

From: The Downtown Leadership Council (DLC)
To: Mayor Buffaloe and City Council
Date: November 3, 2022

The Downtown Leadership Council (DLC) Report Recommending the Purchase and Implementation of the FUSUS Real-time Software Platform

Dear Mayor Buffaloe and Members of the Council:

Please accept this as an urgent Report and recommendation from the Downtown Leadership Council as your advisory committee regarding Downtown Columbia:

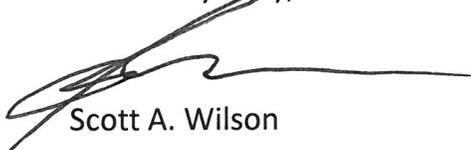
The DLC has had numerous presentations and discussions regarding violence downtown as it obviously remains a top concern—including the gunfire the Friday night of Homecoming Weekend which wounded and almost killed a Mizzou student walking to his apartment.

At our July meeting, the DLC had a live demonstration of the proposed FUSUS law enforcement platform which would integrate camera footage on an “opt-in” basis for the CPD to access in certain scenarios. At our October meeting—after weighing privacy and other concerns—the DLC voted unanimously to recommend the City Council approve the purchase of the FUSUS platform with the funds from the CPD’s Asset Forfeiture Fund.

The DLC also discussed the recent school shooting a St. Louis high school—and a recent incident the next day at Rock Bridge High School which thankfully was not a similar tragedy—which made it clear that Columbia is not somehow immune and that these issues are very much “at our doorstep” and that significant and immediate action must be taken.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this critical and urgent issue.

Yours very truly,



Scott A. Wilson
DLC Chair

cc: City Manager Seewood