

Grindstone Creek Trail On-Line Comment Form

Summary

Web survey posted on-line for those who could not attend the Public Input Meeting held on July 17, 2013 at the ARC.

Web Survey conducted July 17 to July 24, 2013.

14 Responses

- 12 in favor of the trail development
- 1 opposed if taking private property
- 1 opposed

Individual comments attached.

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

I am strongly supportive of proceeding with the trail plan as proposed and earlier approved. It is my understanding some neighbors in the East Pointe Neighborhood have expressed concerns. I, too, live in that neighborhood and think the City needs to proceed with the trail as approved. 

I believe it is very important to continue the trail system east and the Grindstone trail is an important link in that system. Access to Maguire blvd will be welcome for commuters on that side of town 

I don't mind having a trail close to my neighborhood, provided that no one's private property is seized in order to build the trail. 

I think it looks great. It appears to give plenty of room between the trail and nearby homes and properties. 

I'm excited that the Grindstone trail will be able to connect more trails together so that you can have a longer ride/run/walk on the trail. I'm also excited about that the Grindstone trail will allow for the opportunity to connect to Battle High School. My husband will be teaching at Battle High School and I know that this will provide an opportunity to use the trails before/after work. I also know that the track and Cross Country teams will also benefit from using the trails near Battle High School. Currently there are no sidewalks on the road leading the Battle High School so a trail will provide more opportunities for a safe commute. I think hundreds of Battle students will benefit from a trail near the school. 

I think it's important to have this east-west connection taking people to such important employment areas as Lemone Industrial. I am able to use the MKT trail, and (soon officially) the Hominy Branch trail for my commute. It is much cooler, more pleasant, and less threatening for bike commuters who aren't road warriors to have a trail route avoiding major roadways. 

Orange/blue looks good. 

Provides continuity of the bicycle/walking trail system. I would like to see the city establish some sort of ownership/oversight to the Moon Valley road region along Hominy Creek, which has deteriorated terribly over the last 20 years into a dead waterway. 

I strongly encourage you to move forward with this project. It doesn't make any difference to me personally which route option you choose; I trust city staff to make the best choice. I am thoroughly impressed with the new Greenbriar trail extension -- you did a terrific job with that project and I sincerely hope it will encourage more residents in the south of town to use the trail system. I am so proud of Columbia for all of the parks and trails it has acquired/built in the last decade! When we go on vacation my husband and I are always looking for biking & hiking trails to try in other communities. Those that run along water features are always the most pleasant. 

I support the trail alignment and the trail. I support it because of its beauty, its relatively level route, its potential to serve some many people from residential neighbors to employment centers to student housing to schools and its potential to connect such a large part of Columbia to the city's trail system. I will add to the quality of life and value of property of its neighbors. 

I like the proposed trail alignment, with its three bridges and concrete pathways. None of my neighbors' private property is "taken" by eminent domain, and there remains a substantial buffer of their land/lot between the trail and their houses. I live on Bluff Pointe Drive. I don't wish to see the few objecting neighbors upset over this trail, but I see this as a public benefit that supercedes the private property owners' right to complain, especially if the concerns are "what if" like trespass. This is a concern of anyone anywhere. 

I think the trail makes excellent use of existing rights-of-way and keeps grade at a minimum. This is a vital link to the other side of 63 (Grindstone/AC is far too busy). 

I think that the trail provides nice access to previously auto dependent areas. I think it is important for the new high school to have trail access. More trails is a great draw for the community and may help to bring in more business to the community. 

Can't think of anything. 

Total: 14

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

Nothing - please proceed 

I can't tell from the documents if you are still trying to take private property away from the legal owners in order to build the trail. If you are, I wholeheartedly oppose the trail. Property rights trump recreation, period. 

I would not change anything. 

I have no complaints, except i wonder how much it is likely to be used, especially in the Limogne region 

No suggestions. 

I would like to see a high bridge accross Grindstone Creek by old Highway 63. In the long run the combination of a high bridge there and low water bridge to the east would make a more intersting trail. 

Place a chain-link fence 12 feet high with a green all-weather "grass/fabric" as a visual barrier on those limited/minimal sections alongside the complaining East Pointe neighbors' lots. Also, offer them trees to plant as a buffer, and plant the trees for them...might as well add 50 butterfly bushes, for my whimsical desire to see butterflies. 

N/A 

This is crazier than the last idea! You're going to pave a creek, cutting down mature trees and damaging more. You want to take PRIVATE PROPERTY to build a concrete road in a stream valley using eminent domain. You're going to harm wildlife that rely on the valley to live and migrate. You're going to spend \$1.6+++ million to benefit 5 or 6 people who want to ride their bikes to IBM and it already has a sweetheart deal that lets them pay only \$1 in taxes. No teenager wants to ride a bike to high school and be sweaty all day. That money should go to the gadabout projects. Use the streets ---- they're already paved and connect to the trails we have, INCLUDING trails that run on Old 63. Leave conservation areas alone and stop wasting money. 

Total: 9