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MASTER PLAN FOR BICYCLERS & JOGGERS

Last night, Mayor Robert G. Lowery, Sr. of Florissant and Chief William Karabas attended the St. Louis County Municipal League to hear the program from Great Rivers Greenway District (GRG) regarding the development of a new Bicycle Master Plan for the region which includes St. Louis, St. Louis County, and St. Charles. This new program addresses both the on and off road system for bicycles. Speakers for GRG were Paul Wojiechowski and Julie Padberg-White. The Mayor described the program as a fully funded development which will make both bicycling and jogging more enjoyable and encourage more people to participate in these activities.

Names of persons to serve on a committee were requested, and Mayor Lowery suggested Mr. Steve Fink, a teacher at Chaminade School and is a resident of the City of Florissant. Mr. Fink is a very enthusiastic bicyclist and jogger. The Mayor and Mr. Fink spoke today by telephone and Mr. Fink has graciously accepted the invitation to serve on this committee. Mayor Lowery was promised to have an appointment and Mr. Fink's name will be submitted as soon as the paperwork is filled out.

Other aspects of the plan include law enforcement to protect the people since this society is not accustomed to negotiating near bikers and joggers and it will take years for the experts to come up with as well as fund the infrastructure.

Other areas of the United States have a very high success rate reducing the usage of cars resulting in less gasoline usage and carbon emissions into the air. The greatest result is better health for anyone who takes part in these activities. The Mayor said, "We are excited to be part of such an innovative program."

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