



June 1, 2017

Ralph Pfremmer, CEO
Trailnet
411 N. 10th Street
St. Louis, MO 63101

Dear Ralph,

I am writing to express the Missouri Humanities Council's support of Trailnet's work to connect St. Louis with a network of on-street protected bikeways and high-quality sidewalks. Trailnet's project aligns beautifully with the Missouri Humanities Council mission to enrich lives and strengthen communities by connecting Missourians with the people, places, and ideas that shape our society. We stand arm and arm with Trailnet's work to engage artists in their planning process to make St. Louis a lovable place where all of our residents thrive.

Trailnet has been a consistent and innovative leader in St. Louis for the kind of streets and transportation choices that promote access and creative place making. Trailnet is working to make St. Louis a place that people love, full of opportunity and enthusiasm. Businesses and people of all ages, races, and income levels are looking for cities with vibrant, family-friendly streets and lively public places. When neighborhoods are designed for walking, with safe streets and nearby destinations, it bridges divides, fosters dialogue and creates a warm, friendly and engaged community.

Trailnet's project will reconnect our city by building a world-class protected bikeway and walkway connecting our Downtown to our cherished cultural institutions, neighborhoods, universities, Forest Park, and beyond, with routes going north and south and well as east and west.

The Missouri Humanities Council sees great potential for this project to revitalize St. Louis with bicycling and walking as a catalyst. We are excited to continue working with Trailnet as we redefine St. Louis as a unified city that is celebrated for its access and opportunity for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William S. Belko".

William S. Belko, Executive Director
Missouri Humanities Council