

A RESOLUTION

consenting to a joint City-County cooperative study for evaluation of the Richland Road corridor to determine future improvements.

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the City of Columbia (City) and Boone County (County) believe that the entire community benefits from mutual planning for growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the Richland Road corridor (Corridor) has the potential of being an important east-west connection for travel and trade and a vital transportation link between Stadium Boulevard and Interstate 70; and

WHEREAS, the City and County jointly developed and separately adopted the East Area Plan that includes the Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the “Infrastructure” goal within the East Area Plan is to “Utilize infrastructure as a guide for desired growth.” with one of the objectives being to “Ensure infrastructure is in place prior to development.”; and

WHEREAS, growth and development has occurred and continues to occur along the Corridor in a fragmented manner both within the City’s municipal boundary and within the County; and

WHEREAS, the improvement of the Corridor through the City and County could promote economic development for the City and County and improve the safety for residents traveling the Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the City and County desire to have a coordinated approach to the construction of necessary public infrastructure to serve future development along the Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the City and County desire to investigate the feasibility of improving the Corridor and are willing to fund the study and any associated administrative expenses; and

WHEREAS, the City and County desire to explore options for fairly allocating the costs of such improvements between the City, County, and development creating additional traffic within the Corridor; and

WHEREAS, it may be necessary to employ an engineering firm to conduct a study to survey the feasibility of improving the Corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Columbia hereby consents to a joint City-County cooperative study for evaluation of the Corridor to analyze traffic flow and proposed improvements to Richland Road. The general scope of the study includes the following:

- (1) Traffic forecast analysis for ten (10) years and twenty (20) years;
- (2) Access management options; and
- (3) Analysis and/or development of design parameters in a manner so as to supplement a future comprehensive update to the East Area Plan.

SECTION 2. The cooperative study for evaluation of the Richland Road corridor to determine future improvements will be conducted by an engineering consultant to be agreed upon by the City and County.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor