

GENERAL

Ordinance Fact Sheet

220450

Ordinance Number

Brief Title**Approval Deadline****Reason**

U.S. 169 "Buck" O'Neil Bridge over the Missouri River Reuse Study Cost Apportionment Cooperative Agreement.

To estimate revenue and appropriate funds; to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Cost Apportionment Cooperative Agreement with Clay and Jackson Counties; to designate requisitioning authority; and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

Details**Reason for Legislation**

The reason for this legislation is to estimate revenue and appropriate \$300,000.00 for the U.S. 169 "Buck" O'Neil Bridge over the Missouri River Reuse Study Project, authorize the City Manager to enter into a Cost Apportionment Cooperative Agreement with Clay and Jackson Counties, designate requisitioning authority to the Director of Water Services, and to recognize this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

Discussion

Resolution No. 170265 directed the City Manager to engage with regional partners to develop and recommend a regional funding strategy to build a new U.S. 169/Buck O'Neil Bridge ("Bridge").

Committee Substitute for Ordinance No. 200222 authorized the City Manager to enter into a Cost Apportionment Agreement with the state of Missouri which resulted in a new bridge which is currently under construction.

The Missouri General Assembly in the FY22 state capital improvements budget through HB 19 appropriated \$300,000.00 appropriation for a feasibility study on conversion of the current Buck O'Neil vehicle bridge into a pedestrian and bikeway path.

The study will answer two specific questions: the first one being if repurposing the existing Bridge is allowable from a regulatory and navigation standpoint, which requires coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the United States Coast Guard, and the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe (BNSF) and Union Pacific (UP) railroads prior to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) being able to transfer ownership of the existing bridge; and the second question being what the cost of rehabilitation for conversion will be.

MoDOT is currently building the new bridge to replace the existing "Buck" O'Neil Bridge and the existing bridge is currently scheduled to be demolished starting in 2023 as a part of the Buck O'Neil Bridge Design-Build project.

The \$300,000.00 grant was awarded to Clay and Jackson Counties to jointly conduct the studies and in discussions with the Counties, all have agreed that the City will manage the study on behalf of the Counties.

Positions/Recommendations**Sponsor**

City Manager's Office
Water Services Department

Programs, Departments, or Groups Affected

City Manager's Office
Water Services Department

Applicants / Proponents**Applicant**

City Manager's Office
Water Services Department

City Department

City Manager's Office
Water Services Department

Other**Opponents****Groups or Individuals**

None Known
Basis of opposition

Staff Recommendation☒ For☐ Against**Reason Against****Board or Commission Recommendation****By**☐ For ☐ Against ☐ No action taken☐ For, with revisions or conditions
(see details column for conditions)**Council Committee Actions**☐ Do pass☐ Do pass (as amended)☐ Committee Sub.☐ Without Recommendation☐ Hold☐ Do not pass

Details

Is it good for the children? Yes.

How will this contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?

The study will evaluate the conversion of a highway bridge to a multi-modal crossing over the Missouri River which would provide non-motorized connections across the Missouri River connecting downtown to the Wheeler Airport.

Policy/Program Impact

Policy or Program Change	☒ No ☐ Yes
Operational Impact Assessment	

Finances

Cost & Revenue Projections -- Including Indirect Costs	
Financial Impact	
Fund Source (s) and Appropriation Account Codes	23-3090-898067-B-82000358 Buck O'Neil Bridge Study #

(Use this space for further discussion, if necessary)

Applicable Dates:**Fact Sheet Prepared by:**

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Reference Numbers