

CITY OF PARKVILLE

Policy Report

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ISSUE:
Receive and file the guiding principles and key objectives for the Route 9 Corridor Study.

BACKGROUND:
On July 1, 2014, the Board of Aldermen authorized staff to prepare and submit a grant application to the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) for Planning Sustainable Places (PSP) funding for a corridor study of Route 9. The purpose of this funding is specifically to assist communities with implementation of recommendations generated through previous PSP funded planning initiatives, including the Livable Communities Study and Vision Downtown Parkville. In December 2014, MARC awarded a grant of \$113,585.71, which is matched by \$75,000 of local funding from the project partners of Parkville, Riverside, Platte County, Park University, and the Missouri Department of Transportation. The study will result in a more refined understanding of needed improvements to Route 9 and costs involved in order to position the City for future grant requests for design and construction. The corridor study will also generate a preliminary conceptual design that may be used to reserve right-of-way for future construction as the City receives development applications along the corridor.

On April 7, 2015, the Board of Aldermen approved the selection of CFS Engineers as the lead consultant for the project and recommended that the MARC Board of Directors execute a contract with the scope and fee as proposed. The contract was subsequently approved by the MARC Board on April 28, 2015. The kickoff meeting of the project steering committee was held on May 5, 2015. The committee reviewed and established guiding principles and key objectives for the project (Attachment 1). The principles and objectives were informed by prior planning studies and the City's successful Route 9 Corridor Study grant application for PSP funds. The purpose of the document is to establish clear direction for the consultant team and give the City and steering committee a common message to communicate to the public about the project.

The consultant team will now begin compiling project data and conducting one-on-one meetings with key property owners and stakeholders. During these meetings input will be gathered to inform the development of three corridor design alternatives. Based on the project schedule (Attachment 3), there will be minimal updates until mid-summer when the consulting team presents its initial design concepts to the steering committee for review and comment. A public input meeting will also be held around the same time to present the design alternatives. An update will be provided at a Board of Aldermen meeting before the consultant team proceeds with preliminary design of a preferred concept (based on all of the input gathered on the design alternatives). Additional information is available on the project page on the City's website (Attachment 4).

BUDGET IMPACT:
There is no direct budget impact associated with this action.

ALTERNATIVES:
1. Receive and file the guiding principles and key objectives for the Route 9 Corridor Study.

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2. Receive and file the guiding principles and key objectives for the Route 9 Corridor Study, subject to modifications requested by the Board.
3. Refer the document back to the steering committee for further modifications based on direction from the Board.
4. Postpone the item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen receive and file the guiding principles and key objectives for the Route 9 Corridor Study.

POLICY:

At the conclusion of the study (anticipated by December 2015), the Board of Aldermen will be asked to adopt the study report and will likely direct staff to proceed with implementation of various recommendations. The Board's concurrence with the guiding principles and key objectives is important at this early stage to ensure a successful outcome that aligns with the Board's direction and priorities.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move to receive and file the guiding principles and key objectives for the Route 9 Corridor Study.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Route 9 Corridor Study Guiding Principles
 2. Route 9 Corridor Study Steering Committee Roster
 3. By reference - Route 9 Corridor Study Project Schedule - <http://parkvillemo.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Detailed.pdf>
 4. By reference – Route 9 Corridor Study Project website - <http://parkvillemo.gov/city-news/route-9-corridor-study-webpage/>
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