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June 11, 2009

Buddy Desai, PE
St. Louis Transportation Lead
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1034 So. Brentwood Blvd.
Suite 2300
St. Louis, MO 63117

Dear Mr. Desai,

The County Commission of Boone County Missouri supports the East Columbia EIS study. We concur with the recommended preferred alternative proposed in the East Columbia EIS.

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Pearson
Presiding Commissioner

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner

CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER

June 23, 2009

Mr. Buddy Desai
CH2MHill
1034 So. Brentwood Blvd.
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St. Louis, MO 63117

RE: ***East Columbia Transportation Study: Preferred Alternative SC-2A***

Dear Mr. Desai,

At its regular meeting on May 28, 2009, the Columbia Area Transportation Study Organization (CATSO) Coordinating Committee voted unanimously to endorse alignment SC-2A as the preferred alternative in the East Columbia Environmental Impact Statement. CATSO has followed the progress of the East Columbia Transportation Study since its inception and finds that the EIS conclusions are sound. On behalf of the CATSO Metropolitan Planning Organization, I am pleased to offer this letter of endorsement.

Sincerely,

H. William Watkins
City Manager, City of Columbia &
Chairman, CATSO Coordinating Committee

Cc: Coordinating Committee

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A RESOLUTION

endorsing the East Columbia Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) alignment relating to the extension of Route 740 (Stadium Boulevard) from its current terminus to I-70.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby endorses the East Columbia Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) identified as SC-2-A, attached hereto as "Exhibit A," as the preferred alignment relating to the extension of Route 740 (Stadium Boulevard) from its current terminus to I-70.

ADOPTED this 15th day of June, 2009.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor

Source:
John Glascock

Agenda Item No. R140-09

FISCAL NOTES:

City Fiscal Impact Enter all that apply:	
$0	City's current net FY cost.
$0	Amount of Funds Already appropriated
$0	Amount of budget amendment needed
$0 $0	Estimated 2 yr net costs: One-time Operating / On-going
Program Impact:	
N	New program/ agency (Y/N)
N	Duplicates/expands an existing program (Y/N)
N	Fiscal impact on any local political subdivision (Y/N)
Resources Required:	
N	Requires add'l FTE personnel? (Y/N)
N	Requires additional facilities? (Y/N)
N	Requires additional capital equipment? (Y/N)
Mandates:	
N	Federal or state mandated? (Y/N)

TO: City Council

FROM: City Manager and Staff

DATE: June 9, 2009

SUBJECT: City Council Endorsement of the East Columbia Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Preferred Emerging Alignment SC-2-A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a resolution endorsing the East Columbia EIS preferred alignment identified as SC-2-A.

DISCUSSION

The East Columbia EIS Project was initiated in 2005 by MoDOT, in cooperation with Boone County and the City of Columbia, to fulfill the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements associated with the East Columbia EIS Project for the extension of Route 740 (Stadium Boulevard) from its current terminus to I-70. A cost participation agreement was approved at the March 7, 2005 Council meeting, which established a partnership between the three governmental agencies with each agreeing to approach the EIS receptive to the methodology of project approach, process, conclusions and any follow-up actions. A study team was established comprising of MoDOT, City and County staff.

The NEPA process necessary for an EIS involved many meetings and several public open forums. Alternatives were developed and evaluated through preliminary concepts, conceptual alternative analysis, and then by creating reasonable alternatives towards satisfying the projects purpose and need statement. In September 2007, nine (9) conceptual alternative alignments were developed for further study towards a final and preferred alignment.

Through further analysis and evaluation of meeting the Purpose and Need Statement, a preferred alignment emerged which the study team believed that best solved the transportation needs in east Columbia with the minimal impacts. This alignment is identified as SC-2-A.

The comment period for the EIS ended on May 18, 2009. The study team has compiled the comments received on or before the comment deadline of May 18, 2009 and substantive comments received on the Draft EIS will be addressed in the Final EIS which will be published later this year.

A Final EIS will be prepared based on the comments received on the Draft EIS. The Final EIS will be reviewed by MoDOT, the City of Columbia and Boone County and then submitted to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for approval. After approval, the Final EIS will have a 30-day comment period and copies will be available for review on the project Web site and at other public locations. Following this comment period, the FHWA will issue a Record of Decision. After FHWA issues the Record of Decision, the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission can approve the selected alternative SC-2-A, and MoDOT, the City of Columbia and Boone County can move forward with the project whenever funding becomes available.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact associated with this endorsement.

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Endorsement of the East Columbia EIS preferred alignment SC-2-A.
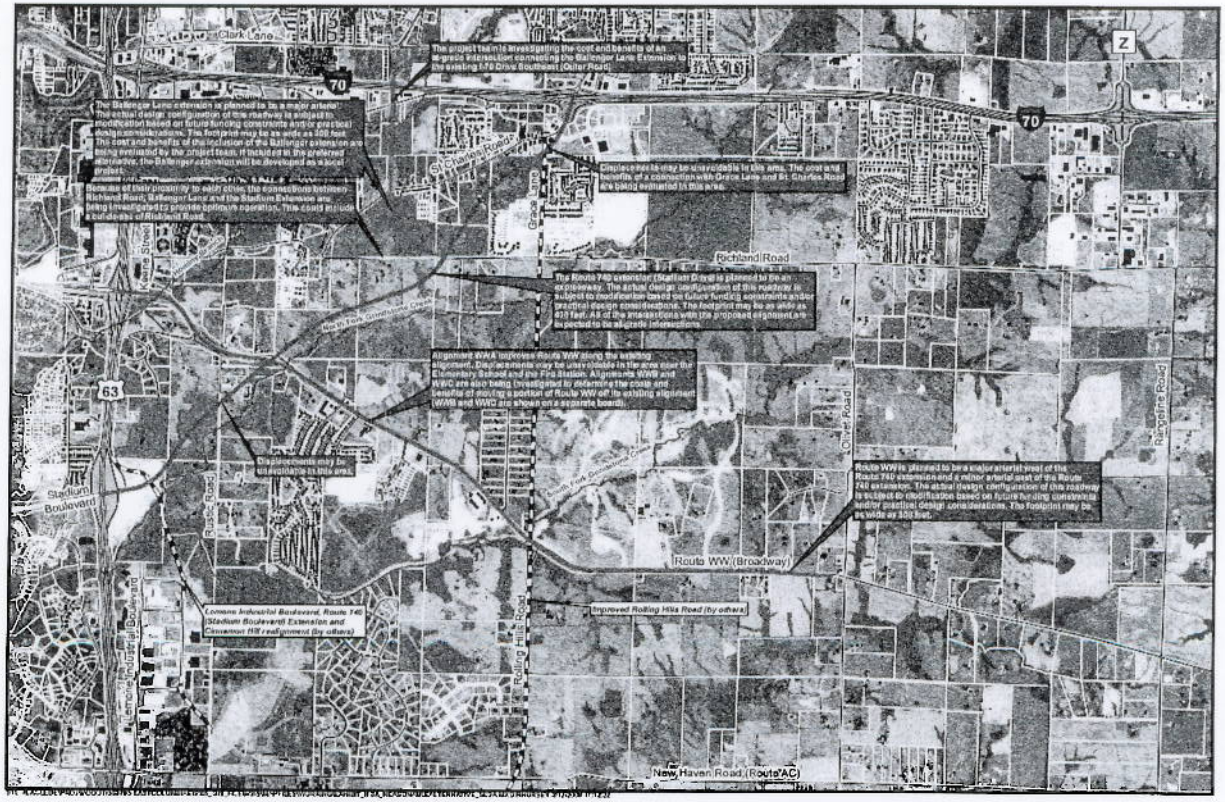
Exhibit II-3A Reasonable Alternative SC-2A