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Advancing the Regional  
Chadwick Flyer Trail**

Elevating infrastructure, *together.*



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### Project Team

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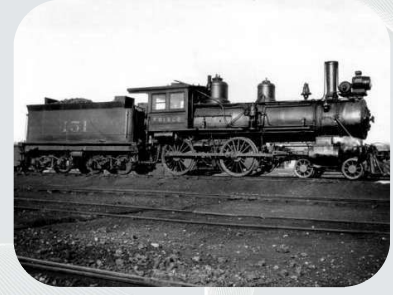
### Project Partners



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### History of Chadwick Flyer


- Built: 1883 to 1885
- Route: Springfield to Chadwick, Missouri (via Ozark)
- Railroad Name: St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad (Frisco)
- Nickname: 'Chadwick Flyer' – Averaged only 10 mph
- Much of Chadwick Branch abandoned post 1930'



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## Chadwick Flyer Trail Plan


- Identified in Ozarks Transportation Organization's Regional Trail Study – October 2017
- 12-mile alignment between Sunshine Street in Springfield and the Ozark Community Center in Ozark



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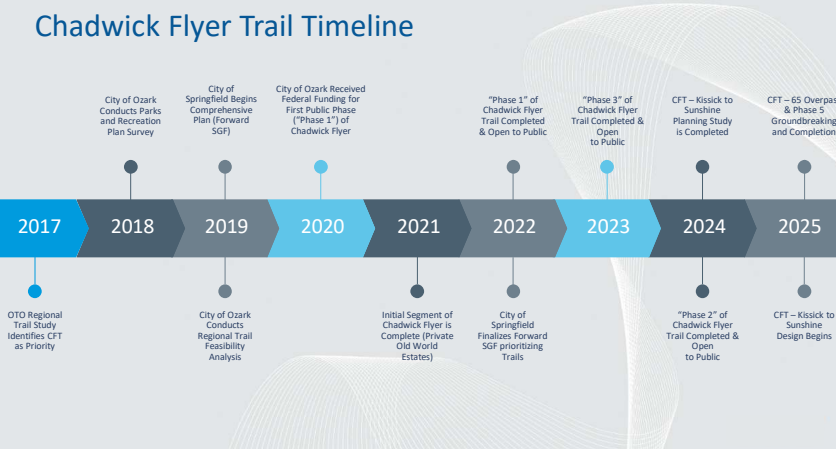
## Chadwick Flyer Trail Goals

- Connect Communities
- Preserve and Celebrate History
- Promote Outdoor Recreation
- Support Economic Development
- Enhance Regional Trail Systems



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## Chadwick Flyer Trail Timeline



Year	Event
2017	OTO Regional Trail Study Identifies CFT as Priority
2018	City of Ozark Conducts Parks and Recreation Plan Survey
2019	City of Springfield Begins Comprehensive Plan (Forward SGF)
2020	City of Ozark Received Federal Funding for First Public Phase ("Phase 1") of Chadwick Flyer
2021	Initial Segment of Chadwick Flyer is Complete (Private Old World Estates)
2022	City of Springfield Finalizes Forward SGF prioritizing Trails
2023	"Phase 1" of Chadwick Flyer Trail Completed & Open to Public
2023	"Phase 3" of Chadwick Flyer Trail Completed & Open to Public
2024	CFT – Kissick to Sunshine Planning Study is Completed
2024	"Phase 2" of Chadwick Flyer Trail Completed & Open to Public
2025	CFT – 65 Overpass & Phase 5 Groundbreaking and Completion
2025	CFT – Kissick to Sunshine Design Begins

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## The BIG Picture - Ozark



**Ozark OTO Trails & Sidewalks**

- OTO Link Trail**
  - Proposed OTO Link Trails
  - Completed OTO Link Trails
  - Proposed Chadwick Flyer Trail Alignment
  - Completed Chadwick Flyer Trail
- Pedestrian Transit System**
  - Community Sidewalk
  - Neighborhood Sidewalk
  - Recreational Trail
- Trail Head
- Streets
- Parks/Recreation Areas
- Local Municipality

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## Give the People What They Want - Ozark

2024 Onward Ozark Survey Found:

- If a use tax were implemented 51% of respondents stated, they would want the tax to fund Parks and Trails.
- 76% of respondents stated that Greenways and Trails significantly or moderately added to the quality of life in Ozark.
- 62% of respondents stated that Parks and Trails were either Very Effective or Effective at meeting their needs as a resident of Ozark.



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## Progress at Full Throttle

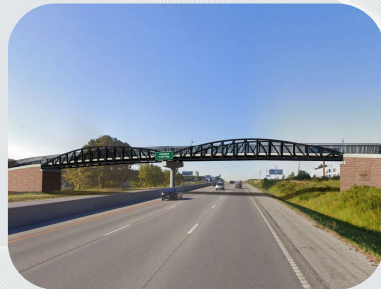
- Began Prioritizing CFT with Regional Trail Study in 2019
- Have completed 2.55 miles of Trail
- 0.97 Miles is Currently Under Construction & Anticipated to be Completed this Year
  - Including the Overpass of 65



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## US 65 Overpass Design

- Contract Signed in November 2023 & Obligation of Funds was Received in September 2024
- Full Environmental & Right of Way/Easement Acquisition on 4 Parcels
- Geotechnical Investigation
- Aesthetic Analysis



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## The BIG Picture - Springfield



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## Give the People What They Want – Springfield

- Forward SGF - 2022:
- “UnGap the Map” – Top 10 Initiative
  - Close gaps in Springfield’s trail system to create a comprehensive, connected network
  - The Chadwick Flyer Trail is a key priority of “UnGap the Map”



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## Laying the Groundwork for Trail Enhancement

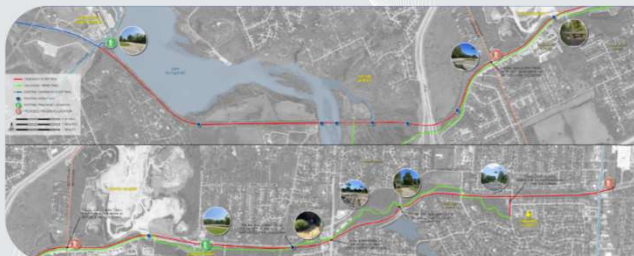
- First Phase in Springfield (Christian County Line to Kissick) is Funded in 2022
- Planning Study for Kissick to Sunshine Portion of Trail Commences in 2023 & is Finalized in 2024
- Design Engineering for Kissick to Sunshine Begins Late 2024
- Negotiations with BNSF for Railroad R/W is Ongoing



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## Kissick to Sunshine Planning

- Planning Study Conducted from Mid 2023 to Early 2024
  - Alignment Analysis from Kissick to Sunshine Street
  - Evaluated Connections
  - Aesthetic Analysis



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## Kissick to Sunshine Design

- Kicked-Off Late 2024
- Full Design & Environmental for Entire Trail from Kissick to Sunshine
  - Multiple Plan Packages to accommodate funding levels



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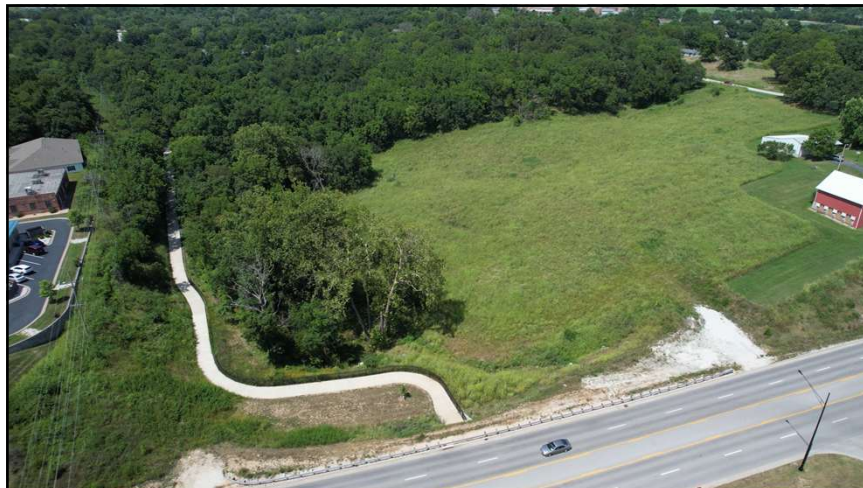
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### Next Steps

- Complete Engineering on Kissick to Sunshine – Summer 2026
- Acquire BNSF Right of Way from Kissick to Sunshine
- Perform Planning & Engineering on Remaining Pieces in Ozark and Christian County

A map of the project area showing Kissick, Sunshine, and the Missouri Veterans Cemetery. The map highlights the project route in green and yellow. It also shows the Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Greape County, and Christian County. An inset image shows a building.

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### Questions?

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