



“Serving the Transportation Needs of the Southeast Missouri Region”

SEMPO REGIONAL BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLAN
Q&A SHEET

Q: What is SEMPO and why is it producing this plan?

A: SEMPO is a metropolitan planning organization (MPO). The federal government requires every urbanized area to form an MPO once its population reaches 50,000. SEMPO’s members include the cities, counties, regional planning commissions, and public transportation agencies serving the Cape Girardeau-Jackson urbanized area. MPO’s are responsible for regional planning and programming for all modes of transportation. The Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan is one of several plans produced by SEMPO.

Q: Who prepared the plan?

A: SEMPO has hired Lochmueller Group, a transportation consultant, to facilitate the planning process and prepare the plan.

Q: Who is paying for the plan?

A: The federal government provides annual grant funds that cover a majority of SEMPO’s costs. A small portion is paid by SEMPO’s members as a required match.

Q: Who determined the proposed routes and recommendations in the plan?

A: The planning process involved obtaining input from SEMPO’s members, stakeholder groups such as cycling organizations and schools, and the general public. Workshops were held in June of 2017 to solicit comments and recommendations from the public. In addition, an online survey was conducted.

Q: When will the recommended projects be implemented, and how will they be funded?

A: The Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is not an implementation program with a fixed scope, schedule, and budget. Determining when and how a specific project is implemented is the responsibility of the sponsoring city, county, or public transportation agency. The primary purpose of the plan is to present an analysis of existing conditions, document the results of the public input process, make recommendations, and assess the relative costs along with potential funding sources.

Q: What are the next steps?

A: A draft of the plan has been released for public comment. Once the public comment period ends, the final draft will be prepared and submitted to SEMPO for adoption.

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