBikeFed.org/vision

With a groundswell of walking and bicycling across the state, now is the time for those of us who walk and bicycle to stand up together and ask for streets, trails, and communities that are safe and inviting for walking and bicycling. It's happening in cities across the U.S. and it can happen here in Missouri, too.

ENCOURAGING ACTIVITY

See complete information about the Missouri Bicycle and Pedestrian Federation's Vision of Bicycling and Walking in Missouri at MoBikeFed.org/Vision

In the next 5 years, we will promote, encourage, and conduct programs and campaigns throughout the state that increase active transportation for all users. We will help communities develop and implement these efforts.










Walk to School Day at Briarcliff Elementary



LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

One of MoBikeFed's top priorities is to support law and policy that promote safe bicycling and walking--and work to change any existing law or policy that works against that goal.

LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM PLANKS THAT WERE PASSED OR APPROVED IN 2012

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Missouri delegation to the National Bike Summit

Thanks to your support, we have seen a clear increase in the number of bicycle and pedestrian friendly platform planks passing into law: **two 1995-1999, one 2000-2004, and thirty-two 2005-2012.** This is the kind of change we can achieve when we work together for our common good.



TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2013

- ◆ **Funding for bicycling and walking:** Include bicycling and walking in any new Missouri transportation funding initiatives, with bicycling and walking receiving a fair amount according to mode share and percentage of injuries and fatalities
- ◆ **Safe Streets:** When unsafe actions on the road injure or kill others—whether pedestrians, bicyclists, automobile passengers, or other drivers—current law allows prosecutors to bring charges for trivial traffic infractions or serious (but difficult-to-prove) felony charges. We propose an intermediate step that will help get unsafe operators off the road, be easier to prosecute, and have more severe and appropriate penalties than minor traffic infractions.
- ◆ **Anti-Bicyclist and Pedestrian Harassment:** Bicyclist and pedestrian harassment bill, possibly based on those in SC, CO, and/or Columbia, MO: “unlawful to harass, taunt, or maliciously throw an object at or in the direction of any person riding a bicycle, walking, or using a wheelchair”.
- ◆ **Update Missouri's basic bicycle law:** Simplify/clarify bicycle reflector/lighting/brake requirements. Improve 'bicycles must ride to the right' language.
- ◆ **Safe Passing:** Fix technical issues with safe passing of bicycles provision. Include safe passing of pedestrian provision. Expand protection to include passing bicyclists when they are operating on the shoulder. Consider increasing penalties and including 4-foot minimum passing distance.
- ◆ **Complete Streets:** Build in the success of the 2011 Complete Streets Resolution by working for the adoption of statewide, regional, and local Complete Streets policies

More information about our current and past Legislative Platforms:

MoBikeFed.org/LegislativePlatform



MISSION STATEMENT

The Missouri Bicycle and Pedestrian Federation is a statewide, not-for-profit, membership organization that advocates advancement of bicycle and pedestrian access, safety and education in Missouri.

IRS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Help us make Missouri a place where more of your friends and neighbors feel safe and comfortable walking and bicycling.



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