

Transportation

Transportation is a high priority in Springfield and Greene County. The City of Springfield’s Capital Improvements Program funds high-priority transportation needs through a 1/4-cent sales tax with a three-year sunset provision that holds the City accountable for fulfilling its pledges before seeking renewed taxpayer support. More than \$400 million in capital improvements projects have been completed in the past six years; the tax was renewed in February 2004 to raise another



\$26 million to widen streets, improve intersections, add school sidewalks and traffic signals, and for other projects such as neighborhood improvements. The City of Springfield also partners with the Missouri Department of Transportation using a 1/8-cent sales tax to make improvements such as dual left-turn lanes on state roads within the City.

That renewable sales tax, first approved in 1996, allows the City to move forward on projects much more quickly than would be possible waiting for state funding to become available.

To aid in the alleviation of congestion on Springfield’s roadways and to provide the community with increased public access, City Utilities operates a fixed route and paratransit bus system. The city’s bus system continues to grow and expand its services, with an increase of 30,000 more passengers in 2003. The utilization of the public transit system is integral in helping alleviate congestion.

	2001	2002	2003
<i>CU Total Passengers</i>	1,515,611	1,509,686	1,539,264
<i>CU Bus Miles</i>	1,127,665	1,215,805	1,229,100
<i>Number of Buses in fleet</i>			
	26 fixed route buses		
	5 paratransit buses (<i>used to transport disabled passengers</i>)		

All buses are wheelchair accessible.

Source: City Utilities



RESPECT RED

There are 232 traffic signals within the City of Springfield, and 122 of the top 132 high traffic locations (those with 10 or more accidents per year) occurred at signalized intersections. In the years from 1997 to 2003, there were 20,492 accidents at signalized intersections of which 2,787 or 13 percent involved “running a red light.”

The City of Springfield has taken steps to help correct this problem through an initiative known as “Respect Red.” The city’s approach focuses on Enforcement, Education and Engineering. Recently, the City Council voted to increase the minimum fine for red-light violations to \$100, and took measures to provide police officers with the listing of those intersections with the highest counts of red-light runners. In addition, two types of warning signs have been placed around the city noting the “Respect Red Minimum Fine” and “Drive Friendly” to encourage positive driving habits.



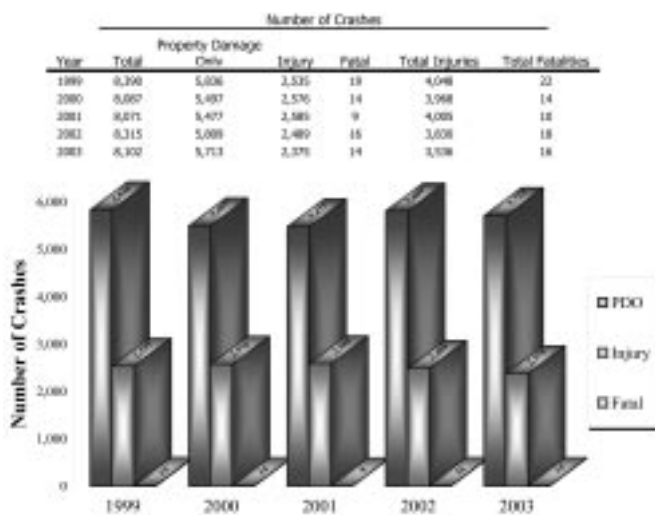
TOP 15 SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS WITH HIGH INCIDENTS OF RIGHT-ANGLE CRASHES IN 2003

Cedarbrook Ave at Chestnut Expy	22
Campbell Ave at JRF WB Ramp	18
Battlefield Rd at Ingram Mill Rd	17
Chestnut Expy at Patterson Ave	17
Grand St at Kimbrough Ave	16
National Ave at Sunset St	15
Battlefield Rd at KMart/Mall Entrance	14
Battlefield Rd at Delaware Ave	14
Campbell Ave at Walnut Lawn St	14
Kansas Expy at I-44 WB Ramp	14
Kansas Expy at Mount Vernon St	13
Kansas Expy at Republic St	13
Cherry St at National Ave	12
Atlantic St & Kansas Expy	11
Benton Ave & Central St	11

Note: Right-angle crashes are frequently a result of red-light running. There were 167 injuries as a result of the 221 right-angle crashes reported at these 15 locations.

Source: City of Springfield

FIVE-YEAR CRASH HISTORY

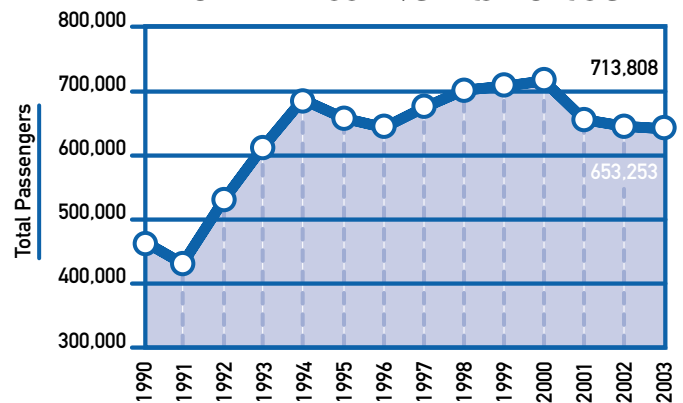


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The Springfield-Branson Regional Airport (SGF) continues to thrive, but has experienced a slight decrease in total passengers since 2000. This decrease is in line with the national trends. Still, SGF has added Delta Connection services to Cincinnati and an additional Northwest Airlinck service to Minneapolis in 2004. The airlines operating at SGF provide Springfield and the surrounding region with easy connections to major hubs in the U.S. and around the world. The terminal building is operating its 10 gates at full capacity, and there are plans to develop a new Midfield Terminal to address the current challenges and ensure growth beyond a 50-year planning period. The ability for SGF to provide our community with quality passenger and cargo services is key to the growth and stability of Springfield's economy.

TOTAL PASSENGERS FOR SGF



Source: Springfield-Branson Regional Airport