

The City and other organizations over the past several years have developed a number of plans and studies relevant to downtown. The citations below – a necessarily abbreviated list – are those which may be part of existing city development policy, a resource for future policy and plan development, or documents of historical interest.

GENERAL

Metro 2020: A Planning Guide for Columbia’s Future (2001). Together with the Major Roadway Plan (Thoroughfare Plan) forms the comprehensive plan of the city according to the 2001 Council approval. Establishes five conceptual land-use categories including city center, an area forming the education and government center as well as a central place for residence and commerce. Establishes principles, policies and compatibility guidelines for city center function and development.

Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan (2007). Master plan for the classification, expansion, maintenance, and design of park, recreation and open-space assets, including trails and neighborhood and community parks. Contains chapters on existing park inventory, trends, park standards, the public input process, financing alternatives and methods, acquisition, and capital projects.

DOWNTOWN PLANS

Downtown Beautification Project Plan. Urban design plan for the Special Business District. Adopted by Council by resolution (Res. 206-02; October 21, 2002); requires Council approval of each streetscape element as specifications are prepared. Most streetscape elements have been implemented.

Avenue of the Columns Study (2005). Urban design study of Eighth Street (honorary “Avenue of the Columns”) prepared by an ad hoc committee. Identifies opportunity areas and makes recommendations for design enhancements to make Eighth Street, from the Boone County government complex to the University of Missouri Francis Quadrangle, a signature street. University has implemented plan in section south of Elm; City has plans to make enhancements, supported in part by private contributions, to section between Walnut and Cherry streets.

Campus-City Downtown Land-Use Opportunity Study (2007). Sponsored by the City of Columbia-University of Missouri and Stephens College, prepared by Sasaki Associates. The study examined an approximately 110-acre area of downtown influenced by the university and college and provided a “plan for planning” continued development in the area. Several steps for further planning recommended by the study are now in progress. (See Appendix D)

Imagine Columbia’s Future (2008). Chapter 4, Section 4F. “Downtown” and Appendix III contain the vision statement, goals, strategies and recommended actions of a Downtown citizen topic group. The Downtown Leadership Commission is one of the recommended actions of the vision report.

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Survey Report, Locust Historic Study Area (February 2009 – draft). A historic resources survey of the area between University Avenue and Locust Street and Ninth Street to College Avenue. A project of the Historic Preservation Commission, supported by certified local government planning grant. Makes recommendations for nomination of several individual properties to the National Register of Historic Places.

A Master Plan for the Central Area (1975). Plan of land-use and urban design for the downtown for general guidance purposes. Land-use plan included area between Stewart Road and University Avenue and the intersection of Rogers Street and College Avenue to McBaine Avenue. Traffic circulation recommendations included the “loop” improvement.

Columbia 2000. City task forces commissioned in 1991 and 1993 to prepare reports; the first focused on development of a strategic plan for the next decade; the second made recommendations in the areas of community/civic center; downtown area; communications; and children, youth and families.

Columbia Downtown Beautification Guidelines (1978). Prepared by Nicholas Peckham and Sun for the Commission on the Arts as a precursor to the Downtown Beautification Project Plan. Includes a program and specifications for plantings and street furniture.

Redevelopment Plan. Flat Branch Redevelopment (1979). A Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority (LCRA) plan. Plan for redevelopment of area between Stewart Road and Broadway and Sixth Street to Providence Road. Included ownership/assemblage maps, phasing, illustrative master plan, development program, and site and design guidelines. Not implemented, or implemented only in part.

CAMPUS AND INSTITUTIONS

Columbia College Master Plan (2004). Prepared by Columbia College and Simon-Oswald Associates in response to City zoning requirements that private colleges prepare master plans to guide their development. Update in progress.

Columbia Housing Authority Revitalization Plan (2005). Prepared by Swope Community Builders and the Applied Urban Research Institute for the Housing Authority of Columbia. Two-part study of Park Avenue Apartments that assesses their condition and makes recommendations for future redevelopment. Part I is the assessment and Part II is a concept plan for redevelopment. This plan has not been implemented or scheduled for implementation.

Stephens College Master Plan (2001). Prepared by HNTB Architecture for Stephens College in response to the City zoning requirement that private colleges prepare master plans to guide their development.

University of Missouri Campus Master Plan (2008). Physical plan of campus development projects, future development projects and needs, and guiding principles. Updated annually.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Benton-Stephens Community: Neighborhood Conservation Plan (1991) Study of the characteristics of the Benton-Stephens neighborhood and “statement of community objectives” for collaborative planning with the city and other institutions. Approved by council resolution R121-91. Implemented by the Benton-Stephens Urban-Conservation Overlay Zoning District.

The East Campus Neighborhood. (undated) Study of the physical characteristics of the East Campus Neighborhood for preservation planning. Implemented by the East Campus Urban-Conservation Overlay Zoning District and the East Campus National Register Historic District.

The Central Columbia Neighborhood Planning Process. (1993). Study prepared by University of Missouri staff for the Planning Department. Describes history and physical-social characteristics of the neighborhoods and makes recommendations for public participation, housing, environment, infrastructure, land use, and economic development. Study area included present North Central, Douglass and Shoe Factory association areas.

Ridgeway Neighborhood Vision Plan (2007). Plan of vision statements and guiding principles for the Ridgeway neighborhood.

Historic interest - Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority of Columbia Missouri. Final Report - Douglass School Urban Renewal Project. Subtitled “A Decade of Progress - 1956-1966” this report documents the LCRA urban-renewal project generally located between Broadway/Walnut and Worley/Hickman, Eighth to Garth. Includes photos of pre-development conditions, project map, project chronology, buildings and structures completed, and financial summary.

TRANSPORTATION

CATSO 2030 Transportation Plan (2008) A 20-year plan of transportation improvements throughout the Columbia Metro Area including downtown. Implemented by multiple actions, including approval of the short-range transportation improvement program (TIP), a list of transportation projects to be undertaken over a four-year period by the members of CATSO.

Columbia Transit Master Plan (2007). A three-phase plan for expansion and improvement of Columbia Transit over a 10-year plan period.

GetAbout Columbia Working Infrastructure Plan (2008). Capital projects plan for expenditure of the capital portion of the Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program (2005), a section of the SAFETEA-LU transportation law that grants Columbia \$25 million (\$22.3 million net) for “non-motorized transportation” infrastructure, education, promotion, and research on the capability of non-motorized transportation investments to increase the share of the total transportation load borne by non-motorized modes of travel. Some projects implemented and planned in the downtown area.

Broadway Corridor Study (2004). A preliminary study of sidewalk and roadway enhancement needs along the entirety of Broadway, prepared by the Planning Department working with a stakeholder group. Study not adopted as policy.

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West Broadway Study (2008). A preliminary engineering study of Broadway, from Garth Avenue to Clinkscapes Road, prepared by Crawford, Bunte & Brameier, of the need for capacity improvements to the two-lane section of Broadway west of downtown. Study includes a preliminary concept involving bicycle lanes, left-turn pockets, utility issues, access management, and rehabilitation and completion of sidewalks. Council has authorized design of the West Broadway improvement, which will involve a new consultant and public involvement process.