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Molly McGovern
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Dear Ms. McGovern,

Thank you for finding an opportunity to submit a funding request to the US Department of Transportation to address a critical need in our community. The safety to travel on foot or bicycle to school or to shop for necessities is not an unreasonable expectation.

So much of our community's heritage has been preserved to the enjoyment of many visitors to Excelsior Springs and is something we all can be proud of. Much attention is still needed for our residents and visitors alike to travel safely around the community. As we began to evaluate our needs, the cost exceeds our ability to address without assistance.

We **need** 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 has dedicated two years of funding from our Capital Improvement Sales Tax fund (\$2 Million) to solve the problem our community has expressed is our number one problem to address. The Westside Business District has been working for four years to assess the needs to improve the attractiveness of their commercial district and can provide additional support of \$4 Million, which represents 4-5 years of their funding.

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,

Sharon Powell
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Mayor