

PLATTE COUNTY SUBMITS PROJECT PRIORITIES TO THE MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL'S 2040 TRANSPORTATION OUTLOOK PLAN

On September 3, 2009, The Platte County Commission authorized submittal of the County's priority transportation system projects to the Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) for the 2040 Transportation Outlook Plan. The County's Public Works, Parks & Recreation and Planning & Zoning departments compiled the list from priorities identified in the County's Land Use Plan, Roads Master Plan, Updated Park System Master Plan and the broader Platte Profile study.

The list includes important multi-modal and shared use path opportunities that will enhance the County's comprehensive transportation system. This includes the future extensions of trails identified in the Platte County Updated Park System Master Plan such as the Missouri Riverfront Trail, Southern Platte Pass, and Prairie Creek Greenway. The first segments of these trails to be constructed have already demonstrated the positive contribution to the public by providing safe routes for alternative transportation users, such as bicycle commuters that are going to and from work, and children that are going between home and school. For example, on any given school day, a "walking school bus" can be observed along Southern Platte Pass with a throng of children safely walking to the local elementary school.

The benefit of including the County's transportation projects in the 2040 Transportation Outlook Plan is that the projects can be reviewed and considered for future state and federal funding opportunities. If you are interested in learning more about the 2040 Outlook Plan you can go to <http://www.marc.org/2040/About/index.aspx>. Please visit the following sites to learn about specific Platte County plans:

Updated Platte County Updated Park System Master Plan,
<http://www.platteparks.org/>

Platte County Roads Master Plan
http://www.co.platte.mo.us/docs/public_works/2009/082509_roads_master_plan.pdf

Platte County Land Use Plan

<http://www.co.platte.mo.us/docs/action/Land%20Use%20Plan.pdf>

Platte Profile Strategic Vision & Goals Plan

<http://www.platteprofile.com/files/Platte%20Profile.pdf>

