

Source: Public Works

*John*

Agenda Item No: Supplemental  
Item (A)

To: City Council  
From: City Manager and Staff

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Council Meeting Date: Aug 6, 2012

Re: Supplemental Information for Public Hearing - Columbia Transit Route Changes (R112-12)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a supplemental report concerning the proposed FastCAT route, and the associated route changes. After receiving public feedback on the proposed FastCAT route, staff is proposing to make two changes.

**DISCUSSION:**

As a result of feedback received from the public concerning the proposed FastCAT route, staff recommends two route changes; one to avoid northbound travel on Richmond Avenue and the other to continue to provide service to the residents of Paquin Towers once the Downtown Orbiter is discontinued (see attached maps).

As previously proposed, the FastCAT route will not travel north on Richmond Avenue due to the buses not being able to traverse Richmond without making the street one-way northbound. The Campus Greek Life voiced concerns about the potential one-way designation of Richmond, so the proposed route has been altered to address their concerns. Staff proposes a new route to take Kentucky west to Providence, traveling northbound, then turning east on Rollins Road.

Since the FastCAT route will be replacing the 106 Downtown Orbiter route, concerns have been raised that Paquin Towers would no longer directly be on any proposed route. It is therefore proposed that the 104 Southeast be further altered to pick up Paquin on the outbound section of the loop from Wabash Station.

In addition, staff would like to clarify two points:

The passes issued to apartment complexes and / or Fraternity houses via contract will be accepted on all routes. These passes will be fraud-resistant semester passes, similar to the current FastPasses.

The first two weeks of the FastCAT route (August 13th -27th) will be offered free, at the farebox, for all riders in order to promote the route and allow for a transitional period from the 106 route which is currently free. The organization, Columbians for Modern Efficient Transit (COMET), will be administering a contest during this time frame to further market the new route.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Staff estimates a loss of revenue of \$600.00 for the first two weeks of the FastCAT route.

**VISION IMPACT:**

<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Meetings/visionimpact.php>

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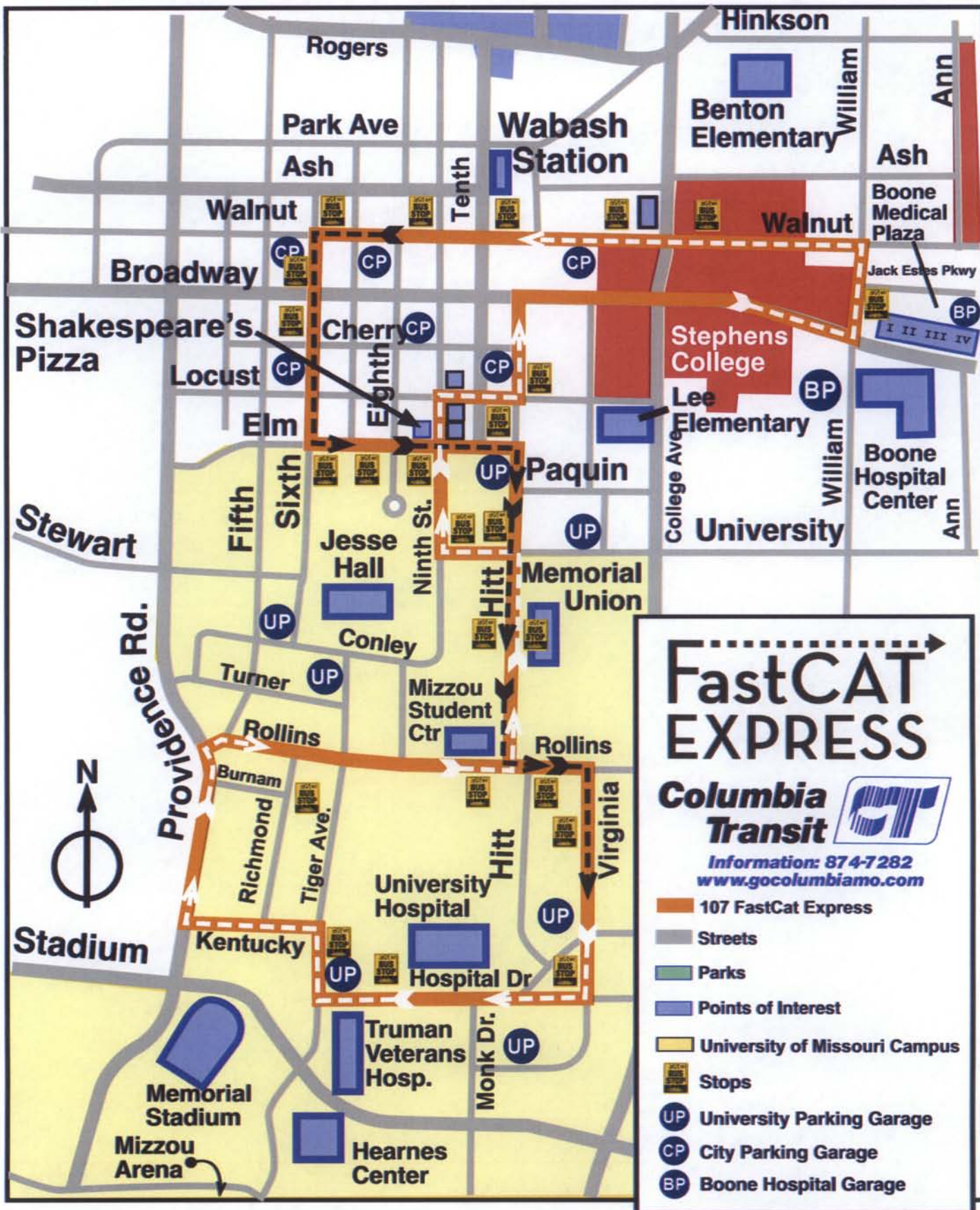
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**SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

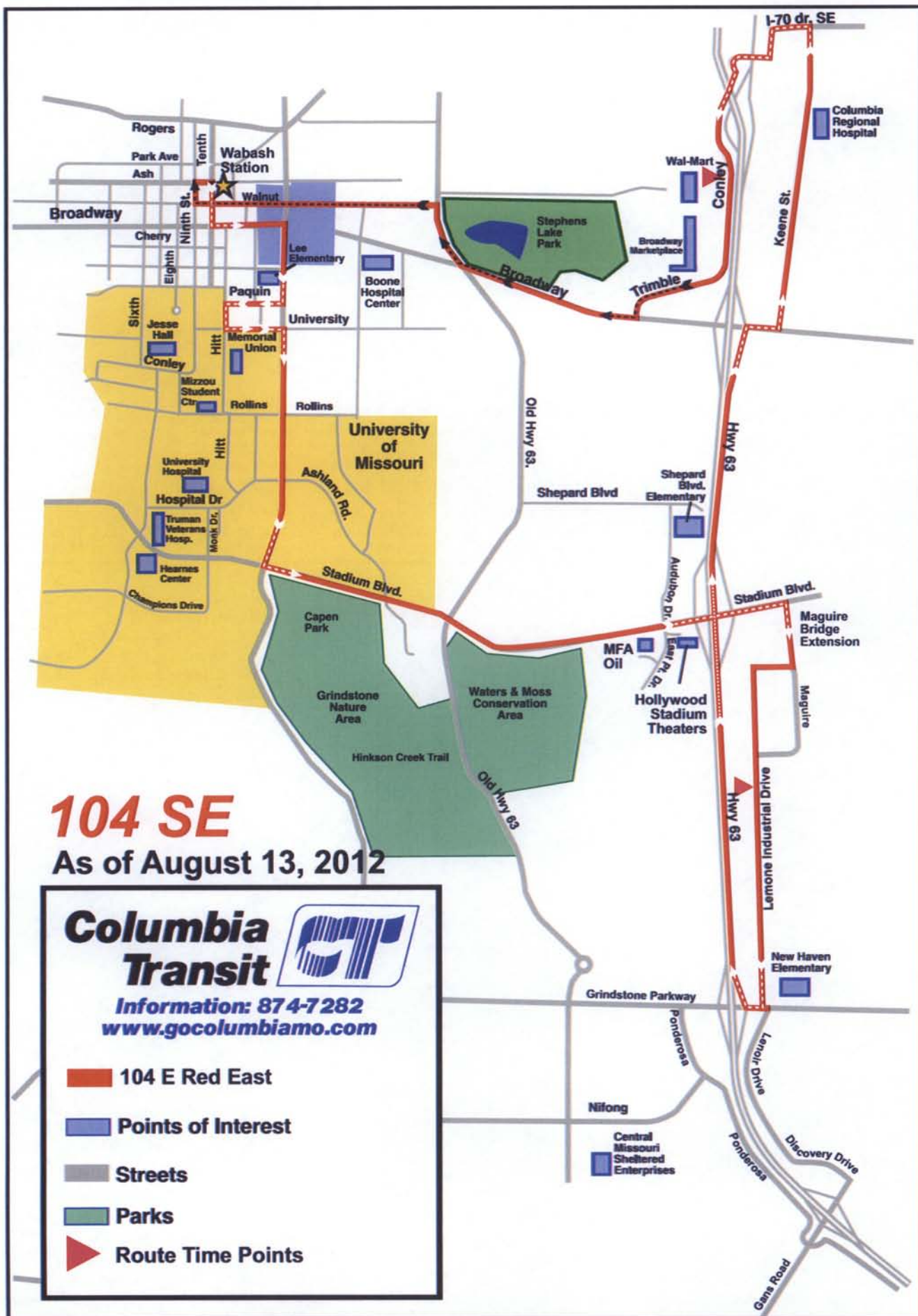
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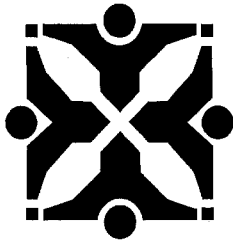
FISCAL and VISION NOTES:					
City Fiscal Impact Enter all that apply		Program Impact		Mandates	
City's current net FY cost	\$0.00	New Program/ Agency?	No	Federal or State mandated?	No
Amount of funds already appropriated	\$0.00	Duplicates/Expands an existing program?	No	<b>Vision Implementation impact</b>	
Amount of budget amendment needed	\$0.00	Fiscal Impact on any local political subdivision?	No	Enter all that apply: Refer to Web site	
Estimated 2 year net costs:		<b>Resources Required</b>		Vision Impact?	Yes
One Time	\$0.00	Requires add'l FTE Personnel?	No	Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	13.4.4
Operating/ Ongoing	\$0.00	Requires add'l facilities?	No	Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	
		Requires add'l capital equipment?	No	Fiscal year implementation Task #	

**Proposed 107 FastCAT Routing, subject to change.  
Public Hearing scheduled for August 6th, 2012.**









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Agenda Item No: (A)

To: City Council  
From: City Manager and Staff

Council Meeting Date: July 16, 2012

Re: Columbia Transit System and Route Adjustments

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a resolution setting a public hearing for August 6, 2012 concerning Columbia Transit system route adjustments to eliminate the 106 Orbiter (brown) route and create the "FastCAT" route (see attached diagram). Additionally, there will be minor changes necessary to other routes in order to accommodate destinations no longer covered by the 106 route, as well as one route change to improve overall system timing. These changes would become effective Monday, August 13, 2012.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

At the June 18, 2012 Council meeting, Council approved a transportation contract with the *Walnut II LLC* and *College and Walnut LLC* pertaining to FastCAT bus route serving the downtown/campus area. The existing 106 Orbiter route will be replaced by the new FastCAT route. Additional minor changes will need to be made to the 102 East Loop (blue) to accommodate destinations no longer covered by the 106 Orbiter route. The new route would turn onto William Street from Paris Road, travel South on William to the intersection of Walnut Street, and right turn from Walnut Street to 10th Street (see attached diagram). This would allow for passengers to continue to have access to the Salvation Army-Harbor House, as they currently have on the 106. This change in the route would have minimal, if any, impact on our passengers and current bus stops,

Additionally, the 104 South East Loop (red) requires one section to be removed to improve timing for the entire system. Currently, the 104 South East has difficulty maintaining a 40 minute headway, due to the route length in combination with heavy traffic on the East Broadway corridor returning to the station. The proposed change would eliminate the section of the route south of Grindstone Parkway. The new route would turn right onto Grindstone Parkway, from Lemone Industrial Drive, then right on Highway 63 and return to the normal route (see attached diagram). A head count analysis has been taken and this section of the route currently sees .33 rides per day. The impact to ridership is negligible, however, there will be savings in fuel as the route mileage will be reduced and overall timing will be improved.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The approximate cost for the FastCAT route would be \$425,000 annually, at the maximum service level (route hours at full service via the contract for the entire year). These costs assume two buses in service for all service hours. Once the route has been in place for a few months, service levels may be able to be reduced depending on ridership. A breakout of the projected expenses and revenues is as follows

##### Expenses:

Personnel Costs (includes drivers, dispatchers, shift differential):	\$262,345
Fleet Costs (includes fuel, maintenance, parts):	\$158,799
Misc. Costs (televisions, satellite plans, etc):	\$ 3,856
Total Annual Costs:	\$425,000

##### Revenues:

Brookside Contract:	\$90,000
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The projected expense for the 106 Downtown Orbiter for FY 2013 was \$206,500. The 106 will be replaced by the FastCAT route. The expenses are greater for the FastCat route vs. the 106 as the hours of service have increased by 87%. As a result, personnel and fleet expenses will be more than the current 106 route.

The routing change to the 102 East Loop is budget neutral.

With the mileage reduction on the 104 South East, approximately \$15,500 will be saved.

**VISION IMPACT:**

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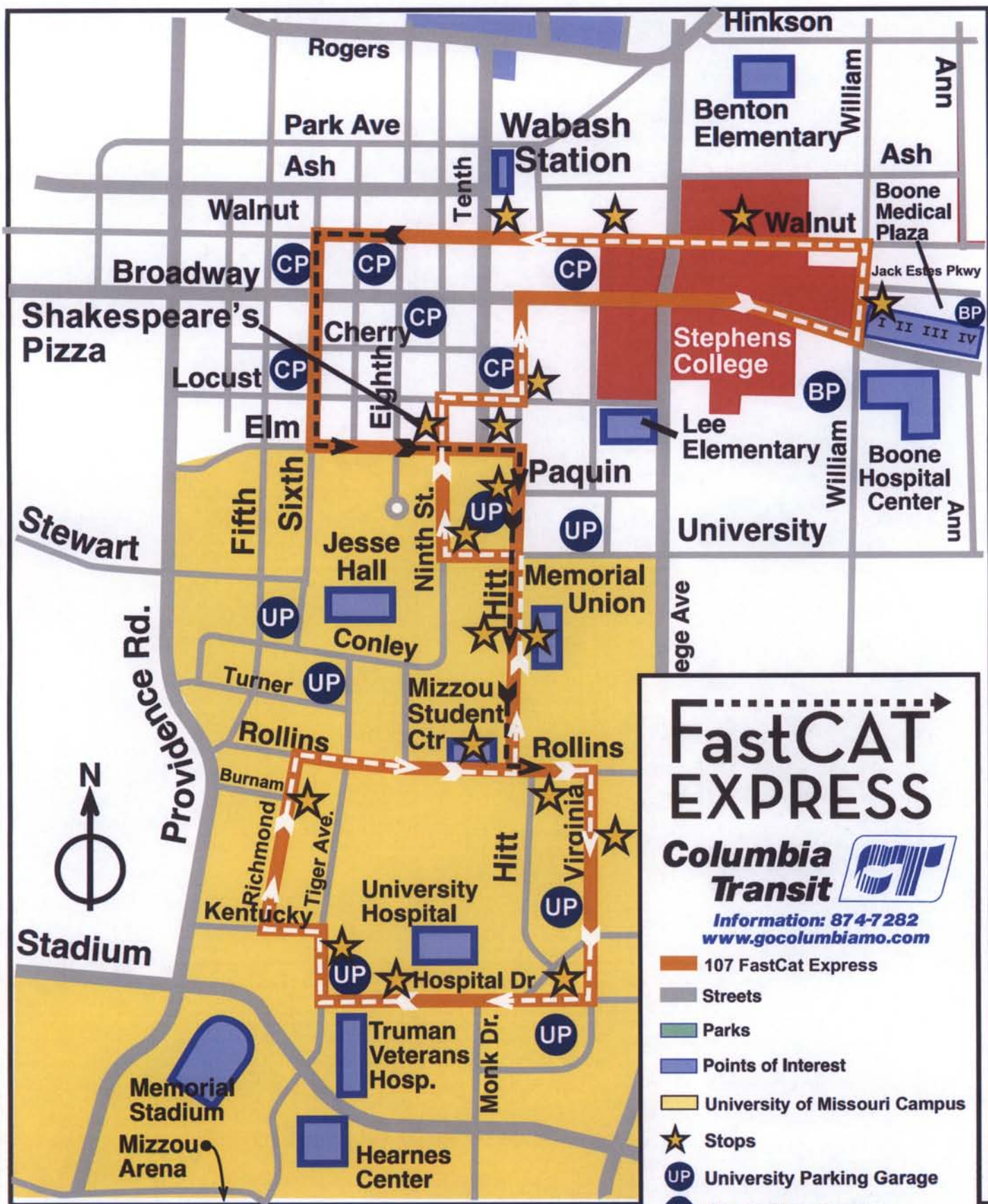
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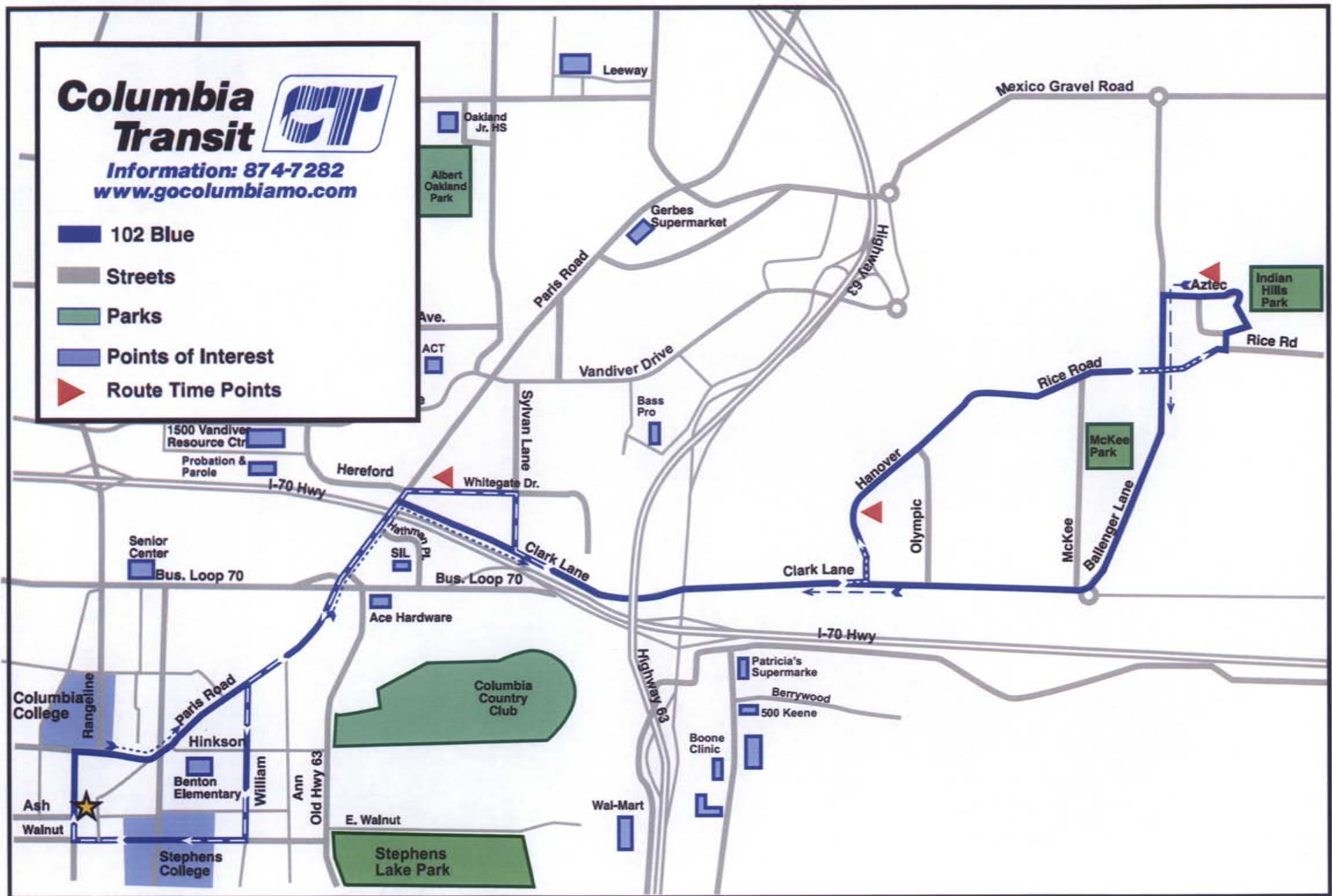
Following public input and Council discussion at the public hearing, Council should direct staff to proceed with the adjusted route changes.

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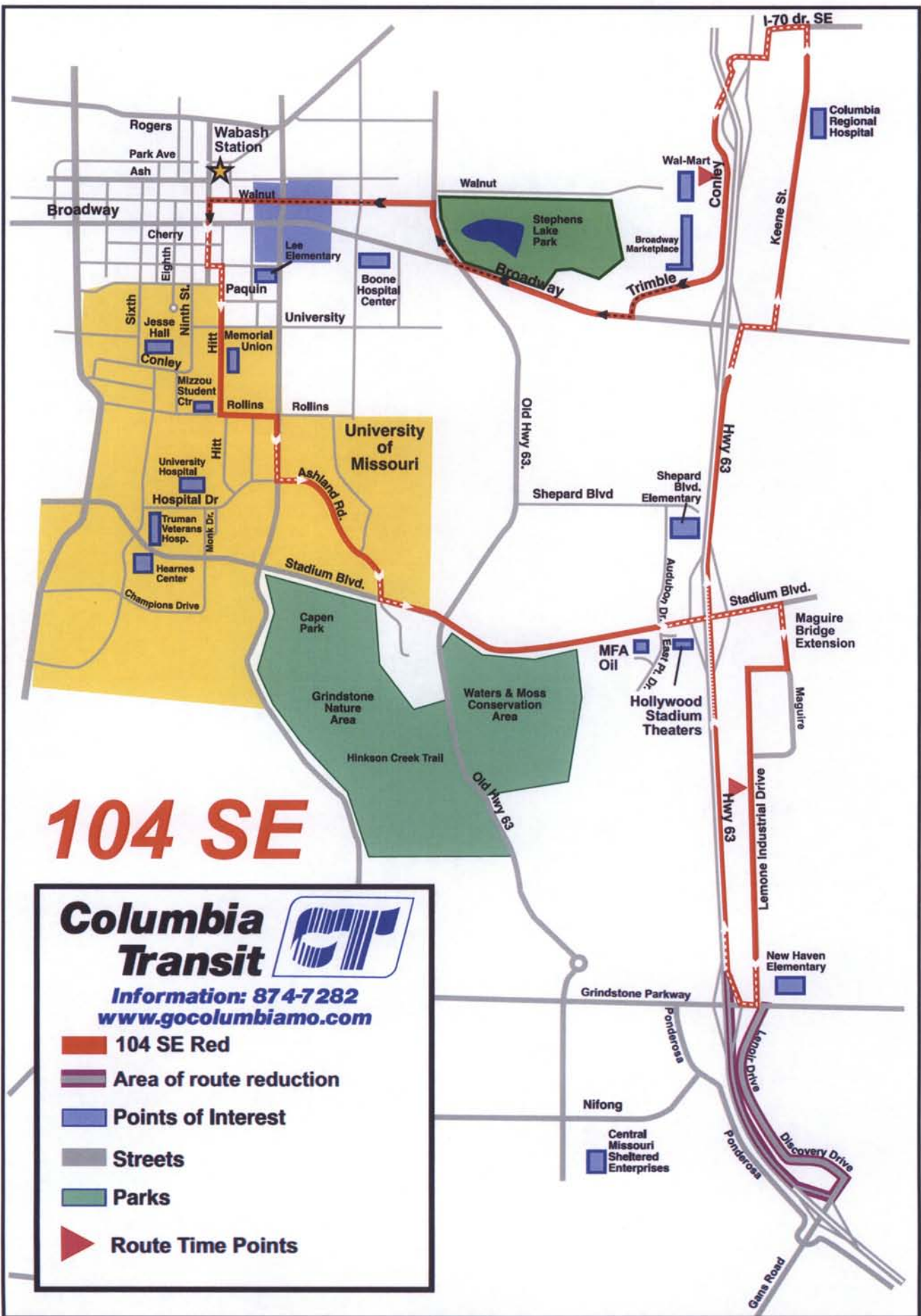




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Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_ Council Bill No. R 112-12

**A RESOLUTION**

setting a public hearing to consider route changes to the  
Columbia Transit System.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS  
FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. A public hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of  
Columbia, Missouri in the Council Chamber in the City Hall Building, 701 E. Broadway,  
Columbia, Missouri on August 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. to consider route changes to the  
Columbia Transit System. All citizens and interested persons will be given an opportunity  
to be heard.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to cause notice of this hearing to be  
published in a newspaper of general circulation in Boone County, Missouri.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

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Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor