



# The City of Lee's Summit

# **Legislation Text**

#### File #: BILL NO. 23-097, Version: 1

An Ordinance authorizing the execution of the second amendment to Cooperative Agreement for payment of funds from Jackson County, Missouri to the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri for the construction of a new pedestrian bridge to accommodate the shared use pathway over Chipman Road, and authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the same. (PWC 5/8/23)

# Issue/Request:

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#### Key Issues:

- An agreement between Jackson County and the City of Lee's Summit was reached on 4/18/18 allowing
  the City to make improvements to Chipman Road through the Rock Island Corridor right of way which
  includes the removal of the 1-lane railroad bridge.
- The City is funding the removal of the 1-lane railroad bridge and the County is funding the design and construction of the new pedestrian bridge to accommodate the shared use pathway over Chipman Road.
- The County and City agreed that the new pedestrian bridge should be included as an alternate bid in the City's Chipman Road Improvements Project.
- The County has accepted the alternate bid and will remit to the City in advance the lump sum of \$395,875 for the construction (\$387,275) and inspections (\$8,600) of the new pedestrian bridge over Chipman Road.

# **Proposed City Council Motion:**

FIRST MOTION: I move for second reading of an Ordinance authorizing the execution of the second amendment to Cooperative Agreement for payment of funds from Jackson County, Missouri to the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri for the construction of a new pedestrian bridge to accommodate the shared use pathway over Chipman Road, and authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the same.

SECOND MOTION: I move for adoption of an Ordinance authorizing the execution of the second amendment to Cooperative Agreement for payment of funds from Jackson County, Missouri to the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri for the construction of a new pedestrian bridge to accommodate the shared use pathway over Chipman Road, and authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the same.

# Background:

In April of 2018, the City and Jackson County Rock Island Rail Corridor Authority (RIRCA) executed an agreement that gave the City rights to make improvements to Chipman Road through the RIRCA right of way which includes the removal of the 1-lane railroad bridge over Chipman Road. The agreement also included the payment of \$2 million dollars by the City to the County to facilitate the construction of a bridge that could carry common freight rail traffic. The freight rail capability was necessary to comply with the condition of federal grant money the County used to purchase the rail corridor. As part of the agreement, the County could choose to construct a new accessory bridge to accommodate RIRCA's shared use pathway over Chipman Road. In the future, the County could construct a freight rail bridge, if required, at no additional cost to the City.

Since the re-start of the Chipman Road Improvements Project in July of 2018, City staff and the County have had several conversations regarding the timing of the existing bridge removal by the City and the construction of a new bridge by the County. In order to eliminate construction delays, coordination conflicts, and a prolonged need for an at grade crossing for the shared use pathway at Chipman Road, the City and County have agreed to include the construction of a new pedestrian bridge as an alternate bid in the City's Chipman Road Improvements Project.

In April of 2020, the City and County executed the first amendment to the Cooperative Agreement which comprised of Wilson & Company designing the new bridge and including it in the City's Project as an alternate bid. The County has accepted the alternate bid for the construction of the new pedestrian bridge. This second amendment covers the construction work of the new pedestrian bridge. The County has agreed to remit to the City in advance the lump sum of \$395,875 for the construction (\$387,275) and inspections (\$8,600) of the new pedestrian bridge.

# Timeline:

Construction start date end of June 2023

Craig Kohler, Senior Staff Engineer

<u>Recommendation:</u> Staff recommends approval of an Ordinance authorizing the execution of the second amendment to Cooperative Agreement for payment of funds from Jackson County, Missouri to the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri for the construction of a new pedestrian bridge to accommodate the shared use pathway over Chipman Road, and authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the same.

# **Committee Recommendation:**

The Public Works Committee voted unanimously 4-0 to recommend to City Council approval of an Ordinance authorizing the execution of the second amendment to Cooperative Agreement for payment of funds from Jackson County, Missouri to the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri for the construction of a new pedestrian bridge to accommodate the shared use pathway over Chipman Road, and authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the same. (PWC 5/8/23)

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