**Date:** July 21, 2017

**To:** Honorable Mayor Brian Treece

 Members of City Council

**From:** Jason Patrie, Chairman Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission

**RE:** Vision Zero Action Plan

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission would like to commend you, the City Manager, and City staff for the development of the Vision Zero Action Plan which was shared as a report at the May 15, 2017 City Council meeting. The actions laid out in the plan are a strong first step toward the implementation of Columbia’s Vision Zero Policy. In addition, the appointments of Heather Cole and Richard Stone as leads on the project show the strong commitment the City of Columbia has for achieving zero deaths and serious injuries in our transportation system.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission would also like to voice its support for the City Manager’s recommendation to allocate $100,000 from Council’s budget surplus to help fund Vision Zero in Fiscal Year 2018. Beyond 2018 we’d ask that consideration be given to a “1% for Safety” funding strategy for future action plans.

Respectfully,

Jason Patrie, Chair