Begin efforts to update your 2008 Bicycle Plan to reflect best practices in bicycle planning. In particular, your current guidelines for increasing the degree of separation and protection for bicyclists based on the speed and volume of roadways could be improved by recommending buffered and separated bike lanes more regularly. While it may be beyond the scope of your bike plan, an update may also be a good time to examine existing land development codes and whether they encourage walkable and bikeable developments.

Continue efforts to adopt a crash reduction policy and Vision Zero initiative. Understanding current crash data and risk factors should be an important part of any future bicycle plan so infrastructure addresses high risk corridors.

Work with Missouri State University, Ozarks Technical Community College, and other colleges to understand where these schools and community can work together to create conditions that support bicycling. Collaborations between universities and communities often include bike share, student projects based on bicycle-related data, bicycle parking, and the development of safe routes from community activity centers to universities.

Springfield’s strength is its trail network. Ensure that on-street facilities or other low-stress routes allow people to access these trails. Work to address high speed roads or other barriers that may make it difficult for people to access the trail system by bike.

Launch a bike share system that is open to the public.