## City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201



Agenda Item Number: REP 118-15 Department Source: Public Works

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: 12/7/2015

Re: Report - Broadway Accessible Parking Project

#### **Documents Included With This Agenda Item**

Council memo

Supporting documentation includes: Map

#### **Executive Summary**

At the July 6, 2015 Council meeting, Council authorized a bid call through the Purchasing division for construction of accessible parking improvements on Broadway. The project involved converting seven (7) existing parking spaces to five (5) accessible parking spaces at three locations on Broadway. One of those locations included the northeast corner of Broadway and Eighth Street, converting three existing parking spaces to two (2) accessible parking spaces with an access aisle and curb ramp installed between them. During construction at this location, an underground vault was encountered causing staff to find an alternate location, within the same block, at 827 E. Broadway.

#### Discussion

City staff worked with the Disabilities Commission and the Downtown CID (The District) to select the locations for adding downtown on-street accessible parking spaces. After following the standard public improvement process, a contract was executed for installation of five (5) of the accessible spaces, and construction began on November 2, 2015. During construction, an underground vault was encountered under the sidewalk in front of Landmark Bank, and determined to be in conflict with the work. The vault is currently used as storage by Landmark Bank. Removing the vault would be a costly process and is outside the scope of the project; therefore, installation of a curb ramp at this location has been deemed infeasible.

There are existing accessible parking spaces on Broadway in front of City Hall, and between Seventh Street and Eighth Street. Accessible parking spaces are currently being installed as part of this project on Broadway between Ninth Street and Tenth Street. To meet the goals of this project, an alternate location should fill the gap so that there will be accessible parking spaces between Eighth Street and Ninth Street.

Staff intends to have the accessible parking spaces installed at an alternate location in front of the building at 827 E. Broadway (Bingham's Clothing location), as shown on the attached diagram. The setup of the spaces will remain the same as the original plan to convert three (3) existing parking spaces to two (2) accessible parking spaces with an access aisle and curb ramp installed between them.

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The owners of the properties on this block were consulted and the location was chosen because it does not conflict with other improvements. The District and Disabilities Commission were also notified. Converting any other spaces on this block would require removal of underground vaults, decorative brick pavers, street trees, or luminaires.

#### Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None with this report. Long-Term Impact: None with this report.

#### Vision, Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Vision Impact: Downtown, Transportation

Strategic Plan Impact: Infrastructure...Connecting the Community

Comprehensive Plan Impact: Infrastructure, Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility

#### **Suggested Council Action**

For information only.

#### **Legislative History**

07/06/15 (B166-15) Authorizing a Bid Call for the construction of accessible parking improvements on Broadway

04/20/15 (R43-15) Public Hearing held

02/03/15 - IP Meeting #2

12/03/14 - IP Meeting #1

09/02/14 (B266-14) Council approved ordinance allowing metering of ADA parking spaces 06/17/13 (B159-13) Council approved an ordinance allocating a portion of FY12 savings funds for additional accessible parking spaces downtown.

Department Approved

City Manager'Approved

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