



March 21, 2022

Dear Members of the CATSO Coordinating Committee:

At the February 21, 2022 City Council meeting, Carolyn Amparan, Columbia Climate and Environment Commission chair, presented an analysis of the CATSO 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and a comparison of the LRTP with Columbia's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP).

Here are the Commission's main findings:

1. While the goals of the LRTP are highly aligned with the goals of the CAAP, there is strong misalignment between the LRTP goals and the LRTP project list.
2. The LRTP goals, objectives, and performance measures are effectively meaningless and there is no accountability process to ensure the LRTP project list meets the LRTP goals.
3. The LRTP does not address equity or climate change adaptation.
4. The LRTP is very difficult to read and understand.

As the legislative body of one of three public entities comprising CATSO, we are very concerned about these findings. They indicate that the LRTP is poorly constructed [1, 2], silent about important transportation planning considerations [3], and inaccessible to the public [4].

Therefore, we strongly support the Commission's recommendations, and request the following:

1. In the short term, CATSO will develop a Major Amendment to the 2050 LRTP that includes public input on transportation needs; mode share goals consistent with those adopted in the CAAP; a transportation infrastructure scorecard for rating projects; a project list that prioritizes walking, biking, and transit; and an implementation accountability strategy.
2. In the long term, the next version of the CATSO LRTP will be a new and fundamentally different community plan that includes extensive public engagement; input from traditionally underrepresented groups; a long-range transit master plan; climate change adaptation planning; and a format that is easy for the public to read and understand.

As part of our commitment to our own public engagement and community representation processes, City of Columbia representatives on the CATSO Coordinating Committee will review projects consistent with City goals and plans, including the CAAP.

Sincerely,

Brian Treece, Mayor

Pat Fowler, Ward 1 Council Member

Ian Thomas, Ward 4 Council Member

Andrea Waner, Ward 2 Council Member

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Enclosures:

- Climate and Environment Commission Memo to City Council
- Climate and Environment Commission Statement on CATSO 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan
- Draft Transportation Infrastructure Scorecard