



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

Monday, March 17, 2025
5:00 PM

Pre-Council

City Hall
Conference Room
1A/1B
701 E. Broadway
Columbia, MO

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Roy Lovelady (arrived at approximately 5:06 p.m.)

Council Member Betsy Peters (arrived at approximately 5:03 p.m.)

This item is open to the public: Complete Streets Presentation

Attachments: [Complete Streets Presentation](#)

Shane Creech, Public Works Director introduced Jacque Knight, AICP Project Manager & Ally Fields Government Affairs Manager who are with Crawford, Murphy and Tilley who is overseeing the complete streets overview.

Jacque started the conversation by introducing herself and Ally and explaining the topics that will be discussed which are: Complete Streets Overview, Columbia's Need for Complete Streets, Project Scope & Goals, and the Timeline & Next Steps.

Knight explained that Complete Streets are designed and operated to enable safe, accessible, and comfortable travel for users of all ages and abilities, regardless of their mode of transportation.

Knight went on to discuss the Complete Streets & Quality of Life topics which include:

Safe spaces for users of all ages and abilities

Network approach - different facility types for different street types (land use, functional classification)

Longer trips - bike connections to transit

Shorter trips - mode shift

Promote connected communities for people without access to own or operate a vehicle

Streets that enable people to participate in community - social capital

Accessibility & connections

Next she showed Council pictures the 3 key features of a complete street. Those include:

- Multimodal : Supports walking, cycling, driving, and public transit

- Safe & Accessible : Prioritizes safety for all users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and people with disabilities

- Integrated Design : Considers the needs of the community, connecting key destinations such as schools, parks, and commercial areas; also supports adjacent land uses (consider industrial uses as well)

Knight indicated the Council will go through a values discussion where Council will think

about what their priorities are. Knight asked the Council to spend 5 minutes to look at and pick their top 3 values based on the list shown in the presentation. These values include:

- Accessibility -Connections Providing
- Accessibility - People with Disabilities
- Comfort
- Choice
- Resilience
- Engagement
- Environmental Sustainability
- Equity
- Healthy Neighborhoods
- Innovation
- Place
- Maintenance
- Safety
- Trust
- Economy

Council members indicated their top 3 values. Overall, the top 4 values include:

Safety
Healthy Neighborhoods
Equity
Resilience

Knight then went on to discuss the background of Complete Streets in Columbia. She discussed the current focus areas which include the following:

- Equity: Addressing gaps in infrastructure to ensure safe access for all, including under served communities & people with disabilities.
- Innovation: Incorporating new design standards to enhance safety and efficiency.
- Sustainability: Supporting active transportation modes to reduce congestion and environmental impact.

Knight reviewed the complete project and tasks CMT will complete through this process. Those include:

- Project administration
- Community Relations
- Existing Policy Review & Scoring
- National Best Practice Research
- Draft Policy Update & Ordinance Revisions
- Final Complete Streets Policy & Ordinance Revisions

Knight asked Council members about community partners and other stakeholders to get involved. Council suggested a few including Neighborhood associations, the Disabilities Commission, groups that walk or bike a lot, and the Columbia Public schools walking school bus.

Knight reviewed more slides and discussed with the Council what their desired outcomes are. They discussed further. Knight then showed and discussed the project timeline.

This item is open to the public: Motion for the City Council to go into closed session in Conference Room 1A/1B to discuss:

- Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a

public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded pursuant to Section 610.021(3) RSMo.

- Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment pursuant to Section 610.021(13) RSMo.

At approximately 5:52 p.m., Mayor Buffaloe made a motion for the City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri, to immediately go into a closed meeting in Conference Room 1A/1B of City Hall to discuss the hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded pursuant to Section 610.021(3) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment pursuant to Section 610.021(13) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waterman.

Yes: 7 - Buffaloe, Foster, Lovelady, Waterman, Meyer, Peters, and Carroll

This item is closed to the public: Closed Meeting in Conference Room 1A/1B

At approximately 5:53 p.m., the City Council went into closed session in Conference Room 1A/1B pursuant to RSMo Sections 610.021(3) and (13).

II. ANY OTHER ITEMS COUNCIL MAY WISH TO DISCUSS

None.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The closed meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.