

## Upcoming Trail Projects

### Jefferson Street

Jefferson Street (Persels Road to Stuart Road) will be reconstructed. Construction will begin this fall and complete next year. This project includes a wide shared-use path and sidewalk from Persels Road to Scherer Road then paved shoulders from Scherer Road to Stuart Road. These bike/ped facilities are part of the Greenway and Bike Route networks. Total project length is about 1.24 miles.

### Strother Road

Strother Road (Lee's Summit Road to Hagan Road) will be reconstructed. Construction will begin this fall and complete next year. This project includes paved shoulders; a part of the Bike Route network. Total project length is about 1.15 miles.

### Lee's Summit Road

Lee's Summit Road (Colbern Road to Gregory)Tudor Road will be reconstructed. Construction will begin this fall and completed in 2 years. This project includes sidewalk, a wide shared-use path, paved shoulders (LSMO) and bike lanes (KCMO). These bike/ped facilities are part of the Greenway and Bike Route networks. Total project length is about 2.32 miles.

### Blackwell Interchange and Outer Roads

Blackwell Interchange and Outer Roads will begin next year and take two years to complete. This project includes sidewalk, a wide share-use path through the new grade separated interchange at US 50 Hwy. and paved shoulders along the new south outer road connecting Blackwell Road to Ranson Road.

### Tudor Road Extension

Tudor Road extension from Douglas to Ward Road with bridge over the UPRR; phase one is currently under construction from Douglas to Main Street. This project includes wide shared-use path (Greenway).

## DID YOU KNOW...

...LSPR coordinated the donation of property and loop trail improvements with the developer of Langsford Plaza shopping center which resulted in a new neighborhood park with a value of over \$260,000 in land value and park amenities at no cost to LSPR or Lee's Summit residents.



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# Tales from the trail

Your connection to Lee's Summit's Trail & Greenway Development



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## DID YOU KNOW...

...The Katy Trail generates over \$6 million in economic development annually recovering its initial cost in the first year. LSPR staff and city staff along with other local municipalities are negotiating with the Union Pacific RR to extend the Katy to Kansas City

- Missouri Department of Natural Resources Division of State Parks

## Bicycle Safety. Some friendly reminders as we move into the spring and summer bicycling season:

Your safety and image of bicyclists depend on you. You have the same rights and duties as drivers. Obey traffic signals and stop signs. Ride with traffic; use the rightmost lane headed in the direction you are going.

### BE PREDICTABLE

Make your intentions clear to everyone on the road. Ride in a straight line and don't swerve between parked cars. Signal turns, and check behind you well before turning or changing lanes.

### BE CONSPICUOUS

Ride where people can see you and wear bright clothing. Use a front white light, red rear light and reflectors when visibility is poor. Make eye contact with others and don't ride on sidewalks.

### THINK AHEAD

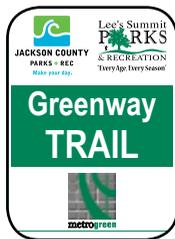
Anticipate what drivers, pedestrians, and other people on bikes will do next. Watch for turning vehicles and ride outside the door zone of parked cars. Look out for debris, potholes, and other road hazards. Cross railroad tracks at right angles.

### RIDE READY

Check that your tires have sufficient air, brakes are working, chain runs smoothly, and quick release levers are closed. Carry tools and supplies that are appropriate for your ride. Wear a helmet.

Taken from the League of American Bicyclists. For more info visit [www.bikeleague.org](http://www.bikeleague.org)

## Route Signage Identification! Keep an eye out for these signs around town



## Rock Island Acquisition- Future Trail Developments

On February 24th, a big step was taken towards development of the inactive Rock Island railroad for trail and light rail use. The 17 mile corridor that cuts through Lee's Summit could become a connection to the statewide Katy Trail that runs from just east of Kansas City all the way to St. Louis. Jackson County officials announced an option to purchase the corridor

from Union Pacific for a purchase price of approximately \$60 million. Legislative officials anticipate that much if not all the asking price could be paid for with federal transportation funds. While still in the early stages with the agreement to purchase, city officials from adjoining communities will be conducting meetings over the next couple of months to determine an approach and funding mechanisms for trail development when the purchase of the corridor is complete.

## April Bond Issue to improve bicycle and pedestrian transportation at 50 Highway and 291 Highway South interchange

On Tuesday, April 8, 2014, voters in Lee's Summit will be asked to consider a \$10-million "No-Tax Increase" General Obligation Bond improvement project. The "No-Tax Increase" bond project is to address improvements to the interchange at U.S. Highway 50 and Route 291 South.

The existing interchange consists of a four-lane bridge that crosses over U.S. Highway 50, connecting Jefferson Street to the north with Missouri Route 291 (M-291 South) to the south, as well as the outer roads, Blue Parkway and Oldham Parkway.

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### SAFETY

Replace the aging bridge that is at the end of its design life and provide dedicated pedestrian/bike access. The proposed improvements are designed to reduce current congestion, delays and associated vehicular crashes to create a more efficient interchange.

### CONNECTIVITY

The proposed improvements would enhance the north/south connection and provide a gateway to the heart of downtown Lee's Summit.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Access and visibility to vacant commercial properties and existing businesses in the surrounding vicinity will increase.

## Trail Projects

### Hook Road

Hook Road (Ward Road to M-291 Highway) will be reconstructed by the end of summer. This project includes paved shoulders on both sides of the road, a part of the Greenway and Bike Route networks. Total project length is about 1.15 miles.

### Pryor Road

Pryor Road shoulder paving (Longview Road to Hook Road) will be constructed by the end of summer. The paved shoulders are part of the Greenway and Bike Route networks. Total project length is about 2.50 miles.

### Bailey Road

The Bailey Road extension between M-291 Highway and Hamblen Road with bridge over the UPRR is under construction and will be completed by the end of year. This project includes a wide shared-use path, a part of the Greenway and Bike Route networks. Total project length is about 0.65 mile.

### 2nd Street

2nd Street (Jefferson Street to Independence Avenue) will be resurfaced and restriped to include wide lanes and turn lanes that better accommodate cyclists (number of through lanes reduced). It also includes sidewalk improvements. The route along 2nd Street is a part of the Bike Route network. Total project length is about 1.00 mile.

### Bike Route Signage

Parks and Recreation is working to complete Bike Route signing along O'Brien, Jefferson, Main Street, Woods Chapel, and Independence Avenue. Work should be completed by the end of Summer 2014.

Access for Progress!

U.S. Hwy. 50 & Route 291 South Interchange Improvements

“No-Tax Increase”  
General Obligation  
Bond Election  
April 8, 2014

- Safety
- Connectivity
- Economic Development