

## **Cosmo Bike Park Public Input Meeting and Online Comments**

**Please comment what you like about the proposed potential improvements. Please be concise.**

- Ideally, a reconfiguring of Rhett's Run with new and better signage. Right now it's a mess! Pump track looks like fun. Hiring a professional bike infrastructure firm certainly sounds like a good idea!
- I like the pump track, which can serve all folks on wheels (bikers, scooter riders, skateboarders, ect.) I love the idea of a dedicated entrance to Rhett's Run and a permanent cyclocross course.
- Cyclocross course with sandpit and fly over area. Lighting that lights the entire area. Shelter.
- I think a multiuse/multi amenity/obstacles makes for a more fun area with more reasons to go and stay. A kid/beginner area is essential. Lights are very important, especially in late fall and early spring when days are short. A world class pump track would draw riders from all over the country, and could be used to host competitions. Excited to ride it!
- I love the idea of a pump track. Velosolutions builds the best ones. The bike park, especially the pump track should have lighting so it can be used after dark. A flyover/sand pit would be great features for the cyclocross race course component.
- Velosolutions Pump Track. Better Rhett's loop-easier to follow. Cyclocross features-lighting, flyover, sandpit. Bike playground. BBQ, firepit with the shelter and bathroom.
- Maybe a little less pump track than depicted on example but I like the idea. This will make the currently sketchy parking lot less sketchy with lighting to keep people from engaging in some very dodgy activity. On the whole I really Love this idea and fully support P&R efforts. Get COMOTA volunteers involved.
- Single track trail, pump track, skills course and playground add value to the area by allowing all ages and skill levels to get outside and ride bikes. Bike wash station would be awesome! No bike stand for repairs. BBQ pit would be awesome. Signs that say no littering would be good.
- The project looks great and we definitely need it. I love the asphalt pump track and it needs to be as big as possible.
- Pump tracks provide one more opportunity for members of this community to experience the outdoors and new health and fitness activities. The pump track will also create a safe place for adults and children to work on their cycling skills.
- The pump track looks like a good idea, however, it is not something I want as a beginner rider. The cyclocross course is really exciting. This sport is growing like wildfire in Columbia. I would prefer that you take input on that from our local 'experts' Josh Johnson, Mike Morgan, Jason Patrie- people who build, ride and compete. I really love the bike playground. I'm an adult and it took me 6 years to feel confident on the M+B. Bentonville AR has a bike playground for ALL ages and it's awesome!
- Restrooms? Where? Running water?

- I love the idea of creating an official trailhead for Rhett's Run. I feel like this bike park has great potential to improve/diversify the cycling infrastructure in Columbia. This will not only be a place to build mountain bike skills, but also a place to build on our growing mountain bike community.
- A pump track and skills course would be a great addition to Cosmo Park. As the popularity of biking takes off, Columbia has very few destinations for mountain bikers.
- Love everything about it. More biking facilities are needed in town. The proposed facilities provide a variety of activities for youth to adults.
- Velosolutions pump track. Lighting. Flyover and L shaped sand pit. Skill area. Restroom and start area.
- Love that we're bringing some beginner level mountain biking skills areas to Como. Such a strong cycling and mountain biking community and such an absence of entry level bike activities. Having a new trailhead and bike station increases accessibility and makes Rhett's more user friendly.
- I am thrilled that this is happening! Columbia needs beginner friendly bike recreation, specifically for mountain bikes. Very excited about a dedicated cyclocross area please light up!
- I am not able to attend the meeting tonight, but I want to express my support for the bike park. My family bikes often, and there aren't adequate places to do so in town. We have bikers in our family ranging in ages from 10-40. We also go to NICA events in other cities in the state, having one here would attract business to our city! I am particularly interested in seeing the bike park include: pump track, cyclocross setup that doesn't need to be taken down every week, trail that can be used for youth racing, and shelter with a bathroom.
- My rank order for the Cosmo project is: 1. Pump track 2. Mtb skills course 3. Permanent cross course 4. Trailhead and shelter 5. Bike playground. All would be great if funding allows. I'm excited for the NICA-friendly course planned at Gans too.
- I won't be able to make the public hearing tonight regarding the Cosmo Bike Park and I wanted to voice my support for the project. I am a cyclist myself (mostly mountain biking and gravel roads), coach for the CoMo Composite Raptors NICA team, and am the Chief Course Setter and Race Official for the statewide Missouri NICA league. The proposed amenities at the Cosmo Bike Park would be HUGE for our local community and would attract visitors from all over the state. The skills course would help today's kids become the trail and park advocates of the future. Bikes are great for health and transportation but we can't overlook that they are also just plain fun! Let's give everyone more opportunities to ride!
- We didn't know if you were still accepting comments related to the mountain bike trail or pump track, but we would like to express our support. We think this would be a great addition to our parks system! It would create a designated space for those wanting to level up their skills, but would also accommodate all ages and abilities. We also feel this would be a positive impact on the community as more kids develop joy and enthusiasm for riding bikes, this tends to attract adults as well. As their skill levels increase, this not only increases self confidence, but can also strengthen their physical and mental health.

- Cosmo is on an old airport. The bike park should include design elements of planes, helicopters, jetways, ect.
- Building the largest pump track in US would encourage large pump track competitions and earn media. It would make cosmo a destination for biking.
- We would love to have dirt jumps with progression (varying in size) here in town!
- Build the best bike park/trailhead we can! This is such a great opportunity for Columbia as as city and the biking community as a whole. This is a real chance to stand out as a community and bring more people to Columbia. I would just like to see us offer a great product for people to enjoy for years to come and help make Columbia a bike destination in Missouri. I think we should go for the gusto and have no regrets down the line. This is so exciting.
- Add dirt jumps if not already planned. What is already listed sounds great. When we travel we often check out bike parks and the dirt ramps seem to have the most users and it's where my son and I got to play in the smaller ones and watch others. I realize they would not be on scale as some of the larger parks, but a few would be nice.
- I like the plans! I would like to see a progressive drop line included in the plans.

**What would you change about the proposed potential improvements? Please be concise.**

- Would like to see a continuous paved trail around this area for walking and more inexperienced riders to use. Would like to see an area dedicated to learning to ride a bike.
- I would like to see progressive dirt, rock, and wood features in the skills course. If you employ the challenge by choice philosophy-allowing advanced and beginner riders to enjoy the same course, but approach it differently-it will be engaging for all ages. Bike parks I have visited out west in Boulder and Frisco. The progressive dirt jumps and features are super fun and for families to ride together.
- Bike playground is not needed.
- Include lights at the hockey rink next to skatepark for bike polo and other uses when days are short.
- I think a bike washing station would be more useful than a workstation. The tools always seem to get messed up at public work stations. The addition of a fire pit and bbq pit would be great for gatherings.
- No bike repair tools or pumps-they never last.
- Make all of the trails at Cosmo Park multi-use trails-no more cosmo nature trails. Allow improvements to Rhett's Run to cross Bear Creek trail less.
- Shade trees for parking lot. Incorporate solar on roof of shelter. Ensure storm water detention from parking, shelter roof and any other hard surface. A little less pump track, more cyclocross as the CX is very popular.
- A fence across where the quarry is, since these new facilities will be in close proximity. Clear signage and less intersections on the single track trail. More single track trail.
- Would love to have big air dirt jumps and a single jump with an airbag for trying new tricks without risk of injury.
- This proposal aligns with my current hopes, no changes needed.

- Columbia area has two mountain bike skills courses that aren't being used. They are fun but not popular. I would love to see more trails built for the beginner rider in mind. I think Columbia needs more easy trails to attract riders that are new to the sport. I really want some more cross country trails, similar to what Rhett's offers, but minimal climbing. If there is a skills course, we could use natural elements instead (rocks, roots). If the large wooden features are used, please include alternate ride arounds. I am just SO excited about these park improvements! Thank you for the efforts of everyone involved!
- I would love the addition of a bathroom at the Rhett's Run Trailhead. Also a pavilion and bbq pit would be great. Along with the bike park, I would love for Rhett's Run trail to be better signed with less intersections. I hear people say all of the time that they never know which way to go when they are out there. The easier the trail is to navigate, the more fun people will have, the more fun the more people will ride it.
- Rhett's Run could be expanded and improved. More technical sections with jumps. Color coded loops and trails. Black diamond for example.
- Nothing.
- Simplify the trail at Rhett's! Take out trail crossings, improve the signage. Maybe add a bathroom at the trailhead.
- Include signage throughout Rhett's Run trails-simplify the trail system with the help of professionals and COMOTA volunteers-official trailhead. Include green trail (beginner) for mountain bikes similar to woodpecker hollow off the Hinkson Trail. Dirt surface, not wood features. Make it so we can make changes to the trail system without going to the city council for approval. Use guidance from knowledgeable sources I.E. people who ride cyclocross, mountain bikes, ect.