



701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Council Memo

Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 3, 2026

Re: Authorizing an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Lochmueller Group, Inc. for continued coordination with MoDOT for the construction of enhancements for the Improve I-70 project.

Impacted Ward: Multiple Wards

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Lochmueller Group, Inc. for services relating to coordination with Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) for the construction of enhancements for the Improve I-70 project.

Discussion

In 2024, the City entered into a professional services agreement with Lochmueller Group, Inc. for professional and technical consulting services for aesthetic enhancements associated with the Improve I-70 project.

The amendment to the agreement will allow the consultant to provide additional coordination between the City and the MoDOT design-build teams. The amendment is necessary due to the fact that this project has seen significant scope expansion since its original development. The aesthetic enhancements were originally only proposed as part of a MoDOT central district project related to the I-70/US 63 interchange. Since that time that project has been wrapped into the Improve I-70 project which will add a lane in both directions to I-70 essentially from Kansas City to St. Louis. This project now includes the demolition and reconstruction of five overpasses through the Columbia area which are proposed to receive enhancements. There are also two design-build teams to coordinate with as Phase 1 goes from Paris Road east to Kingdom City and Phase 4 goes from Paris Road west to Rocheport.

The total cost for the amendment is for a not to exceed amount of \$38,000 and will be funded by the 0.25% Capital Improvement Sales Tax.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The amendment is for a not to exceed amount of \$38,000 and will be funded by the 0.25% Capital Improvement Sales Tax.

Long-Term Impact: Enter the cost of proposed legislation to the city for years **beyond two**.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Primary, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Primary, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Date	Action
02/02/2026	R27-26 Expressing support for the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission's Improve I-70: Rocheport to Columbia Project 4A (Missouri River Bridge at Rocheport to Route B); authorizing staff to proceed with associated corridor construction enhancements.
12/15/2025	B328-25 Authorizing a municipal agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission associated with improvements to the Interstate 70 corridor from the Missouri River to Route B (Paris Road).
05/05/2025	B97-25 Authorizing a cost share agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for additional pedestrian improvements associated with the I-70 and US 63 interchange reconstruction project; amending the FY 2025 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
04/07/2025	B59-25 Authorizing a cost and licensing agreement for project enhancements with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission associated with the Interstate 70 and U.S. Highway 63 connector reconfiguration project; amending the FY 2025 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
10/07/2024	R174-24 Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with Engineering Surveys & Services for design-build plan review associated with the I-70 and US 63 interchange reconstruction project.
08/19/2024	R145-24 Authorizing application to the Missouri Department of Transportation for cost share partnership funding for the proposed St. Charles Road bridge replacement project and I-70 and US 63 interchange reconstruction project.
12/18/2023	B318-23 Authorizing a municipal agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission associated with

Date	Action
06/20/2023	improvements to the Interstate 70 corridor, between Route B and U.S. Route 54 in Kingdom City, and including improvements to the U.S. Route 63 connector and interchange. PH25-23 Consider approval of enhancement design elements associated with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commissions' Interstate 70 and U.S. Highway 63 connector reconfiguration project.
06/05/2023	R83-23 Setting a public hearing: consider approval of enhancement design elements associated with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commissions' Interstate 70 and U.S. Highway 63 connector reconfiguration project.
09/19/2022	REP76-22 Highway 63/I-70 Interchange and I-70 Corridor Recommendations.

Suggested Council Action

Authorize the amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Lochmueller Group Inc. for services relating to coordination with MoDOT for enhancements to the Improve I-70 projects.