

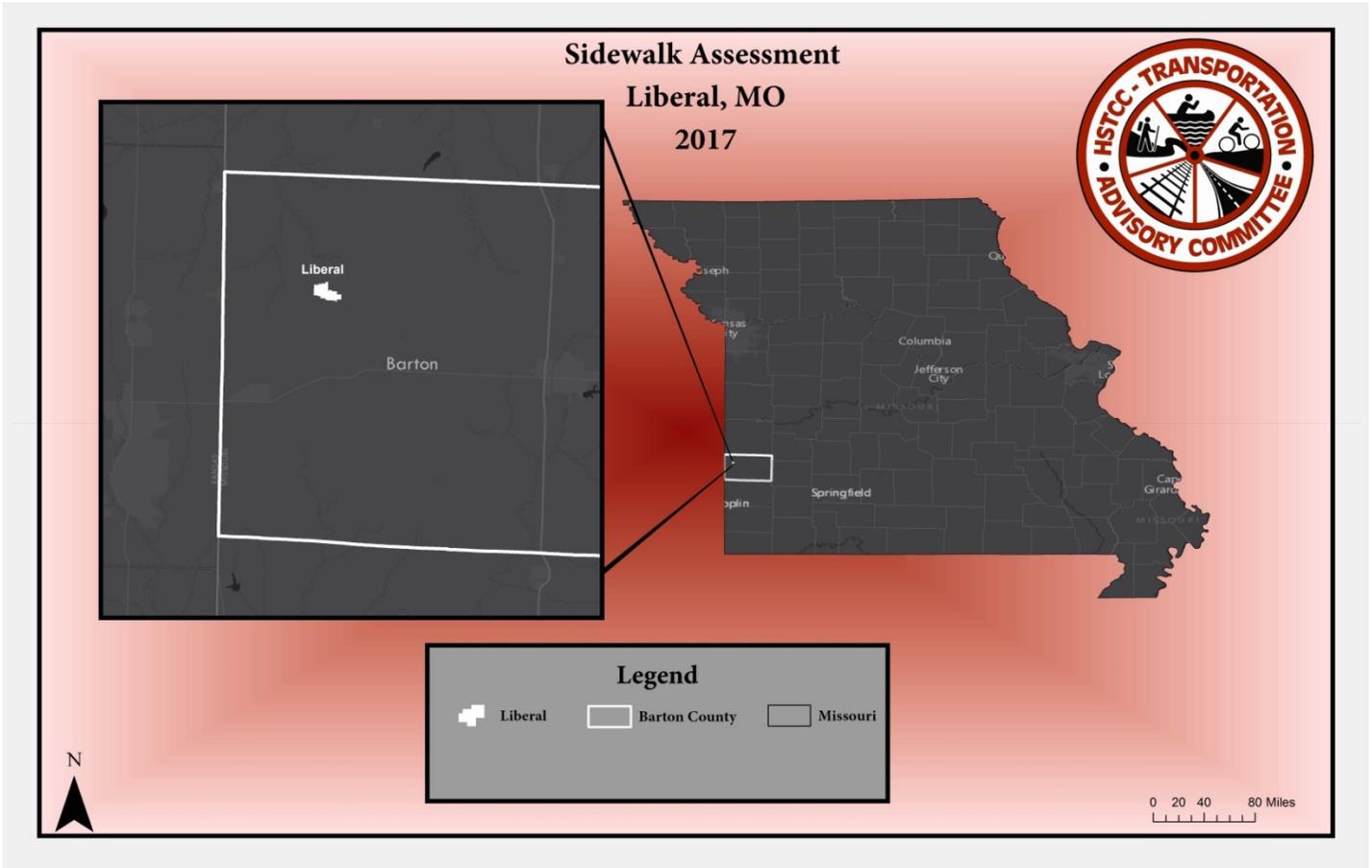


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Sidewalk Assessment

Liberal, Mo
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Liberal, MO, named after the Liberal League in Lamar, Missouri (to which the town's organizer belonged), was started as an atheist, "freethinker" utopia in 1880 by George Walser, an anti-religionist, agnostic lawyer. Today, the town is a normal town with very little evidence of its history. There are seven churches (all Christian) in the town of about 800, and it is the second largest city in the county. And very few remember the late 1800's, and the ignominious beginning of the town.

The incorporated community of Liberal, MO is included in the 2017 assessment. The sidewalks in the City of Liberal were assessed on their current conditions in May and June by staff at the Harry S Truman Coordinating Council and a student intern from Missouri Southern State University. The data collected by the student intern was reviewed by HSTCC staff. The chart below depicts the overall condition of sidewalks in the city:

Conditions in Linear Feet					
	Good	Fair	Poor	No Sidewalk	Total Sidewalk
Liberal, MO	100 feet	938 feet	2837 feet	35232 feet	39107 feet





Criteria

The following criteria were used in assessing conditions. These assessment criteria are being used for assessments by all Regional Planning agencies across Missouri.

Good: Unlikely to hinder mobility of the average pedestrian. The sidewalk is free from significant cracking, buckling, gravel surfaces, or other debris which would impede pedestrian traffic.

Map key: Green

Fair: Uneven and distressed surface that hinders mobility of the average pedestrian. The sidewalk contains surface cracks, vegetation overgrowth, or debris.

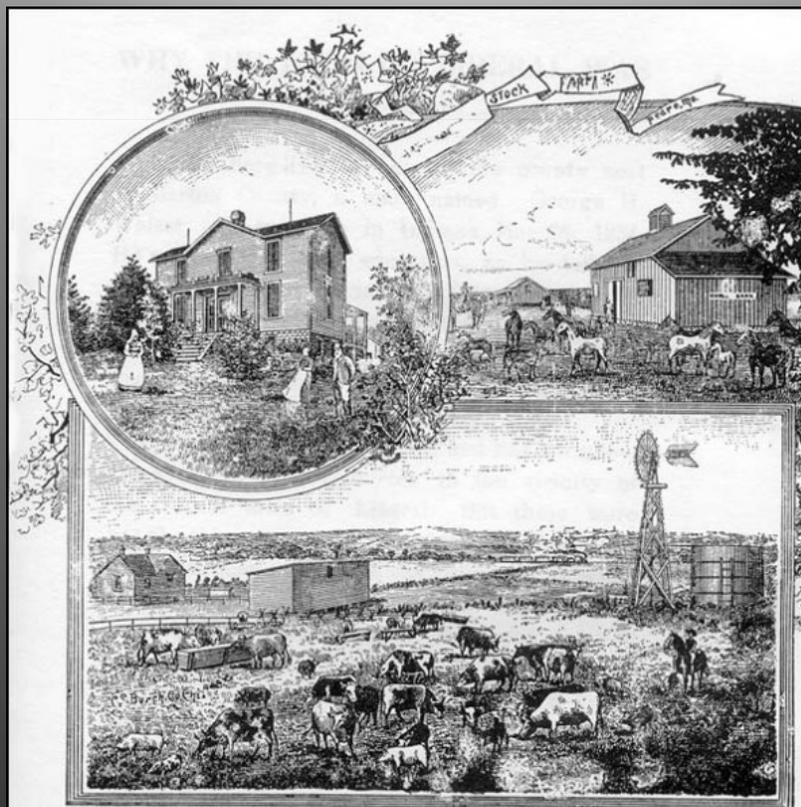
Map key: Yellow

Poor: Impassable to mobility impaired pedestrian; hinders mobility of average pedestrian. The sidewalk has deep cracking or buckling, significant vegetative overgrowth, poor drainage, bulging surface (due to tree roots) and / or debris such that pedestrian travel would be impeded. No sidewalk present. Not mapped.

Map key: Red

Gaps

Map key: Gray



DeLISSA STOCK FARM

View of early day ranch owned by A. DeLissa, now the
Geo. Petgen farm adjoining Liberal on the north



Liberal Sidewalk Assessment All Conditions



Conditions

Poor Condition:

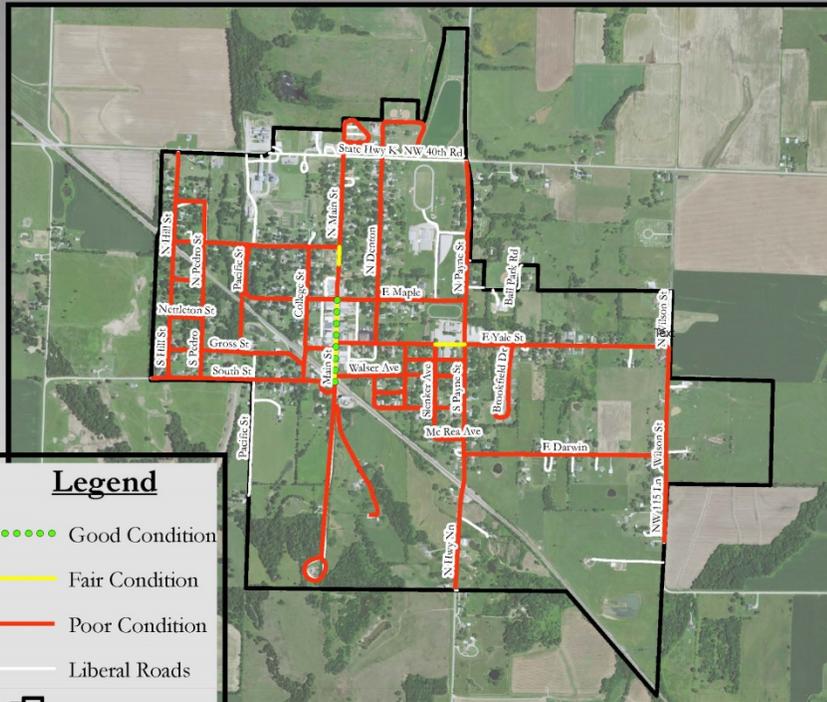
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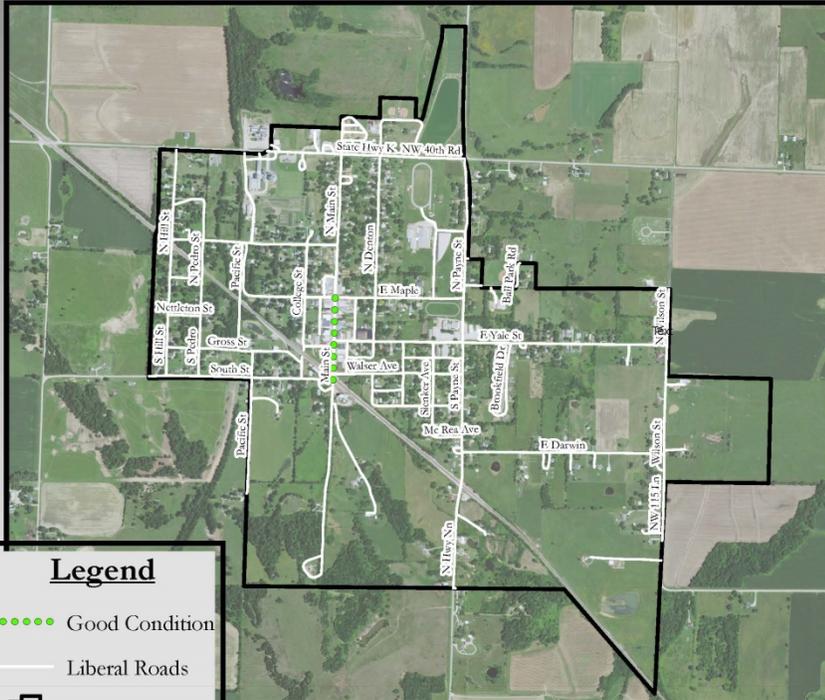
- Good Condition
- Fair Condition
- Poor Condition
- Liberal Roads
- ⊕ Liberal



Figure 1 represents all conditions of sidewalks in the City of Liberal



Liberal Sidewalk Assessment Good Conditions



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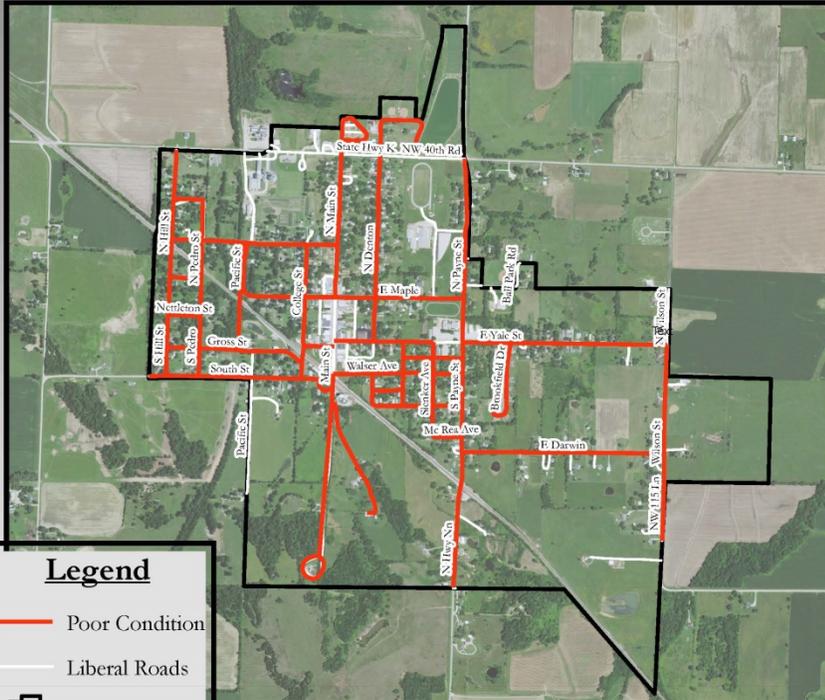
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Figure 2 represents all good conditions in the City of Liberal



Liberal Sidewalk Assessment Poor Conditions



Legend

- Poor Condition
- Liberal Roads
- Liberal

Conditions

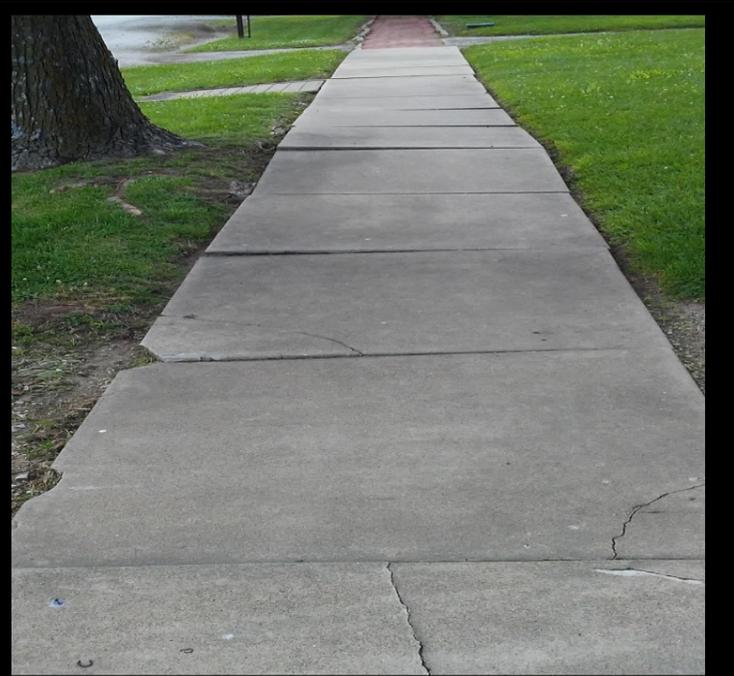
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Figure 4 represents all poor conditions and/or gaps in the City of Liberal



Yale Street one block east of Main St. looking east. The sidewalk is not ADA compliant. This Sidewalk is rated poor.



West Gross St. looking east towards downtown Liberal. No sidewalks exist on either side of the entire length of the street.



North side of Yale St., two blocks East of Main St. looking east. This sidewalk is rated poor. The stretch of sidewalk is not ADA compliant.



S. Main St. looking north. The sidewalk is ADA compliant and is wide enough for a wheelchair and pedestrians. This sidewalk is rated good.



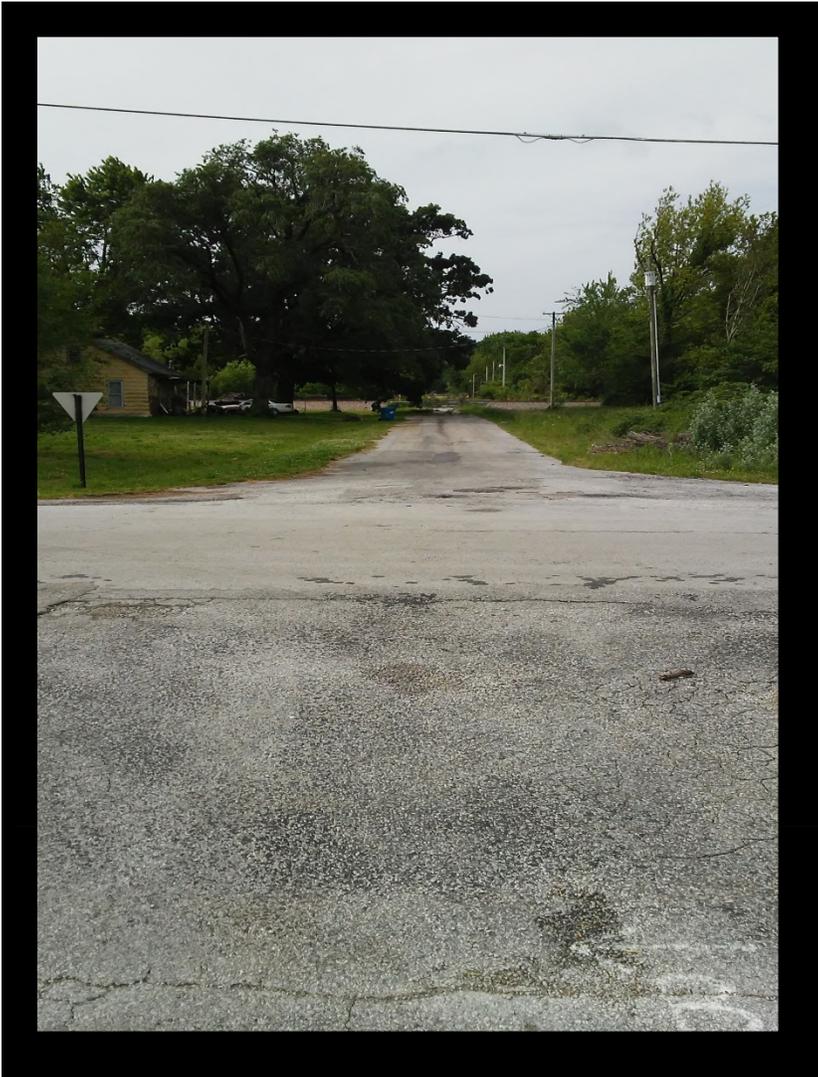
North side of Yale Street one block east of Payne Street (Hwy NN) looking west. This sidewalk and crossing is graded poor and not ADA compliant.



The southeast corner of Ingersoll Street and Yale Street looking west. No sidewalk exists on either side of this crossing. The crossing is rated as poor.



Brookside Drive one block east of Payne St. (Hwy NN). Looking North toward East Yale St. No sidewalk exists along the entire street.



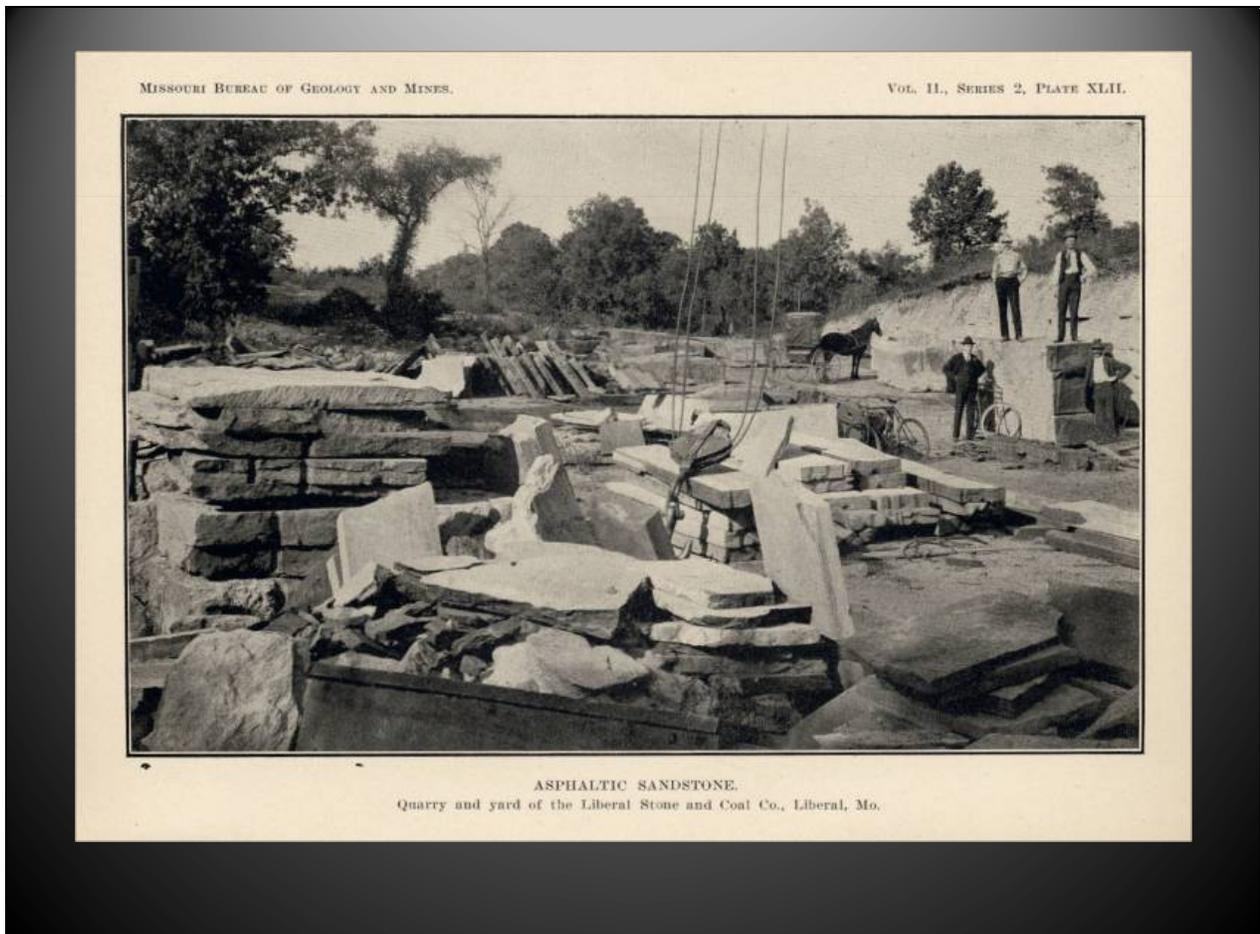
West of Main Street
at the Corner of
Pedro Street and
Kneeland Street
looking south. No
sidewalks exist the
entire length of
Pedro or Kneeland.



Sidewalk Survey

All communities in the Harry S Truman Coordinating Council Region were sent a survey to understand current conditions and future needs concerning sidewalks. Copies of those surveys that were returned are included in this section. In compiling information received from surveys and by individual inspection of sidewalks in each community the following general overview of condition was created.

Survey Feedback	General Inspection
<p>According to a recent survey, it was reported by 60 percent of Liberal, MO residents state they are unhappy with the current conditions of existing sidewalks, citing poor conditions. Another 75 percent of residents state that there are insufficient numbers of sidewalks. Another 60 percent of residents state that sidewalks are important to them.</p>	<p>During the assessment, it was found that nearly 90 percent of the town of Liberal was without sidewalks completely. Sidewalks are important in keeping residents healthy and safe. Sidewalks also help keep drivers safe and reduce the risk of striking a pedestrian. Liberal is in need of infrastructure.</p>





HSTCC Sidewalk Inventory Project
Liberal, MO
April 25th, 2017

When most village, town, and city councils think about transportation, the focus lies heavily on streets, highways, and interstates. Increasingly, multi-modal transportation is coming to the forefront of the minds of citizens and government agencies. Multi-modal transportation includes ports, airports, and transit, but also includes sidewalks and trails. In an effort to enhance multi-modal transportation specifically concerning pedestrians and bicyclists, the Harry S Truman Coordinating Council is conducting a study of local offerings by jurisdiction in an effort to:

- Gauge needs and desires of local communities for sidewalks, trails, and other forms of pedestrian/cyclist-friendly infrastructure.
- Provide information to MoDOT concerning the existence of sidewalks, trails, etc. on state routes.
- Compile information for potential grant opportunities related to multi-modal infrastructure which could benefit Southwest Missouri.

Each jurisdiction is asked to complete the enclosed survey. (If your jurisdiction does not currently have sidewalks, please indicate such on the survey.) Please enlist the help of your city officials, city managers, local roads supervisors/workers, and anyone else who may have information concerning local, existing sidewalks/trails. When this form has been completed, **we ask that you have completed the online survey by May 22nd.**

Your help is greatly appreciated in this information gathering. If you have any questions or need any assistance in completing this survey, please do not hesitate to contact me at 417-649-6400 or by email at nhill@hstcc.org

Sincerely,

Nikki Hill
Regional Transportation Planner/GIS

www.surveymonkey.vcom/r/LiberalSWA



12. If expansion is being considered, what areas of your jurisdiction are being targeted for sidewalk expansion/improvements?

13. If expansion is being considered, which of the following reasons best describes the city/village's motive?

Health/wellness

Beautification

Accessibility

Reducing environmental impact

Other: _____