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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **Special Business District Honored for Canopy Removal Efforts** *SBD to Receive Statewide Award for Historic Preservation*

**What:** The Columbia Special Business District will receive a statewide Preservation Honor Award for advocating for the removal of concrete canopies in *The District*.

The Special Business District will receive the McReynolds Award from the Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation for their role in removal of the concrete canopies along Broadway. This award is given to organizations that are in the process of significant historic renovation projects.

The Special Business District and the Central Columbia Association first voted to support canopy removal in April of 2005 and has assisted owners interested in removal by providing technical assistance, design guidelines and organizing low interest loans from *District* banks. To date, three owners have removed canopies and another section is scheduled for removal in the spring.

**When:** Thursday, March 2, 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Missouri State Capitol Rotunda, Jefferson City