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### **Join Bike to Work Week, May 14-18**

Take the challenge and leave your car behind during Ozark Greenways' annual Bike to Work Week, May 14-18.

Register your workplace or school for the challenge of commuting at least one day by biking, taking the bus, walking, carpooling, telecommuting or combining modes.

"Bike to Work Week is a great chance to get creative about how to leave your car behind once in a while," said Lori Tack, Program Coordinator for Ozark Greenways. "Try out the new on-street bike route network, explore public transportation, carpool with your co-workers or any combination of these and have fun while doing it."

During Bike to Work Week, Ozark Greenways highlights Springfield's current alternative transportation options and supports future expansion, including the new Let's Go Smart campaign promoting the City of Springfield's recent expansion of its on-street bike route network.

Registered Bike to Work Week participants will enjoy:

- A free coffee and bagel voucher from Panera Bread to everyone who participates at least one day.
- Free bus rides from City Utilities of Springfield all week for anyone utilizing bike racks on public buses.
- Free showers at Doling Family Center, Chesterfield Family Center, all Cox Fitness Centers, the Meyer Center and the YMCA.
- Random prize drawings and giveaways all week, including bike shop gift certificates and more.
- Workplaces and schools can win trophies and prizes, encouraging healthy employees and students.
- Improved public health, air and water quality, traffic congestion and quality of life.
- Contributing to a bicycle/pedestrian-friendly Springfield.

"We are developing our community in a way that makes it comfortable and feasible to use alternative transportation, like biking or taking the bus," said Tack. "The public has been showing overwhelming support for creating safer biking infrastructure, and the city is responding in such a positive way. The momentum right now is incredible!"

Register your workplace or school for Bike to Work Week at [www.ozarkgreenways.org](http://www.ozarkgreenways.org)

Learn more about bicycle commuting in this fun new video with Portland, Oregon-based author and bicycle advocate Joe Kurmaskie, "The Metal Cowboy," and Ozark Greenways Executive Director Terry Whaley, available here:

<http://cityview.springfieldmo.gov/media/the-metal-cowboy>

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