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To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: January 6, 2025

Re: 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)(Case # 67-2025)

Executive Summary

Attached is the completed Columbia Area Transportation Study Organization (CATSO) 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). CATSO serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Columbia area. The MTP was formally approved by the CATSO Coordinating Committee at their December 5, 2024 meeting.

Discussion

This report acknowledges the formal approval of the CATSO 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) by the Columbia Area Transportation Study Organization (CATSO) Coordinating Committee. Committee membership contains four City of Columbia representatives, including the Mayor, City Manager, Public Works and Community Development Directors, as well as two representatives from Boone County Government and two representatives of the Missouri Department of Transportation.

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Columbia area, CATSO is required, in cooperation with the State and public transit operators, to prepare a metropolitan transportation plan (MTP) for the metropolitan planning area (MPA). This is a regional, multi-modal plan that is to reflect the collaborative decision making efforts among its jurisdictions/stakeholders for the MPA. The MTP describes the current transportation system, future demands on the system, and the strategies/actions to best meet those demands based on projected resources. For projects in the MPA to be eligible for federal transportation funding, they must come from the MPO planning process and be included in the MTP.

The 2055 MTP is an update of the existing 2050 Long-range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the former name by which the Plan was known. The 2050 LRTP was approved by the CATSO Coordinating Committee in December 2019. The 2055 MTP is a policy guideline for transportation system development in the Columbia MPA over a planning scope/horizon beginning in January 2025 to approximately January 2055. The intent is to present a financially constrained view of transportation priorities and needs over the plan scope/horizon. Federal law requires that the MTP cover a minimum horizon of 20 years.

The CATSO MPA includes all of the City of Columbia as well as a substantial amount of territory in unincorporated Boone County, and is approximately 189 square miles in area. Population of the MPA area, based on 2023 U.S. Census and 2018-2022 American Community Survey data, is 163,778. The existing MPA boundary was approved by the CATSO Coordinating Committee in May, 2014.



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The public transportation jurisdictions included in the CATSO MPA are the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), Boone County, and the City of Columbia.

The consulting firm Crawford, Bunte, and Brammeier (CBB) was hired to prepare the CATSO 2055 MTP update. They worked in coordination with staff to facilitate public engagement, hold public meetings, and prepared the MTP update in full and when necessary were assisted with technical information by CATSO staff. Upon completion of the MTP, CBB staff provided a presentation of its work to the CATSO Coordinating Committee on December 5, 2024 and responded to Committee questions following its presentation.

A major concern expressed by the public during the preparation of the CATSO 2050 LRTP (2018-2019) was a lack of opportunities for public input. CBB made a particular effort to engage the public in a series of stakeholder interview meetings as well as held two public meetings/open houses for additional opportunities for input from citizens. A list of the stakeholders interviewed and outline of the numerous public input opportunities during the preparation of the CATSO 2055 MTP are attached.

Previous Long-range Transportation Plans (LRTPs) prepared on behalf of CATSO have not been formally recognized by legislative action as “policy” guidance. Acknowledgement of the CATSO 2055 MTP as the City of Columbia’s policy guidance related to transportation system development over its planning horizon is believed appropriate. A copy of the CATSO 2055 MTP and the public hearing presentation is attached for review.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Approval of the MTP allows for the continued ability of the City to access federal transportation funding for City of Columbia transportation projects, including multi-modal projects.

Long-Term Impact: Depending on the types of transportation system development desired and available local, State, Federal and/or matching grant funding, long-term fiscal impacts may vary. Failure to adopt the MTP will restrict the City’s access to State/Federal funds that may be available.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Safe Neighborhoods, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary



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Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

No action necessary. The report is being submitted for informational purposes.