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News Release

For Immediate Release

Listening Tour Survey Ends Feb. 28

The deadline for participating in the online “Listening Tour” survey for the long-range strategic plan is coming up on Feb. 28, so citizens are encouraged to take part over the next few days.

The online survey is available at: listen.questionpro.com. It will be available until Monday, March 1. The survey is not limited to Springfield residents because the City is encouraging a regional perspective for the long-range plan.

The survey asks the same four questions that are posed to participants at the Listening Tour meetings for community and civic groups:

- What do you value most about Springfield?
- What would you most like to change?
- What is your vision for the year 2030?
- How can you help us get there?

The purpose of gathering the input at the meetings and through the online survey is to provide a base of information for the 11 planning groups as they begin to work on particular topics. City Manager Greg Burris and Greene County Administrator Tim Smith are in the process of selecting co-chairs for the planning groups. The co-chairs will help select committee members with expertise on the topic along with citizens who expressed interest during a recent application process for the planning groups.

The planning group topics are: Arts, Culture and Tourism; Economic Development; Education/Workforce Development; Early Childhood Development; Global Perspectives and Diversity; Growth Management and Land Use; Housing; Natural Environment; Public Health; Public Safety; Transportation; and the overall Strategic Plan Coordinating Committee.

All planning group meetings will be open to the public and will be posted on the City’s weekly meeting calendar posted every Friday at: www.springfieldmo.gov/calendar.

Citizens interested in more information about the long-range strategic plan can submit their contact information as part of the survey or send an e-mail to: city@springfieldmo.gov

For more information, contact: Louise Whall, Director of Public Information, 864-1010.
Be responsive

- If you are in a situation where you have to choose between a head-on crash or riding off the shoulder, ride off the shoulder because your odds of survival are better.
- If you leave the road, drive off the pavement and don’t swerve. Reduce your speed gradually. Aim for softer objects rather than hard structures if possible (aim for bushes rather than trees).
- Adjust your speed to the weather conditions. If you can’t see, don’t drive.
- Inform E-911 operators about road rage or motorists that clearly seem to be intoxicated. Give plenty of room to stopped or moving emergency vehicles.

Please drive alertly and responsibly. With your help, we can make Springfield a safer community.