



701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Fire

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: January 5, 2026

Re: Appropriation of CIP Funds to purchase aerial ladder apparatus

Impacted Ward: Citywide

### Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$1,000,000.00 from CIP project #00957 into CIP project #00914 to purchase an aerial ladder truck to replace an existing ladder apparatus that has reached the end of its service life. The current ladder truck has exceeded its planned operational lifespan and is experiencing increasing mechanical reliability issues, higher maintenance costs, and parts obsolescence, which are impacting availability and response readiness. Continued investment in this apparatus is no longer cost-effective and poses ever-increasing downtime. Replacing the unit at this stage supports operational reliability, firefighter safety, and responsible lifecycle management of the Fire Department assets.

### Discussion

Fire is requesting to appropriate the funds from CIP project #00957 with CIP project #00914 to place the order for a new fire apparatus with a 100-foot aerial ladder device. The two accounts were originally proposed during the CIST plan to replace current resources, all prior to a shift in the department's deployment model. This shift allowed the department to add ladder coverage to the southern portion of the city, an area identified with a need for ladder coverage. This addition of coverage was achieved by moving existing personnel to the existing Fire Station 7, utilizing an apparatus from the reserve fleet. Current build times for this style of apparatus is 36 months across the industry, combining the two projects will allow the department to replace the reserve apparatus in a more reasonable timeframe.

The department still intends to make the purchase of the second apparatus in FY27, thus staying on pace with the current replacement plan for fire apparatus. The department intends to forgo the future replacement of a rescue squad vehicle in favor of an apparatus with fire suppression capabilities in its place.

### Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Combining project funds with no additional funding requested

Long-Term Impact: N/A



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### Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

#### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Safe Community, Secondary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

#### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### Legislative History

Date	Action
	N/A

### Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to appropriate the funds.