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August 11, 2010

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

Dear Ralph,

The Ozark Greenways Board of Directors would like to express its strong support of the City of Springfield's "The Link" concept. Our organization has been working over the past twenty years to connect the community with a comprehensive greenway trail system and promote the development and use of on-street bike route connections. We are thrilled to hear about this new initiative to increase the effort.

Alternative modes of transportation are very important in any city and Springfield is no exception. Public health, environmental protection, economic impact and quality of life are all areas that benefit greatly from a well designed inclusive transportation network.

We look forward to seeing what the future holds for an expanded bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in Springfield that not only makes a lot of sense, but is utilized by all types of people, all incomes, ages and abilities. This is a perfect time for our community to become more bicycle friendly. Citizens are asking for these facilities now more than ever.

Thank you for your awareness of the needs and all your efforts to work toward a progressive plan of action.

Sincerely,

Chris Flouer  
President  
Ozark Greenways