



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Utilities

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: May 6, 2024

Re: Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission regarding the Business Loop 70 Highway-Railroad Crossing.

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance authoring the City Manger to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MoDOT) regarding the Business Loop 70 Highway-Railroad crossing. This memorandum establishes responsibilities for each party regarding the temporary removal of the railroad crossing at this location.

Discussion

The City of Columbia operates the COLT railroad. The railroad includes a crossing of Business Loop 70 at the City's Power Plant. This crossing has deteriorated over time creating a poor driving surface and maintenance challenges for both the City and MoDOT. This rail crossing has not been used since the City stopped using coal as a fuel at the power plant. Reconstruction of the crossing is not warranted at this time.

MoDOT is planning to resurface Business Loop 70 this year and inquired about the condition of the crossing. Temporary removal of the crossing has been determined a reasonable measure. This Memorandum of Understanding requires the City to remove the rails, crossing surface, support structures and hardware and requires MoDOT to replace the pavement and maintain the roadway. The agreement also allows for the City to replace the crossing in the future should a need arise. The removal of the rails, ties and other hardware will be performed by City's railroad staff and no additional expense is anticipated due to this agreement.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: There will be no additional expense beyond the current FY 2024 operating budget for personnel due to this agreement.

Long-Term Impact: There are no long-term impacts associated with this agreement.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

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



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Legislative History

Date	Action
None	None

Suggested Council Action

Approval of the ordinance.