

Disabilities Commission

March 18, 2016

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Columbia Disabilities Commission

Subject: Vision Zero

The Columbia Disabilities Commission supports the proposal to adopt Vision Zero in Columbia. Vision Zero emphasizes a proactive approach to roadway and pedestrian safety and it encourages universal design facilities to accommodate and protect all travelers in the community. This approach is wholly consistent with this Commission's efforts to continue to improve safe, reliable and inclusive transportation opportunities for people with disabilities. At the Commission's regular meeting on March 10, 2016, the Commission members voted unanimously to send a letter of support to the City Council for the proposal to adopt Vision Zero. It's especially critical to us as research has shown people with disabilities, especially wheelchair users, are injured and killed at a higher rate than the general population of pedestrians.

Sincerely,

Chuck Graham, Chair Columbia Disabilities Commission