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### Comments:

Yield signs for pedestrian crossing at the  
very least  
protection against the sidewalk right against the road  
(e.g. poles, bike lane, ~~down road~~)

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Expanding the curbs with sidewalk bulbs is a good way to make the street safer for pedestrians. I noticed that some vegetation will be removed as part of construction, consider ways to replace this vegetation, perhaps by planting trees. The bike lane symbol could be useful for bike riders, but in my experience drivers do not pay attention to these signs without proper enforcement.

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### Comments:

Overall we agree with the aforementioned plans to add another sidewalk. We appreciate the effort to make one of the main roads more accessible to the community.

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Signature: Ashley Wilson

Name  
Ashley Wilson

E-mail  
ashleyawilson95@yahoo.com

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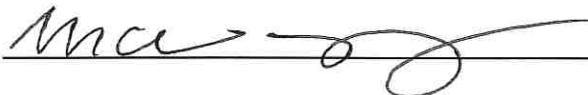
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### Comments:

we need buffer zones that protect ped (if possible)  
if not, we should have sharrows or other  
street paint to indicate to share space with  
non drivers.

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Signature: 

McKenzie D'Amico  
Name

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E-mail

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Please keep pedestrians and cyclists in mind, especially when it comes to the placement of the sidewalks. I do not feel safe walking on sidewalks that are directly next to the road with no barrier or buffer zone. If a buffer zone is impractical, the traffic lanes could be narrowed or a bike lane could be added to increase the distance between pedestrians and motorists.

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### Comments:

\* When it's time to paint/stripe, please include sharrow symbols in the center of the driving/shared lanes.

\* Better signage to get to meeting room.

\* Yay! Yes sidewalks & ADA & curb cuts, etc

\* ~~id~~ Would love to see those flashing tall light alerts added.

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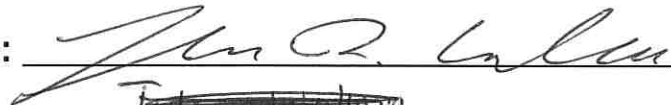
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### Comments:

Please consider putting the sidewalk at face of curb in the street. Garth has plenty of width to handle 6' sidewalk without working in people's yards. Remove parking on one side to make up the difference.

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Signature:   
~~Tyler Wallace~~

Tyler Wallace		t.f.wallace1988@gmail.com	
Name		E-mail	
1800 N Garth		Columbia	Mo 65202
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### Comments:

I think that these improvements are a great start! Fixing the roads, adding a sidewalk, bulb outs and more are essential for the comfortability of pedestrians. I think there could be some improvements at crosswalks, like light signals to indicate a pedestrian is crossing. I also would love to see more bike infrastructure. As someone who lives close to here and drives, runs, or bikes to Garth Park, this added infrastructure will help me, especially as a driver, respect other road users, be a safer driver, enforce other safe driving, and feeling safe as another type of road user. There is space for additional comments on the back of this form

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Signature: 

Rikki Ascani

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### Comments:

Wish Project could start sooner  
this needs done

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**Signature:**

Janice K Dauksch

Janice K Dauksch

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### Comments:

Sidewalk is needed. But I am not happy about losing our big tree in the front yard. I am also worried about having people walking around our cars in the driveway.

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Signature: Melody Masters

Melody Masters Mel33rdy@gmail.com  
Name E-mail

1706 N. Garth Ave Columbia MO 65202  
Mailing Address City State Zip

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Matt Wright** <[wright.matt.a@gmail.com](mailto:wright.matt.a@gmail.com)>

Date: Mon, Mar 3, 2025 at 9:54 AM

Subject: [PubW]: Garth Avenue improvement project

To: <[pubw@como.gov](mailto:pubw@como.gov)>

Cc: City Of Columbia Ward1 <[ward1@como.gov](mailto:ward1@como.gov)>

I wasn't able to post a comment on the BeHeard site, so please include these comments in the packet to City Council.

First, this is a much needed project to fill in sidewalk gaps along a widely used corridor - so thank you for taking it on!

I noticed that a lot of trees are being taken out for this project. Please ensure that there's a replacement program in place - and not just an optional one that literally no one knows about. Consider using a similar program to whatever ends up being used for the Ash Street project. There are clearly plenty of opportunities to support our climate goals with a true and complete tree replacement program.

I also noticed that there are no line or lane markings for the road bed, so I'm not sure what the plans are there. But please consider replacing the existing parking with protected bike lanes along the length of this corridor. **This is a public street that should support travel for all, not storage of private property for some.** Adding a fully protected and buffered bike lane where there's plenty of room to do so, creates a safe space for more modes of travel which connects the school, churches, surrounding neighborhoods, Bear Creek Trail, and the commercial nodes to the south (Business Loop 70) and to the north (along Rangeline); all while creating a safe travel corridor that's parallel to the incredibly dangerous corridors of Providence and Rangeline. I already walk and bike along this corridor over the other options, and I know a lot of others do too - let's live up to our Vision Zero plan and create something that's truly safe for all here.

Thank you,  
Matt Wright  
First Ward