



Department Source: City Utilities - Water and Light

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 5, 2016

Re: Freight Enhancement Grant Agreement - MoDOT

## Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for a grant under its Freight Enhancement Program. The grant will reimburse 80% of costs up to \$80,000 for improvements to the Columbia Terminal Railroad necessary to receive automobiles and light trucks by rail. Total project cost is estimated to be \$100,000. With the reimbursement from Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission, the final cost to the COLT is estimated to be \$20,000.

## Discussion

Columbia Terminal Railroad, has identified an opportunity to receive vehicles by rail as opposed to truck delivery from multiple locations (Ohio, Michigan, New York, and New Jersey). With the Missouri Department of Transportation Freight Enhancement Funds, Columbia Terminal Railroad (COLT) intends to purchase a new railcar unloading ramp capable of unloading bi and tri level auto rack rail cars. Columbia Terminal, in partnership with several private automotive affiliated companies, will develop a portion of the existing COLT Trans load site into an automotive loading and unloading facility. In addition to the ramp, the COLT will make security upgrades to this facility to safely and securely store these automobiles.

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission has offered for a grant under its Freight Enhancement Program to help fund the creation of this facility. The grant will reimburse 80% of costs up to \$80,000 for improvements to the Columbia Terminal Railroad necessary to receive automobiles and light trucks by rail. Total project cost is estimated to be \$100,000. With the reimbursement from Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission, the final cost to the COLT is estimated to be \$20,000.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Total project cost is estimated to be \$100,000. With the reimbursement from Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission, the final cost to the COLT is estimated to be \$20,000.

Long-Term Impact: None



## Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

### Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Community Facilities & Services, Secondary Impact: Economic Development, Tertiary Impact: Transportation

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

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

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

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

## Legislative History

Date	Action
None	None

## Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends Council approve an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for a grant under its Freight Enhancement Program.