

**AGENDA REPORT
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
May 4, 2017**

Summary

A request by the City of Columbia Community Development Department for adoption of the Columbia Area Transportation Study Organization (CATSO) Major Roadway Plan (MRP). (Case #17-112)

Background

The City of Columbia Community Development Department provides the staff support for all Columbia Area Transportation Study (CATSO) activities. The CATSO board, comprised of its technical and coordinating committees, includes representatives from the City of Columbia, Boone County and the Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT). CATSO's Major Roadway Plan (MRP) is the adopted roadway network plan for the Columbia metropolitan planning area (MPA) (See the attached MRP Map, April, 2017). The MPA consists of the City of Columbia, unincorporated urbanized areas in the immediate vicinity of the City limits, and additional lands projected to be urbanized in a 20-year period from the adoption of the MPA boundary.

Boone County and MODOT recognize the CATSO MRP as the official adopted plan, while the City of Columbia also has its own MRP that mostly conforms to the current adopted CATSO MRP, but with minor differences. Adoption of the proposed ordinance will make the City consistent with Boone County and MoDOT in its recognition of the CATSO MRP, as well as eliminate any confusion for the public resulting from the existence of two similar, but separately adopted major roadway plans.

With the adoption of the new Unified Development Code on March 20, 2017, it has become necessary for the City of Columbia to formally adopt the CATSO MRP to reflect the most updated version of the MRP.

The City has been in the practice of considering MRP amendments from the CATSO MRP on an individual basis for addition to its MRP, rather than simple recognition of the CATSO MRP as the official roadway plan for the Columbia MPA. The City of Columbia has a strong presence on both the CATSO Technical Committee and the Coordinating Committee. The latter is the official policy board of CATSO. For example, on the nine-member Coordinating Committee, the City is represented by the Mayor, City Manager, Director of Public Works, and Director of Community Development. As such, there is a redundancy in having a separate adoption by City Council of suggested amendments from the CATSO MRP.

Staff is unaware of the CATSO MRP being comprehensively adopted by the City Council in the past, except when done as a component of the CATSO 2025 Transportation Plan, which was adopted by the Council in 2002. Adoption of the CATSO MRP does not commit the City to the implementation of any individual projects, including the financing or construction of proposed future roadways depicted on the plan. The MRP is a plan and its implementation may be directed or modified by Council action as appropriate.

The last amendments to the City of Columbia MRP were brought forward by staff and adopted by the Council in February, 2010.

Recommended Process for City Initiated Amendments to the CATSO Major Roadway Plan

Once the CATSO MRP is officially adopted by the City Council, it is recommended that a defined procedure be followed for any MRP amendments that the City wants to put forward for consideration. A suggested process for resolving any differences between City preferences and the MRP is that the City Council make a formal request to CATSO for any roadway plan amendments within the City limits. Unilateral amendments by the City Council would not be able to be implemented, but would need approval by the CATSO Coordinating Committee, which serves as the CATSO policy board.

Staff suggests that all potential CATSO MRP amendments within the City, whether requested by citizens, City staff, or City Council members directly, should initially be formally reviewed and initiated by the Council. The Council would direct the Planning & Zoning Commission to review any potential amendments and make a recommendation to the Council. The City Council would then vote on a resolution to formally request that CATSO give consideration to the proposed MRP amendment.

In the past, CATSO consideration of potential amendments might be initiated by various sources and be sent directly to CATSO for committee review. Adoption of the suggested procedure would clarify the process for consideration of amendments and provide consistency and additional transparency to the public.

Recommendation

Staff recommends adoption of the CATSO Major Roadway Plan, dated April, 2017.

Attachments

- CATSO Major Roadway Plan Map

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