

TO: CATSO Coordinating Committee

FROM: CATSO Staff

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 5 - Public Hearing: Proposed CATSO 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

DATE: December 5, 2024

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Columbia area, CATSO is required, in cooperation with the State and public transit operators, to prepare a metropolitan transportation plan (MTP) for the metropolitan planning area (MPA). The plan is a multi-modal plan that is to reflect the collaborative decision making efforts among its jurisdictions/stakeholders for its metropolitan planning area. The MTP describes the current transportation system, future demands on the system, and the strategies/actions to best meet those demands based on projected resources. For projects in the MPA to be eligible for federal transportation funding, they must come from the MPO planning process and be included in the MTP.

The 2055 MTP is an update of the existing 2050 Long-range Transportation Plan (the term by which it was formerly known). The 2050 Plan was approved in December, 2019. It is a policy guideline for transportation system development in the Columbia metropolitan planning area (MPA) over the period 2025 to the start of 2055. The intent is to present a financially constrained view of transportation priorities and needs over the plan scope/horizon. Federal law requires that the MTP cover a minimum horizon of 20 years.

The CATSO MPA includes all of the City of Columbia as well as a substantial amount of territory in unincorporated Boone County, and is approximately 189 square miles in area. Population of the MPA area (source - 2023 U.S. Census, 2018-2022 American Community Survey) is 163,778. The existing MPA boundary was approved by the CATSO Coordinating Committee in May, 2014.

The public transportation jurisdictions included in the CATSO MPA are the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), Boone County, and the City of Columbia.

The consulting firm Crawford, Bunte, and Brammeier (CBB) was hired to prepare the CATSO 2055 MTP update. They have worked in coordination with staff to do public engagement, public meetings, and have prepared the MTP update in full with staff assistance as needed. CBB staff will make a presentation to the Coordinating Committee to present the final draft of the CATSO 2055 MTP and answer any Committee questions.

*Technical Committee Action*

At their meeting of November 6, 2024, the Technical Committee reviewed the proposed CATSO 2055 MTP. CBB made a presentation to the Committee to go over the various elements of the MTP and the process utilized to prepare the document. The Committee passed a motion recommending that the Coordinating Committee proceed with holding a public hearing on the revised Plan and consider adoption of the document as proposed.

*Suggested Coordinating Committee Action*

After a presentation by CBB staff, committee review, and any suggestions members may have for revisions, and after a public hearing, staff suggests the Committee give formal approval to the proposed CATSO 2055 MTP.