TO: CATSO Coordinating Committee

FROM: CATSO Staff

Item 4: Public Hearing for Draft FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program

DATE: August 24, 2017

Attached is the draft version of the CATSO FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which describes the work program for all transportation planning related activities to be carried out by CATSO staff for the Columbia metropolitan planning area (MPA) for fiscal year 2018.

The draft CATSO FY 2018 UPWP includes a total of $553,874 in funding for transportation planning related work tasks and related materials and services. The CPG (federal) share of this is $443,099. The UPWP budget includes both salary expenditures for CATSO staff, as well as non-salary funds for the purchase of capital items. The former includes two full time CATSO staff positions in the City of Columbia Community Development Department, and varying percentages of full-time equivalents for additional community development, GIS and transit positions. The latter is programmed for the following activities: pilot new bike-ped count technologies for activity #130 (Long-range Transportation Planning); purchase of a transit planning software license for #140 (Transit Planning); Natural Resources Inventory data processing, software/related services, transcription services and travel/mtg. expenses for Activity #240 (Information Systems).

In addition to regular work tasks such as preparation of TIP and MRP amendments, preparation of annual work products such as the UPWP and TIP, maintaining and updating geographically based databases and the CATSO transportation model, and continuous program evaluation, CATSO staff will undertake the following additional work tasks in FY2018:

1. Advance development of the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), including finalization of the long-range financial plan, updating long-range planning documents and identifying and establishing revised transportation goals and objectives.

2. Continue to develop and carry out a work program for implementing the land use and transportation components of *Columbia Imagined,* the comprehensive land use plan for the MPA. An ongoing staff activity has been to examine current land uses and potential land use impacts in corridors affected by the extension of sewer mains and roadways in the Major Roadway Plan (MRP).

3. Establishment of a permanent and ongoing bicycle and pedestrian count program as a means to evaluate changes in bicycle and pedestrian activity, provide data for safety improvements and set goals for integration into the 2045 LRTP.

4. Collaboration with local & regional partnerships focused on the implementation of the City of Columbia’s Vision Zero Action Plan and subsequent integration of the Vision Zero goals and achievements into CATSO’s 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

5. Update the 2007 Natural Resources Inventory using leaf on and leaf off aerial imagery and field data samples procured in 2017. This is a requirement for understanding how the MPA has changed since 2007 and update land use and land cover inputs for future land use models.

5. Engage the public for feedback on the newly developed Go COMO Comprehensive Operational Analysis, Service Guidelines and transit Master Plan through a public hearing process. The plan will be vetted by the Columbia City Council in 2018 to forward prioritization and implementation of plan recommendations.

*Technical Committee Review*

At the CATSO Technical Committee meeting on August 2, 2017, the Committee reviewed the draft FY 2018 UPWP. The committee passed a motion to forward the UPWP to the Coordinating Committee for review and a public hearing. Committee members from FHWA were unable to attend the meeting but did provide suggested revisions for the UPWP. Staff responded to those committee recommendations, preparing a revised UPWP document with the additional information and changes as suggested, and the revised version was reviewed and given approval by committee members from FHWA.

*Coordinating Committee Action*

After the public hearing is held, staff suggests that the Committee pass a motion to formally approve the proposed FY 2018 UPWP.