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To whom it may concern:

The Bluff Boulevard/Manufacturing Drive corridor is a major arterial roadway in town that is in severe need of an update an update from a pedestrian/cyclist perspective. Long stretches of this roadway currently lack adequate pedestrian/trail facilities. Areas that do have pedestrian facilities are unsafe either because of damage or because the sidewalk walk is located immediate behind the curb putting pedestrians uncomfortably close to large volumes of traffic.

The Trails Advisory Committee is ecstatic at the possibility of updated pedestrian facilities along this corridor. Updated trail and sidewalk facilities will create a corridor that adheres to the complete street principals and will offer a new option of transportation through the corridor. Through these improvements trails will make a large impact to connecting additional trails throughout town. These connections will make a significant impact to the quality of life. Furthering our trail connections in town will not only increase physical connections to the network but will make the community as a whole feel better connected and promote a more healthy lifestyle either through promoting more cycling, walking or running because of the increased access to trails that this project will provide.

Increased connections will not only impact the quality of life but will also impact the traffic flow and conditions through the corridor. Currently out of necessity to get to work or run errands people are forced to walk or ride in the road or along the shoulders of the road to reach their destination, particularly at the west end of the corridor. Businesses such as Purina, Skyline, Focus and Walmart all have employees whom depend on walking, riding or public transportation to get to their place of employment. Beyond work there are many businesses that would benefit from a new option of transportation. Locations like the Wild Rose, Clinton 8 Theaters, The Landing Apartments and restaurants on the west end of the town would all benefit from a more complete streets approach to this corridor and the new multi-modal project. These new trails would impact the flow of traffic by making it safer, giving pedestrians/cyclists a safe and comfortable space to navigate the corridor and finally by opening up a new transportation option would reduce the number of cars on the roadway. Resulting in a corridor that is safer and better suited for the amount of traffic that it carries.

This project alone will directly impact 5 trails that were identified on our committee's prioritized list, most note about of which is the South 14th Street Corridor trail that would link up five school locations, three parks and 5 other trails. The Trails Advisory Committee is in full support of this plan that is making a significant effort to create safer roadways. This multi-modal plan will increase access to pedestrian facilities, reduce traffic and create a community that is better connected.

Respectfully Submitted,

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