



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: July 18, 2022

Re: Authorizing the City Manager to Pursue a Grant Application to the Missouri Regional Bridge Program for Partial Costs Associated with the Replacement of the Ridgemont Bridge over County House Branch.

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Transportation Regional Bridge Program funding. Staff is requesting \$250,000 for the Ridgemont Bridge replacement project with matching funds of \$350,000 from the City's Transportation Capital Improvement Tax that was already appropriated to the project. Notification of grant award is estimated to be Fall 2022 and if successful, staff will return to Council to accept and appropriate the grant funds.

Discussion

The Missouri Regional Bridge Program provides funding for bridge replacement and replacement or major repair for structures that are structurally deficient.

In the recent past, most of this funding had been programed for larger replacement projects or through Boone County Road & Bridge for county structures. Eligibility has recently expanded to allow for local municipalities to apply directly for funding.

Council approved the replacement project for the bridge at the April 4, 2022 Council meeting and staff has been working on plans and securing a temporary construction easement.

Staff is requesting \$250,000 from the MoDOT Regional Bridge Program with \$350,000 in matching funds from the City's Transportation Capital Improvement Tax. Staff anticipates grant notification in early Fall and if successful, will return to Council to accept and appropriate the grant funds. Bidding for this project will then occur in November/December with an estimated construction to occur in Winter 2022/Spring 2023.

If MoDOT approves the funding application, the funds that would have been spent for this bridge project would be allocated to another bridge project or other major bridge repairs. There are currently four City maintained bridges that need some form of structural repair, all of which are currently at various stages of design examination for improvements.



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Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Funding for this project was approved in previous legislation. This would allow staff to reallocate \$250,000 to another project if the City receives the \$250,000 grant funds.

Long-Term Impact: NA

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

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

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

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

Legislative History

Date	Action
04/21/2022	B98-22 Authorizing the acquisition of an easement for removal and construction of a replacement bridge on Ridgemont Road over the County House Branch.
04/21/2022	B97-22 Authorizing removal and construction of a replacement bridge on Ridgemont Road over the County House Branch: calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.
02/21/2022	R24-22 resolution accepting Neighborhood Traffic Management Program report and authorizing public improvement process for various streets including Ridgefield Road, Ridgemont and Highridge Drive.
01/18/2022	PH4-22. Proposed removal and construction of a replacement bridge on Ridgemont Road over the County House Branch.

Suggested Council Action

Adopt the resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit the application to MoDOT for the Missouri Regional Bridge Program application in the amount of \$250,000.