

Grindstone Creek Trail Development
Interested Parties Meeting - 7/17/13
Public Input Compilation

SUMMARY

73 comment forms completed

- 61 in favor of the trail development
- 9 opposed the trail development
- 3 addressed other issues

Please comment on what you like about the proposed trail alignment. Please be concise.

- I like the fact that the alignment avoids private property. I like the route that goes close to the new student housing development.
- Critical connection, will be widely used by student in new development at Maguire, avoids private property, minimizes tree removal/creek impact
- I would like the council to continue with the projects that are funded and approved. To change direction after all of this work has been started would be a travesty.
- The alignment is fine. I think it's critical to the overall trail system to get this completed so this area can be connected to the central city.
- The proposed trail is fairly direct and helps cyclists avoid many unsafe roads on the eastern portion of the city. The new proposal is also less disruptive for residents of the area.
- I have been a resident of Boone County for 27 years. I have used the trail for walking and riding a bike for many years. I am a physical therapist and have enjoyed the fact that I can suggest something fun for health and fitness by suggesting to my patients they use the trail for walking and or riding. I support the current alignment of the Grindstone trail.
- As a long-time Columbia resident who uses the trails weekly for recreation and for transportation year-round, I support the continued development of our trail network. I hope you carry out your current plan for the Grindstone Trail without modification and look forward to many bike rides around Columbia.
- I live along the new Hominy Branch trail and am delighted with the great opportunities for health and recreation it provides our family. I support the continued development of the trail network and feel the Grindstone trail will be an excellent addition. Please build it as it is planned and make sure it remains a nature trail and not some hybrid that includes on-road sections. Thanks for your excellent work.
- I support the Grindstone Trail and hope that the current alignment is followed. I have spent many hours enjoying the MKT Trail and other trails and look forward to using the Grindstone Trail and eventually the two branch trails that are to come.
- Very excited about extension beyond Old 63, great area for both transportation and recreation
- I am a long-time trail supporter and love the trail system we have been building. I strongly support the Grindstone Trail and would urge that the current alignment be implemented. This will provide great access for the growing east side of town. Keep on going!

- I recently moved back to Columbia after 16 years away and was blown away by how much work you have accomplished to make this city an excellent place to live. My family lives near the corner of Audubon and Stadium. For us, the extension of the Grindstone Trail will have a big positive impact. We commute and recreate on bike/ped ways and trails. This extension would connect directly connect our neighborhood to some of our favorite parks and commuting routes. Please do not delay this promised improvement.
- I strongly support the Grindstone trail extension to LeMone Industrial Drive: Not only will the trail fulfill promises made to the citizens of Columbia via the parks tax of 2010 but it will also fulfill a pledge made to IBM and to the many workers on LeMone and Maguire. I myself worked on Maguire for many years but never felt safe riding a bicycle along Grindstone Parkway/New Haven Road; this trail will provide a much needed route for cyclists and pedestrians.
- As someone who has grown up in the community, I have spent much time on our wonderful, growing trail network. I have enjoyed its beauty, and have benefited from the efficient, convenient, and safe routes it provides for travel throughout the city. The completion of the Grindstone trail is imperative to the continued development of the trail network. It will provide the necessary connection to the network for the fast-growing east side of town. It will serve thousands of families. As Columbia grows, the trail network needs to grow with it. It is as important to high quality of life as roads, sewers, power and water. We must move forward with this project.
- I would like to express my enthusiastic support for moving forward with the Grindstone Trail extension. I grew up in Columbia and have incredible attachment to the MKT trail. I fondly recall many walks, jogs, and bike rides with my family, friends, and beloved dogs. To me, the trail is a defining feature of the city. I make a point to go there as much as possible when I am visiting Columbia. Continuing to build the trail system will enhance Columbia. And of course, as a physician, I advocate for all quality of life benefits that come along with daily outdoor physical activity; good for the body and soul!
- I wholeheartedly support this addition to our trail system
- There are 3 of us at 102 Longfellow that LOVE the trails
- I completely endorse the Grindstone Trail. This connection will benefit quite a number of people who live or work on the east side of U.S. 63 as well as the many people who live and work near the trail on the west side. Many Columbians will enjoy this trail
- As a registered voter in Columbia I wish to state my total support for moving forward with the Grindstone Trail extension, also referred to as Phase I. In addition I support future expansion of the trail both north and south of the Grindstone Trail. Our trail system is an incredible asset for the city as well as a much used means of safe, healthy, and environmentally sound transportation. The trail system has literally become a major selling point for Columbia. I have used the trails for years and plan to continue to use them for as long as I am physically able.
- The Grindstone trail plans look good. I've seen similar sidewalks in New Mexico which worked well. I would be in favor of extending the trail to connect with others north of I-70. The Hominy Creek trail looks good too.
- The proposed trail alignment makes great sense. I love the trail network in Como and have been anxious for the Grindstone trail to be completed so I can safely ride to my office on Lemone Blvd

- Everything, especially that a solution was found that would allow the trail to be built without eminent domain
- Cycling commuter route to Maguire & LeMone, concrete trails
- So happy to see the connectivity to Battle High School!
- The trail will be a great addition to the Columbia trail system. It has been voted on and approved. Please start construction!
- I like everything about it. It should have been built 2 years ago. It was voted on and passed. My children and I are eager to use it for walks and bike rides.
- I love the access it will provide to that side of town. It is so important for the overall master plan to be complete. I like that the plan was able to be reworked to not take private property.
- The least trees destroyed the better. I like the part of the trail that is already looking like a trail and you don't have to knock down big trees.
- I support and move to keep work going on the Hominy Creek Trail. That will greatly improve NE Columbia access.
- I love that it's essentially ready to be built. Little destruction for so much beauty! I love that you've come up with a design that considers creek flow, nature impact, property owners and most of all the key area of East Columbia and connecting beautifully both sides of Hwy 63 without being side by side with roads!
- I like how the trail is so close to our house. The trail will encourage residents to be active and hopefully increase property value
- It doesn't cut through anyone's yard
- We are very much in favor of the proposed expansions. The locations that they will lead to (LeMone Ind. Dr. and Battle HS for instance) are not pleasant to get to by road by bike, and I know those trails would be well used. The more Columbia can expand its trail system, the more attractive Columbia will be to all.
- This connects part of the town I would love to be able to travel by bike/ped. It's a great opportunity for active transportation.
- Trails are awesome!
- For many years I have wanted this trail to be built so I am excited how far we have come. I think it is a beautiful area and will compliment the trail system.
- Avoiding private property, critical connectivity to the overall P&R trails plan (connecting NE Columbia all the way to SW), providing active transportation option to employees on LeMone/Maguire & students at Battle eventually
- I think that the proposed trail alignment will overall be good for Columbia. The trail will bring higher population to the area- increasing business and commerce
- I support the new alignment. It is an important connection to east and northeast Columbia including Battle High School and the neighborhoods that will develop adjacent to the school
- Complete access east-west from Scott Blvd all the way to Maguire Blvd (IBM, Carfax, MU Hospital etc) without biking on Stadium Blvd!!! Enables me to bike to work w/o biking in traffic. I like everything! Please also note 80% of trail users on NOT on a bike! They will walk over lunch hour!

- A great step forward in getting a more interconnected trail plan. Very exciting to see the trail system expanding east. Much safer and more enjoyable option than using the road.
- Connections to outskirts of the city allows for recreational/transport routes to SW
- We like the grade being less than 5% for people who use wheel chairs
- I think it is great. It should have been done 2 years ago
- I really want the trail. It's very convenient and I love bike rides and walks!
- The trail is really needed – it will make getting around Columbia by bike much easier/ more accessible. Location is great and trail seems well thought out/ designed with minimal environmental impact
- I think the design is great and really like how the northeast side of town will have safe access to the trail network and central part of town via bicycles and walking/running.
- Proposed trail alignment is really good and well thought out. The trail system in Columbia is excellent for an active community
- Connect the NE trail to the more central ones, surrounded by people and areas that will benefit, promote trail use
- Great trail- good addition to existing trails. Hope it goes through.
- I am just happy to have increased connectivity in the trail system
- Does not go through neighborhood property, connect to Maguire, scenic, connect to Old 63 Trail, great addition to neighborhood, it will increase property values
- Beautiful scenery, love the connectivity of it, love that it does not cross any homeowners' lots
- We love all trails and connecting them is brilliant! We would like a connector from the High Pointe trail to the Hinkson Trail. Then my little dog and I could walk on the trails without even getting in our car.
- The alignment looks good. Let's get'r done!
- The more the better. Improves my property value to have more trails.
- Improvement of existing trails
- #6 It comes to my neighborhood! Would make trail access very convenient, #9&7, sorely needed ped routes
- I like the care taken in considering the alignment in the Waters Moss Cons. Area. I like the fact that the engineering consultants have been very thorough in determining the size, species, and position of the trees along many parts of the trail route. This will make it possible to see that the environmental features of the landscape are preserved.
- I support the construction of the Grindstone Trail. It is a fantastic addition to our already great trail system. It will add to the quality of life and help improve the overall health of the Columbia citizens. Having a non-motorized transportation infrastructure plan in place for the future makes sense for the economic well-being of all citizens by drawing future business development and tourism and providing citizens with an affordable means of moving around Columbia
- I favor the construction of the Grindstone Trail according to the planned alignment.

What would you change about the proposed trail alignment? Please be concise.

- I prefer nothing change at all. Allow staff to continue with building one of Columbia's greatest assets!
- Concerned that retaining walls and low bridges may require maintenance but I am sure this is being considered
- I am in favor of building trails that get bikers and walkers under the major highway (I-70 and Hwy 63)
- How about opening the trails to horses and humans. P&R ignored the horse population during the Philips public input!
- I would like an access for East Pointe on down the line
- I might add another branch to the North
- Build the south entry to Maguire first!
- Connection to the theater for movie-goers and residents alike, and giving would-be-trespassers a route
- More, faster
- Make sure connector to roads are in place.
- Extend it a couple of miles.
- Build it sooner than later
- Add more trails.
- Please build the trail as designed! It needs to be a continuous trail not divert to Stadium.
- I am totally opposed to the trail. It is a waste of taxpayers' money. Too expensive and not needed.
- Not fund this Grindstone Trail – put the monies on sidewalks by Battle High School. There are still no sidewalks on the Rock Bridge High School Property. The children at RB just cut across the grass area. There is some bike trail/walking trail in the median of in front of RBHS. It doesn't seem to lead to fast food.
- You all act like this is a "done deal" – where are the alternate trails? I have walked this area and your proposed improved trail would destroy the creek. You think it's minor. I disagree and need more information- See you at the next meeting. You must keep this a democratic process – I did not vote for these kin of trails when I supported the tax hike – people did not know trails would be the BIG agenda and the Grindstone agreement was not specified – there needs to be more specifics earlier.
- Eliminate Grindstone due to expense to build and maintain.
- Please take care of what you have before starting on new trails. It needs a new route to eliminate the large cost.
- I like nothing about the proposed trail. I would like P&R to spend monies on parks and more activities for children. Trails are only attractive to older adults. Young children and teens will only use trails if their parents take them to a trail. Bridge 1,2 &3 should be a low water crossing. Especially with Bridge #3 a high water bridge would extend too far up the hills. Low water crossing may disturb the land the least. They should choose the path that cuts fewest trees and

disturbs the land the least. I don't think we need a trail on EVERY green buffer in Columbia. It is allowed to have trails on the green buffer but defeats the purpose of GREEN buffer.

- Choose an alternate route and pay attention to our neighborhood which is being impacted
- A major consideration when this subdivision and Bluff Pointe Dr was approved by the city council because the cul-de sac provided major security for the residents living there. The proposed trail diminishes the neighborhood security! The FIRST 9 PROJECTS of P&R can be completed IF Grindstone is cancelled. 99% of the subdivision residents are totally opposed to the trail. Eliminate Grindstone Trail as proposed. Go through Waters Property and Joint St. near MFA Inc and MFA Oil
- The costs are staggering! Build the ranked projects 1-9 and use the Grindstone funds for those 9. The Grindstone costs are too much. Do not build Grindstone.
- I have concerns with regard to the section of trail where modifications are proposed that involve excavation and construction of retaining walls behind 2308 & 2309 Bluff Pointe Dr. homes. I don't know how to change those effects on accelerating and retarding erosion in those areas. Best to find an alternate route around that area. It may be farther away.
- Remove the Rollins-Shepard plan and replace it with the original Rollins-Bluff plan: 1.) Saves money (@\$1mill less) 2.)is approved by landowner Kevin Altis 3.)is short, direct, and quick 4.)removes no trees 5.)has no elevation change. The Rollins-Shepard plan: 1.) wastes money (it will cost more than \$1.74 mill if you incl legal fees and ADA compliance 2.) is opposed by landowner Kevin Altis 3.)is long, winding, indirect 4.)removes hundreds of trees 5.)has a huge climb in elevation that is a tremendous barrier to users