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PRESS RELEASE

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## **City to Open New Pilot Bike Path on Friday**

Mayor Ollie Tyler is ready to open the City's new pilot bike path on Friday. The City will kick off this event with a brief ceremony just before Bike Shreveport's Slow Roll Ride along parts of the route for the new pilot bike path.

All bicyclists participating in the ride should meet at **6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, at Columbia Park, which is located at 600 Columbia Street.** Bike Shreveport held its April Slow Roll Ride along the route of the new pilot bike paths on Creswell, Gilbert and Ockley streets.

"We are very excited to open this new pilot bike path in our city," said Mayor Ollie Tyler. "This is only phase I of our plan and we are looking to expand the bike path program to other areas of the city with all paths leading to downtown Shreveport."

This new initiative for 2017 was inspired by the 2030 Great Expectations Master Plan, which identified a need for bike paths in the city. The streets selected for the pilot plan were already identified for asphalt overlay improvements this year. They also have adequate space for bike paths and require minimal effort at no additional cost.

"Bike Shreveport and local cycling advocates are thrilled to have the Tyler administration and the City of Shreveport recognize our voice and the need for bicycling infrastructure to provide for its current and future citizens," said Stephen Pederson, President of Bike Shreveport.

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