**Date:** January 3, 2018

**To:** Honorable Mayor Brian Treece
Members of City Council

**From:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission

**RE:** Shepard to Rollins Trail Project (Trail Alignments 1 and 3)

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission would like to voice its support for the City of Columbia Public Works and Parks and Recreation trail projects, Shepard to Rollins Trail Project (Trail Alignments 1 and 3). This project is an important and vital link that will improve the safety and connectivity of Columbia's trail network. In addition, this project has been shown to have overwhelming public support. It is our understanding that this project's interested parties meeting was one of the largest attended interested parties meetings ever held by the City of Columbia, with roughly 75% of participants directly voicing support for Trail Alignments 1 and 3.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission would also like to commend Public Works' public input process during this project. The process laid out and taken by Public Works has been fully transparent and exemplary.

Respectfully,

Lawrence Simonson, Chair