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Columbia City Council
701 East Broadway
Columbia, MO 65201

**RE: SIDEWALK CLOSURE REQUEST
COMMERCE BANK
901 EAST BROADWAY
COLUMBIA, MO 65201**

Dear City Council Members,

I am requesting approval of our application for sidewalk closure as submitted.

The scope of our project has changed significantly and requires removal and replacement of the entire parapet wall along the South side of the existing building.

- This includes new concrete masonry units, structurally connected to the existing building and
- Installation of new GFRC (glass fiber reinforced concrete units) to match and replace the deteriorating terra cotta concrete units from the water table and up to the top of the parapet wall.

The structural replacement of concrete masonry units will be completed during the current approved sidewalk closure schedule.

However, the new GFRC units are just now being manufactured and are not scheduled to arrive on-site until September 20, 2024.

Installation of the new GFRC units will require a completely different scaffold system to maintain pedestrian safety and quality control.

To achieve this work beginning September 20, 2024, it is necessary to close the Broadway sidewalk in addition to the 9th Street sidewalk to all pedestrian traffic.

The work is scheduled to be completed by the end of November 2024. Our request for the sidewalk closure will be through the end of December 2024 to avoid having to return or extend our request.

I will begin informing our neighbors of the upcoming scope of work and will acquire and provide their signatures of being notified as required.

I appreciate your input during the development of our plan and look forward to working with you and staff during the project to maintain a safe and productive working environment for our project team members and the public at large.

I look forward to our presentation to City Council and getting our project started very soon. Once you know for sure, please let me know which council meeting we are scheduled for.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Westhues". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line striking through the middle of the name.

Eric Westhues, AIA, LEED AP