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On behalf of the Bike and Pedestrian Commission for the City of Columbia, we advise the following projects be prioritized for the MODOT Multimodal Unfunded Needs List.

These projects were gathered through the Master Sidewalk, which evaluates a project on 9 different criteria, and areas of safety concern based on data from Columbia's Vision Zero. This Commission prioritized projects that filled gaps in existing sidewalks, were in areas with no sidewalk on either side, and/or located near schools, parks, or food/employment access. Other sidewalks were included due to history of serious injury or fatal pedestrian involved accidents. These projects are data driven from the Master Sidewalk Plan and Columbia's Vision Zero. One trail project is proposed for increased safe multimodal commute and future pedestrian attraction access. Fiscally, filling sidewalk gaps provide smaller projects with higher safety community impact.

Project 1: Sidewalk #3 – Bus. Loop 70: Garth to Providence

- Fills gap and no sidewalk on either side
- Business development has increased in this area over several years and the Central Food Pantry will be moving to Bus. Loop 70 bringing increased pedestrian traffic to a community resource.

Project 2: Sidewalk #36 – St. Charles Road: Lake of the Woods to Battle

- Fills gap no sidewalk on either side
- This is a direct route to Battle High School and Battle Elementary School. By providing a sidewalk here, we improve the physical and social health and safety of this community. A developer has built a portion of this sidewalk but it does not fully connect to the surrounding neighborhood.

Project 3: Sidewalk #15 – Oakland Gravel Road: Smiley to Blue Ridge **combined with** Sidewalk #16 – Oakland Gravel Road: Blue Ridge to Vandiver

- Fills gaps and two pedestrian attractions
- These sidewalks are located near schools and parks. By providing sidewalks on both sides of the road and filling in the gaps, we improve the physical and social health and safety of this community in addition to increased use in parks.
- One fatal driving crash occurred in this area in 2017.

Project 4: Sidewalk # 11 - Vandiver Drive, Route B to west of Warwick

- Fills gaps and is not a CIP Street or MoDot Project
- This sidewalk is located in a commercial area with high east-west traffic as a corridor north of I-70.
- One fatal driving crash occurred in this area in 2010.

Project 5: Clark Lane: Woodland Springs to Ballenger

- This sidewalk, not currently in the Master Sidewalk Plan, is located at the edge of a commercial and high traffic area and connects to a residential area. The road quickly narrows, no sidewalk is available on either side, and the shoulder is very narrow along a ditch.
- A fatal pedestrian accident has occurred in this area in 2019 killing a 17 year old female.

Project 6: Bear Creek Trail: Albert/Oakland Park to Fairgrounds

- As plans for the renovation and use of the Fairgrounds develop, we want multimodal access to the area considered as a first priority. Citizens are more likely to access the developed Fairgrounds by walk/bike if the route is constructed before the development of the area. This reduces carbon

emissions, increases community physical and social health, and increases safe multimodal transportation to a highly accessed pedestrian attraction.

Thank you for your consideration of these project that will steer Columbia toward a most safe, sustainable, and health community.

Sincerely,
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