

Public Comment Form

St. Charles Road Sidewalk Project

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PO Box 6015
Columbia, MO 65205

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Comments:

This project is most welcome to improve the safety along St Charles Rd. I bike regularly through this area & it is very unsafe. The areas that this project will connect are much safer. I look forward to seeing this completed.

**** The personal information requested below is not required and could be made available to the public.**

Signature: Steven W Sieveking

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Name E-mail
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Mailing Address City State Zip

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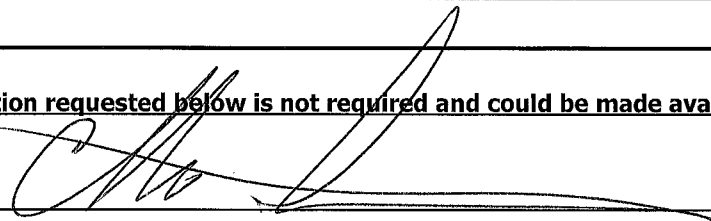
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I believe this project is essential to improving the quality of life of families that live in the area. It increases safe passage and water irrigation for pedestrians. It improves property value and traffic. It also reflects the faith of citizens in the community of the city's commitment to better our city.

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brettmetzger

3 likes

Vital corridor for Battle High School. At a minimum, it should have a PROTECTED (by curb) bike lane AND a sidewalk on both sides of the road

See image for details on a proper multimodal street design that is safe. Note the bicycle lane is protected by a tall curb with separation from motorists. The sidewalk is also distanced from the road and lined with trees. It is vital that we build improve roads to be safe and accommodate more efficient forms of transportation such as walking, cycling, and public transit. Automobiles are dangerous and the least efficient form of transportation. Do not give cars any more space than they already have.

Jacksonhotaling

Fully agree with these comments.

jacksonhotaling

3 likes

Build a 12' Shared-Use Path--Sidewalks and Paint are Not Safe Enough

Please establish a 12' or 14' wide shared-use path on at least one side of the entire project corridor, with a sidewalk or parallel shared-use path on the other side.

The proposed project area desperately needs a shared-use path/trail or safe cycletrack and sidewalk connection. Starting with this section, a trail extension can eventually function seamlessly as a safe connection to serve Battle High School, the Hominy Creek Trail and Columbia's trail system, and all of the housing, Schnucks, and other businesses in between. There also needs to be more regular safe crossings in short intervals.

Shoppers, students, homeowners, employees, and all the people passing by deserve a safe passage for everyday connections. Without a wide shared-use path or dedicated cycletrack and sidewalk separated from the roadway, Columbia's children and other vulnerable road users will be at risk for traffic violence, which we have already seen further west in multiple recent pedestrian death incidents in recent years on Clark Lane. https://www.komu.com/news/midmissourinews/friends-of-man-killed-on-clark-lane-wednesday-night-speak-out-in-his-memory/article_1a2af042-77ef-11ed-9c82-0b911d7c4be0.html

A good Columbia, MO example of a trail alongside a busy roadway can already be found with the Providence Trail (photo attached).

For reference, Fayetteville, AR is a peer college town with a smaller population than Columbia. Their Transportation Division constructs the trails, and then the Parks and Recreation Department oversees the maintenance and event programming of completed trails.

According to Fayetteville's Active Transportation Plan, "Traditional 5-foot bike lanes can be useful in certain applications such as climbing lanes; however, a single line of paint is generally not adequate in providing the safety and comfort to accommodate riders of all ages and abilities. Future on-street

bikeways should incorporate best practices for better separation for people riding bikes from fast moving traffic. When street widths are constrained two-way bike facilities should be considered. Vertical physical protection, curbs, buffer spaces, green paint, markings in intersections and conflict areas are all useful in increasing safety and comfort for people riding bikes on streets."

Fayetteville's minimum standards for trail width can be found here (8-5): <https://www.fayetteville-ar.gov/DocumentCenter/View/21692/Minimum-Street-Standards-2020-Edition>

"Width. The minimum width of shared-use paved trails shall be 12 feet, or in accordance with applicable Master Street Plan cross sections. and shall follow the trail cross-section standard details. Shared-use paved trails adjacent to the roadway shall have a minimum of 6 feet of greenspace, but may vary as designated on the Master Street Plan."

Reference Fayetteville's Active Transportation Plan for further St. Charles Road project ideas: <https://www.fayetteville-ar.gov/DocumentCenter/View/28276/Active-Transportation-Plan---Update---2623-FINAL>

Brettmetzger

Great work Jackson! Very specific. It's important for the City to consider how Columbia's East side can be redesigned to connect itself in such a manner that allows shoppers, residents, business owners, and students to be connected in a safe and livable manner.

Kimncolumbia

2 likes

Please make this wide enough for bikes and pedestrians. I used to ride my bike on St. Charles, but haven't since the addition of BHS.

Please protect cyclists and pedestrians