



701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Council Memo

Department Source: City Utilities - Water and Light

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: July 20, 2026

Re: Second Supplemental Master Reimbursable Utility Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC)

Impacted Ward: Citywide

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Second Supplemental Master Reimbursable Utility Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) to allow for payment for betterment work for Utilities associated with the commission's highway construction projects. This second supplemental agreement will also allow MHTC to get reimbursed for any future City-driven betterment work.

Discussion

On September 3, 1996, Ordinance 14961 was passed authorizing a Master Reimbursable Utility agreement with MHTC. This initial agreement covered the reimbursement of the City's costs to relocate or adjust City facilities required by the Commission's statewide highway projects. The first supplemental agreement, passed on October 20, 2014, expanded upon it to include Buy America Requirement Compliance.

Currently, City utilities are actively coordinating with the state on the I-70 improvement project, requiring several relocations and undergrounding efforts. The City has identified opportunities to complete betterment work for the Utilities as part of the project. This includes betterment for a sewer line at Hanover Blvd and for undergrounding an electric line relocation at the south side of Clark Ln and Hanover Blvd. In order to reimburse MHTC for this work, an amendment to the agreement is needed in the form of a Second Supplemental Master Reimbursable Utility Agreement. Furthermore, this amendment would also serve for any future City-driven betterment work, allowing for an avenue to easily coordinate work with MHTC going forward.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$162,633

Long-Term Impact: As needed for City driven betterment work associated with State highway projects.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)



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Primary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Resilient Economy, Tertiary Impact: Organizational Excellence

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Economic Development

Legislative History	
Date	Action
09/03/1996	Ordinance 14961 Authorizing a Master Reimbursable Utility Agreement with MHTC
10/20/2014	B326-14 First Supplemental Master Reimbursable Utility Agreement with MHTC

Suggested Council Action
Approve the ordinance.