



MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of the County Council
Steve Ehlmann, County Executive

FROM: John Watson, County Counselor

SUBJECT: Item for October 15, 2019 County Council Meeting: Authorizing the County Executive to Execute an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for the Transfer and Acceptance of Certain Roadways and Improvements in the Missouri Research Park

DATE: October 11, 2019

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the County Executive to sign an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri (the "University") for the transfer and acceptance of certain roadways and improvements located within unincorporated St. Charles County, Missouri.

BACKGROUND

The University is the owner of approximately 435 acres of real estate located in unincorporated St. Charles County, Missouri, known as the Missouri Research Park (the "Park"), along with the streets crossing through the Park, which include the land, easements, and rights of way upon which the streets are constructed. The University is empowered to dedicate such streets and other improvements and easements to public use.

With the build-out of the Park nearly completed the University has requested that the County accept that part of the roadways and storm sewers within the Park ("MRP Roadways") owned by the University, to be transferred by the University to the County for the use of the general public in order to provide important access to and from I-64 for residents of the County, to provide the general public access to and from the Park for its tenant companies and agencies, and to provide public access to recreational trails and certain adjacent property to be developed for residential purposes.

The County is willing to accept the MRP Roadways into the County's Roadway System subject to the terms and conditions stated in the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement, Exhibit 1 to the bill. Most notable among these terms and conditions are as follows:

- The University shall fund the entire cost of the construction of those improvements to the MRP Roadways deemed necessary to bring the MRP Roadways to County's public street standards and correct all existing deficiencies by depositing \$500,000 at the time the Agreement is executed and any additional costs upon completion and acceptance of the improvements by the County;
- The University shall continue to maintain the portions of the Busch Greenway trail located within the MRP Roadways; and
- The University shall continue to maintain Private Improvements located within the MRP Roadways, including but not limited to street and landscape lighting, landscape objects, privately owned signage and sidewalks.

Please note that the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement shall contain Exhibit A through I upon execution. At this time, only Exhibits A through D are attached to the draft Agreement presented before the Council. Exhibits E through I are currently unavailable at this time.

In order to effectuate such agreement between the County and the University, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for the Transfer and Acceptance of Certain Roadways and Improvements in Unincorporated St. Charles County, Missouri must be executed by St Charles County, Missouri, on the one hand, and the Curators of the University of Missouri, on the other.

RECOMMENDATION

County staff requests that the County Council approve the attached bill authorizing the County Executive to execute the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for the Transfer and Acceptance of Certain Roadways and Improvements in Unincorporated St. Charles County, Missouri (Exhibit 1).