

December 12, 2025

Director Ed Hassinger
Missouri Department of Transportation
105 W. Capital Avenue
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Director Hassinger:

The purpose of this letter is to express the Columbia Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission's support for development of a statewide active transportation plan ("SATP") for Missouri.

The Columbia Bicycle/Pedestrian is a 9-member commission appointed by the City Council to advise it on issues relating to City sidewalks, walkways and trails, including development of the City's Sidewalk Master Plan. City staff representatives who participate in Commission meetings include representatives from CoMo to Zero (formerly Vision Zero), with the goal of ending road deaths, and the City's Parks and Recreation Department.

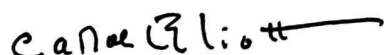
CoMo to Zero's web page states that 103 people have been killed and 572 seriously injured in traffic crashes in Columbia in the last 10 years. An SATP framework will provide consistent statewide **safety** guidance to local commissions and City departments to support the needs of people who walk, use non-motorized transportation, including bicyclists and wheelchair users, and use public transportation.

A SATP will help the Columbia Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission better **collaborate** with MoDOT on statewide projects such as Improve I-70 and improvement of pedestrian facilities on state roads within the City of Columbia such as Route B. An SATP could help clarify the roles of MoDOT and local communities with respect to enhancement of pedestrian facilities on state roads and make sure that limited resources are used effectively and efficiently.

Other states which have adopted active transportation plans have noted significant **economic benefits** of active transportation. A SATP for Missouri should include funding to conduct a statewide economic impact analysis to better understand how much economic activity walking and biking generate for Missouri. This could also be a chance to revise economic benefit analysis along existing corridors, such as the economic impact study conducted for the Rock Island Trail.

In conclusion, the Columbia/Bicycle Pedestrian Commission **supports** the development of a SATP and encourages MoDOT to begin this critical work.

Respectfully submitted,



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