



# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Utilities - Water and Light

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 20, 2017

Re: Appropriating \$80,000 in anticipation of a Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission grant

## Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance appropriating \$80,000 in anticipation of a Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission grant under its Freight Enhancement Program. The grant will reimburse 80% of costs up to \$80,000 for improvements to the Columbia Terminal Railroad necessary to receive automobiles and light trucks by rail. Total project cost is estimated to be \$100,000. With the reimbursement from Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission, the final cost to the COLT is estimated to be \$20,000.

## Discussion

Columbia Terminal Railroad, has identified an opportunity to receive vehicles by rail as opposed to truck delivery from multiple locations (Ohio, Michigan, New York, and New Jersey). With the Missouri Department of Transportation Freight Enhancement Funds, Columbia Terminal Railroad (COLT) intends to purchase a new railcar unloading ramp capable of unloading bi and tri level auto rack rail cars. Columbia Terminal, in partnership with several private automotive affiliated companies, will develop a portion of the existing COLT Trans load site into an automotive loading and unloading facility. In addition to the ramp, the COLT will make security upgrades to this facility to safely and securely store these automobiles.

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission has offered for a grant under its Freight Enhancement Program to help fund the creation of this facility. The grant will reimburse 80% of costs up to \$80,000 for improvements to the Columbia Terminal Railroad necessary to receive automobiles and light trucks by rail. Total project cost is estimated to be \$100,000. With the reimbursement from Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission, the final cost to the COLT is estimated to be \$20,000.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Total project cost is estimated to be \$100,000. With the reimbursement from Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission, the final cost to the COLT is estimated to be \$20,000.

Long-Term Impact: None



## Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

### Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Public Safety, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

## Legislative History

Date	Action
12/19/2016	B330-16 Authorizing a Freight Enhancement Program grant agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the purchase of a railcar unloading ramp and development of an automotive loading and unloading facility at the Columbia Terminal Railroad (COLT) transload site.

## Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends Council approve an ordinance appropriating \$80,000 in anticipation of a Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission grant under its Freight Enhancement Program.