

**CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI**

Disabilities Commission

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Columbia Disabilities Commission

Subject: Clark Lane Improvements

Date: August 13, 2013

Over the last several years the Disabilities Commission has recognized the importance of the proposed Clark Lane improvements. The lack of sidewalks in the area presents a difficult and dangerous situation for persons with disabilities who must negotiate the corridor. It has, therefore, been a priority capital improvement project for the Commission. However, Commissioners have been assured that the project was a high priority; so the Commission has concentrated on other projects which are priorities for accessibility in Columbia. Now, however, it appears that the Clark Lane project has been set back and won't receive attention until late in 2015. This is alarming to Commission members.

Both the usage and the potential danger of the Clark Lane corridor make this project a very high priority to the disabilities community. It is our sincere hope that the City can find the resources to address this project in the immediate future. It should not be pushed back. Its importance requires your most expedient attention.

Thank you for your careful attention to our request.

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