

Advocacy Committee Update

No meeting occurred in October

October Advocacy Activities

- David:
 - David provided bicycle facility construction updates.
 - David participates with:
 - Partnership or the Ozarks Transportation Collaborative/Let's Go Smart (Attended meetings October and November 2 5 at 11:00).
 - Ozark Greenways Technical Committee (Attended Oct 11 at ERC)
 - Ozark Transportation Organization Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
 - Missouri Bicycle and Pedestrian Federation monthly board meetings (attended Oct 28 via Zoom)
 - MOBikeFed USBR 51 Committee (Works with SMCOG communicating with jurisdiction officials for endorsement); and
 - Springfield YIELDS.
- Willa:
 - Truman Elementary will start this week and I have 61 helmets ready to fit on Kinder and Wonder Years students. First and Second grade will use the classroom set of helmets for the bike program.
 - So far we have had the Strider bikes at Fremont and Bingham. Next up after Truman is Field, Pittman, Sherwood, Weller, Jeffries, and Pleasant View. All PreK-2nd grade participate at each school. The teachers have been facilitating the program using the All Kids Bike curriculum from Strider. I trained the PE coaches at their “in service” on using balance bikes, helmet safety, and bike repair. It depends on the school but mainly I get all of the helmets picked up from either SafeKids Springfield or CoxHealth, prep them before class, and then fit helmets while the coach gets them started on bikes.
 - I completed a bike safety program for Greenwood Laboratory School’s K-2nd grade where they learned helmet fit and safely navigating an intersection. They also used my set of Strider bikes.
 - I taught 56 7-8th grade students at Reeds Spring Middle School about helmet fit and safety.
 - I would like to find a way to get a couple of 14 or 16” bikes donated to each SPS school that has a bike program to put in their Pride store. Youth can earn points through good behavior that can be used to purchase items from the store. If anyone has a good connection let me know. I would need 18-20 bikes.
 - Here is a quote from SPS “Students are loving it so far! Fremont had so many success stories, students riding for the first time, parents buying their child a bike, staff members helping parents buy a bike. All because of the program!”
 - I thought about using one of my KOLR 10 mid-day spots in Nov or Dec to talk about how to choose a bike for your child. We are working on media releases from SPS and Mizzou on the program and will let everyone know when something comes out.
- Jackie:
 - Prepared a safety briefing for the Tube
 - Obtained approval from SPS to offer a 6-week Bikeology class for summer school in 2023.

- SGF Yields is supporting Springfield Police Department YIELD checks at crosswalks.
- US Bike Routes 51 and 251
 - Contacts have been made with City of Bolivar, Polk County, Greene County, City of Springfield, and City of Republic.
 - Endorsement letter has been obtained from city of Bolivar.
 - David has prepared turn-by-turn descriptions for USBR 51 and USBR 251 and for USBR 66 with proposed modifications.
 - The goal is to be ready to submit to MoDOT by January 2023.
- Slow Roll
 - Five bicyclists participated in the October 18 Slow Roll
 - The next slow roll will be in April