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Mayor Sharon Powell
City of Excelsior Springs
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Dear Mayor Powell,

The City of Excelsior Springs and surrounding area is home to over 16,000 residents and Excelsior Springs continues to be an attractive tourist magnet rebounding from our formative years over the last 10 years.

Our community's re-investment has protected much of that history today with multiple National Register and local Landmarks Districts, as well as several individual property listings on the National and local Landmarks Register listings. Because of our geography and natural resources, as our town has grown, our neighborhoods have been disjointed from our commercial and school districts by federal and state highways.

We **need** your assistance in securing funding for our Safe Streets and Sidewalks initiative which will provide sidewalks and trails along US-69, MO-10, and connect our community center, middle and high schools, and commercial shopping district with our largest grocery store to the rest of our community. Currently US-69 has limited pedestrian crossing points, and has traffic signals without any pedestrian push buttons. MO-10 has narrow or no shoulders and pedestrians are forced to walk with traffic.

The City is taking a bold, progressive approach to solve the problem our community has expressed is our number one problem to address and can provide up to \$2 Million to cost share with federal dollars. Additional support of \$4 Million is coming from the Westside Business District.

It simply is not safe to travel short distances without the protection of your car. Children must be ferried to and from school within a mile of their school. Disabled residents in motorized wheelchairs travel within the driving lanes on Highway 10 to get groceries. Elementary School children travel on foot through a one-lane railroad underpass with a blind spot to reach their school where it is impossible to warn oncoming vehicles to avoid striking them. West side businesses want to improve the functionality of their business district and elevate the appearance to capture some of the tourist traffic traveling past their business in route to enjoy an attraction in downtown.

The state of Missouri has limited funding to assist with these improvements and since both US-69 and MO-10 are on the National Highway System, we would appreciate your favorable consideration for Federal Highway Administration's help in providing for safer streets for everyone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Molly McGovern", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Molly McGovern
City Manager