



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: September 6, 2022

Re: Amending Chapter 22-29 of the City Code to Suspend Transportation Fares for Fiscal Year 2023 for Users of the GoCOMO Public Transit System.

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance amending Chapter 22-29 of the City Code to suspend transportation fares for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 for users of the GoCOMO Public Transit System.

Discussion

Since the March 2020 Emergency Declaration, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, GoCOMO has been operating fare free. During the FY 2021 budget preparation meetings, the City Manager was made aware of GoCOMO's ability to manage expenses with current transportation sales tax (TST) funding and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) operating grant and he recommended a pilot project to continue fare free for FY 2021. At the September 21, 2020 City Council meeting, Council approved the ordinance, amending Chapter 22-29 by suspending transportation fares for FY21 for users of the GoCOMO Public Transit System.

At the September 20, 2021 City Council meeting, Council approved GoCOMO to remain fare free for FY22 with the American Rescue Plan and Care Acts funding. Those funds have been expended.

GoCOMO has the ability to manage expenses for FY 2023 with current transportation sales tax (TST) funding and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) operating grant and is therefore requesting to amend Chapter 22-29 to suspend transportation fares for users of the GoCOMO Public Transit System for FY 2023.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None

Long-Term Impact: Unknown

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Resilient Economy, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary



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Legislative History

Date	Action
09/20/2021	B243-21 Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code to eliminate transportation fares in FY 2022 for users of the GoCOMO Public Transit System.
09/21/2020	B211-20 Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code to eliminate transportation fares in FY 2021 for users of the GoCOMO Public Transit System.

Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance amending Chapter 22-29 of the City Code to suspend transportation fares for users of the GoCOMO Public Transit System for FY 2023.