

## **A RESOLUTION**

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.

WHEREAS, the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission is overseeing the "Improve I-70" program that is a multi-year project to add a third lane in each direction across Missouri from Blue Springs to Wentzville; and

WHEREAS, the Improve I-70 effort focuses on improving safety, reducing congestion, and modernizing aging pavement and bridges on the primary corridor connecting Kansas City and St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Transportation is in the final stages of completing Phase 1 of the Improve I-70 project between the US Highway 63 connector interchange in Columbia to the Kingdom City interchange; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia and its partners had the opportunity to fund enhancements to the bridges and accesses along the Phase 1 corridor to offer a uniqueness to Columbia as motorists travel through the city along I-70; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission's Improve I-70: Rocheport to Columbia Project 4A (Missouri River Bridge at Rocheport to Route B) has now transitioned to a design-build project; and

WHEREAS, public information meetings for the Phase 4A corridor of the Improve I-70 project will be held in early 2026 and construction is anticipated to begin in the Spring/Summer of 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia and its partners are seeking to pursue another enhancement agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the Phase 4A project to continue to unify the look of the bridges and accesses along the I-70 corridor through Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to express its support for a robust engagement process with the City's major community institutions and businesses to encourage participation in the cost-share of the proposed beneficial construction enhancements associated with the I-70 Phase 4A corridor project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby expresses its 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).

SECTION 2. The City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, is hereby authorized to communicate to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission the support of the City of Columbia for the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission's Improve I-70: Rocheport to Columbia Project 4A (Missouri River Bridge at Rocheport to Route B).

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby authorizes staff to begin the pursuit of a construction enhancement agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to unify the look of the bridges and accesses along the I-70 corridor in Columbia as part of the Phase 4A project. Staff is further authorized to continue engaging with the City's major community institutions and businesses to encourage participation in the cost-share of the proposed beneficial construction enhancements associated with the I-70 Phase 4A corridor project.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor