

## **BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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City of Columbia Mayor Barbara Buffaloe 701 E Broadway Columbia, MO 65205

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to provide an explanation regarding our decision to select the single-entry site plan from Route K South versus the conceptual site plan which provided a secondary entrance from S Bethel Church Road.

After careful consideration and thorough evaluation of the options available, we determined that the single-entry site plan from Route K South offers several advantages that align with our objectives for this project. These include:

- 1. Reduced Land Disturbance and Tree Preservation: The Route K South single-entry plan minimizes the overall land disturbance. By consolidating access to a single-entry point, we reduce the amount of grading, clearing, and other earth-moving activities required, thereby preserving more of the natural landscape and minimizing the environmental impact.
- 2. Water Control Best Management Practices (BMPs) Reduction: A single-entry point allows us to implement more streamlined water control measures. With fewer impervious surfaces being created, the need for extensive BMPs is reduced, which contributes to both cost savings and environmental protection by lowering the risk of erosion and runoff issues.
- 3. Less Site Work Required: The secondary entrance from S Bethel Church Road would necessitate additional site work, including more extensive grading, driveway construction and large tree removal. The single-entry plan significantly reduces these requirements, making it a more practical and efficient choice.
- 4. Cost Savings: By opting for the single entry from Route K South, we anticipate cost savings of approximately \$225,000. This reduction is attributed to the minimized land disturbance, fewer BMP requirements, reduced site preparation work and less impervious surface. These savings are substantial and will allow us to allocate resources more effectively toward other essential aspects of the project.
- 5. Enhanced Site Security: A single entry point inherently offers better control and monitoring of access to the fire station. This setup enhances the overall security of the site, ensuring that only authorized personnel have access, which is crucial for maintaining the integrity and safety of our operations and our volunteer firefighters.

In conclusion, the decision to proceed with the Route K South single-entry site plan was based on a comprehensive assessment of all factors, including environmental impact, cost efficiency, and operational security. We believe this approach best meets the needs of the community while ensuring fiscal responsibility and sustainable development.

We appreciate your understanding and support of this decision. If you have any further questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Gale Blomenkamp, Bureau Director

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