

Specific Priorities

Public Safety

The City of Columbia supports:

- Amending the State law to match Federal law regarding the possession of handguns by minors.
- Requiring lost or stolen guns to be reported to local law enforcement within 72 hours after discovery of the loss.
- Increasing support for State emergency response agencies.

Community Mental Health Services

The City of Columbia supports increasing investment in community mental health services at the State level to assist local governments who are often at the front lines of this issue.

Affordable Housing Initiatives

The City of Columbia supports legislation aimed at increasing quality affordable housing statewide.

Short-Term Rentals (STRs)

The City of Columbia opposes legislation that would limit or eliminate municipal authority to regulate short-term rentals and supports statewide policies to clarify and reinforce municipalities ability to collect lodging tax on short-term rentals through online based reservation management service providers.

Preserving Existing City Assets and Infrastructure

The City of Columbia supports legislation that preserves local control over municipal-owned assets and infrastructure, including the right-of-way (ROW). Local taxpayers have invested substantial resources in the acquisition, construction and maintenance of streets and sidewalks in the ROW. The local regulation of activities of private companies within the public right of way that cause damage or disruption to the infrastructure funded by the taxpayers along with recoupment of associated costs for use and repair of public right of way should not be preempted by state legislation.

I-70 Expansion, Beautification and Pedestrian Access

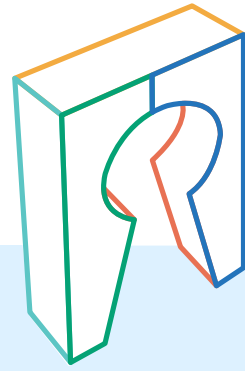
The City of Columbia supports the I-70 expansion project. The City is supportive of funding that would enhance beautification efforts and increase safe pedestrian access crossing I-70.

Increasing State Funding for Transit Assistance

The City of Columbia supports increasing State funding for transit assistance to public transit agencies. State funding for public transit agencies in Missouri is significantly lower than all surrounding states at \$0.28 in investment per capita. Public transit helps to reduce traffic congestion, as well as expand access to local businesses and employers.

Post-Consumer Paint Recycling Program

The City of Columbia supports the creation of a post-consumer paint recycling program. Creating such a program would help reduce contamination from improper disposal and keep leftover paint out of landfills.



OUR VISION

Columbia is the best place for everyone to live, work, learn and play.

OUR MISSION

To serve the public equitably through democratic, transparent and efficient government.

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