

City of Columbia Public Works
701 E. Broadway
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May 3rd, 2022

Dear Mr. Creech:

We ask that the City of Columbia participate in 50% of the costs to construct sidewalks in the Hinkson/Fay/Nichols Street area within the North Central neighborhood. The cost to construct these sidewalks is estimated to be \$98,000 and it would complete the remaining sidewalks in the entire Hinkson/Fay/Nichols corridor south of the Colt Rail line. There is an existing precedent for the 50% cost share in the downtown area where pedestrian traffic is the highest in the City. We ask that the City of Columbia expand the boundary of this program to include this part of the North Central Neighborhood. The costs are too great to justify the investment without this kind of private/public partnership in place.

Over the past year, the property owners in this neighborhood have worked together with the City and local communications companies to bury the electrical and communication lines and remove the telephone poles. This work has recently been completed. Since the poles are now gone, there is an opportunity to continue improving the public infrastructure and safety of the neighborhood by constructing ADA sidewalks. There is a present enthusiasm with the existing businesses and property owners here that makes this an opportune time to make the improvements. The sidewalks will serve residents who live nearby in the adjacent neighborhoods and those that work at and enjoy the growing number of businesses in this Hinkson/Fay/Nichols Street corridor.

Sincerely,

John & Tanner Ott
Diggs Meat Packing, LLC

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