



Department Source: City Manager  
To: City Council  
From: City Manager & Staff  
Council Meeting Date: July 17, 2017  
Re: Report on Status of Projects

## Executive Summary

At the June 5, 2017 City Council Meeting, Mayor Treece requested a report which provides an update on the projects which were listed in the Columbia Chamber of Commerce News Release. The News Release requested that the City Council focus on issues which were important to citizens.<sup>1</sup> The Columbia Missourian Newspaper also highlighted the press release by the Chamber of Commerce.<sup>2</sup> Public Works Director, Dave Nichols and Utility Director, Tad Johnsen provided updates on the projects below.

## Discussion

- **Widening Forum from Chapel Hill Road to Nifong Boulevard to four lanes**

Forum is scheduled for design in 2022 and Construction in 2025.

- **Roundabout at Forum and Green Meadows Road**

Council asked staff to bring forward something other than a roundabout. Another IP meeting was held on June 27, 2017. Public Works will ask for another public hearing within the next couple of months to ask for Council direction.

- **Roundabout at Fairview and Chapel Hills Road**

Council moved the ballot money out of this project at the Public Hearing and moved it to street operations in 2017. This was to cover the reduction of general fund money for one year that was moved out of street divisions operating budget for more police officers. Staff, in working with Finance, moved the project to 2025, which is at the end of the ballot in case there is still money available. We are unsure at this time if there will still be funding to do anything at this intersection.

- **Henderson Branch sewer project**

There was a Public Hearing for this project on May 15, 2017. The Council directed staff to proceed with the design of this sewer extension. The consultant is currently finishing easement descriptions and it is anticipated these will be delivered in the near future.

- **Building an electric substation and accompanying high-voltage power lines**

A report on the feasibility of utilizing a portion of Ameren's 345 kV right-of-way was accepted at the June 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. As recommended in the report, a meeting between Ameren and the City is being arranged to discuss the next steps. Staff is also working to gather two additional pieces of information. The first is a cost estimate of a transmission line that follows the Ameren 345 kV right of way along with updated costs for building "Option A". The second is an analysis of the electric distribution system in southern Columbia to

<sup>1</sup> <https://columbiachamber.com/news/columbia-chamber-of-commerce-urges-columbia-city-council-to-focus-on-issues-important-to-citizens/>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.columbiamissourian.com/news/local/columbia-city-council-ignores-important-projects-approved-by-voters-chamber/article\\_158cc75c-3fe9-11e7-9035-8325e788f84d.html](http://www.columbiamissourian.com/news/local/columbia-city-council-ignores-important-projects-approved-by-voters-chamber/article_158cc75c-3fe9-11e7-9035-8325e788f84d.html)



determine options and costs to address future load growth both with and without a new substation.

- **Increasing storm water bills to pay for projects for that utility**

The citizens approved a ballot issue to increase Storm Water Utility rates in 2015. The rate increase was proposed to be completed with incremental increases in fiscal years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. The approved increases are approximately 25%, 25%, 25%, 25% and 20% respectively. These approved increases will allow for completion of some projects currently identified in the CIP however, there will still be a need for future rate increases to adequately fund the needs of the Storm Water Utility.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: N/A

Long-Term Impact: N/A

## Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

### Vision Impacts:

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

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

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

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

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

## Legislative History

Date	Action
06/05/2017	Mayor Treece made a request for this update.

## Suggested Council Action

This report is for information only.