

# City of Columbia, Missouri - Meeting Minutes – Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 7:00 PM Regular Commission Meeting  
Conference Room 1A, City Hall, 701 E Broadway, Columbia, MO

## I. Call To Order – 7:00 PM

## II. Introductions

- a. Members present: Frank Schmidt, Christopher Halsey, Bry Mink, Elke Boyd, Tyler Swearngin, Tom Heitmann, Carol Elliott, McKenzie Ortiz
- b. Others present: David Kunz, Mitch Skov, Ted Curtis, Janet Godon, Krista Shouse-Jones
- c. Members absent: Detlef Ritter

## III. Approval of Agenda

- a. Frank Schmidt moved to approve; Carol Elliott seconded
  - i. Motion passed

## IV. Approval of Minutes

Attachment: *Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission Meeting Agenda 01-18-2026 Minutes for approval.docx*

- a. McKenzie Ortiz moved to approve as amended; Tyler Swearngin seconded
  - i. Motion passed

## V. Staff/Commission Reports

- a. COMO to Zero Report – (formerly Vision Zero)
  - i. Early year – no fatalities yet (same as 2025)
  - ii. Serious injury crashes: 4 serious crashes, 6 serious injuries
    1. Better trend than last year so far
  - iii. Safe Streets for All – no USDOT word on FY2024 (Clark Lane)
    1. FHWA – out of 10, 4 still hadn't come back (we're in good company?)
  - iv. High Injury Network update
    1. ARC 25 Feb Public meeting 4-6
  - v. Complete Streets (on track for previous deadline)
  - vi. Comfort level map complete
    1. Report handling uncertain – synopsis to share with the public?
  - vii. Bus loop SRA final draft waiting on consultant report
- b. Parks & Recreation Report
  - i. IP meeting for railbanking held 12Feb (BeHeard Como still posted)
    1. Fact sheet passed out to attendees
- c. Planning Staff Report
  - i. Sound wall requirements asked about last meeting
    1. 4 locations identified for EIS that meet MoDOT criteria
      - a. Noise levels exceeding 66 db in residential areas
        - i. Need 7 db reduction minimum
      - b. Max of 20 ft height
      - c. Majority of owners/residents must agree to it
        - i. Tenants can be superseded by owner
    2. Previously 5 noise walls for Phase 4 (more were reasonable but not feasible), now evaluated to 4 locations

- 3. Subject to change
- ii. Pedestrian infrastructure not evident until public input later
- iii. Link to EIS requested
- iv. Reference: Why when and where of the construction of soundwalls (MoDOT publication)
- d. Commissioner IP Meeting Reports –
  - i. Railbanking Public Meeting 12Feb2026
    - 1. Frank Schmidt and Carol Elliott attended
    - 2. Good public interest
    - 3. Colt Railroad rep present –
      - a. N of I 70, Colt railroad has spurs to businesses in the area (even if not in use)
      - b. Stores empty RR cars on the track (some economic benefit to RR)
      - c. S of I 70, lot of track in disrepair (or missing), less of a reason to keep track there
    - 4. Few knew about rail banking and it's use on the KT trail
    - 5. Some comfort with a rail with trail option (as opposed to fully trail)
    - 6. Some Amtrak plan possibly exists to use Colt?
    - 7. Next step after railbank yes/no decision
      - a. Commissions
      - b. City Council with recommendations
      - c. Public Hearing
      - d. Legal
      - e. 1-1.5 years to finalize
      - f. Parks and Rec have \$3 million in 2030, would cover Rogers to Hereford
  - ii. CoMo to Zero Action Plan: Thursday, 25Feb2026 at the ARC, 4:00 to 6:00 PM
  - iii. Loop 70 Reconnect community grant planning 4-6 PM at Boone electric Mar 19 with Great Rivers Engineering
- e. Commission Correspondence –

## **VI. New Business**

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- a. Improve I70 Phase 4 Rocheport to Columbia
  - i. Public Hearing have been scheduled for Monday 02Mar 4-7 PM at Boone Electric and Wednesday 04Mar 5-7 at Midway Golf and Games
    - 1. Council asked for Commission comments by March meeting, recommendation letter
    - 2. Ask where the Colt trail crosses when I 70 and Bus loop are at the same level
    - 3. Interested parties can sign up for I 70 update website
    - 4. All comments must be received by 25Mar2026.
- b. MoDOT High-priority Unfunded Needs List update
  - i. See for CATSO website: <https://www.como.gov.boards/columbia-area-transportation-study-organization/>

*Attachment: Attach1 - 2024-09-18 CBB CATSO BikePed.ppt – CUT.pdf*

*Attachment: Draft 2026 CATSO Unfunded Needs List with Tech Recommendations 2-4-2026*

1. Motion to approve addition to unfunded needs Others list: sidewalk along I 70 NW outer road between route E and Perche Creek Bridge
    - a. Carol moved, Frank seconded
  2. Motion to approve addition to unfunded needs Others list: Harmony creek Trail extend between Perche Creek Phase II and Cosmo Park
    - a. Carol moved, Frank seconded
  3. CATSO meets 26Feb to consider
- ii. See for 2024 Sidewalk Masterplan: <https://www.como.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/approved-2024-columbia-sidewalk-master-plan.pdf>

*Attachment: Attach3 - 2026-02-09 I70P4A Outer Rd SW Rt E to Perche.pdf*

## **VIII. Other Business**

- a. Current survey links:
  - i. Complete streets update: <https://beheard.como.gov/complete-streets>
  - ii. COLT Railroad Railbanking: <https://beheard.como.gov/colt-railroad-railbanking>

## **IX. General Comments by Public, Members and Staff**

- a. Carol – walking by Harmony creek trail, 2 kids riding one bike, 12 and 11 yrs old, as vehicles, need to ride on right hand side, no helmets – where to follow up?
- b. Frank, on 11Feb2026, had appt with Nick Foster, mentioned that City Council passed ordinance for pedestrian safety against the Commission recommendations
  - i. Draw me up a list and make comprehensive policy plan, but this is what Complete Streets policy should be doing
    1. CATSO will check on status

## **X. Next Meeting Date – 18 March 2026**

## **XI. Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn by Tyler, seconded by McKenzie
  - i. Motion passed at 8:25 PM