



August 10, 2010

Ralph Rognstad
Director of Planning and Development
City of Springfield
940 N. Boonville
Springfield, MO 65806

Dear Ralph:

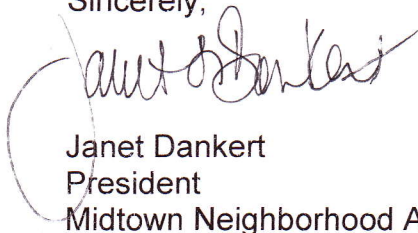
The Board of Directors of the Midtown Neighborhood Association voted unanimously on July 13, 2010, to support The Link and the City's efforts to apply for funds to make the vision a reality.

As a community, alternative transportation is much underutilized and its citizens too dependent on their own cars. Investing in infrastructure improvements to make bicycle corridors more user-friendly will encourage riders to use it for daily commuting and reduce the wear-and-tear on our streets and environment. It will also promote active and healthy living as well as offer a more economical, money-saving option by encouraging residents to bike to work, school, and church.

The Link will literally bring together many of our major institutions and employers through the heart of our Community Development Block Grant service area. Thousands of low-to-moderate income households will have greater access to work and receive services through the proposed enhancements.

The Midtown Neighborhood Association appreciates the planning efforts of the City, Ozark Greenways, and the many community partners who support the growth of alternative transportation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Dankert". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Janet Dankert
President
Midtown Neighborhood Association