

Appendix C  
**Partnering Agreement**

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# East Columbia EIS Partnering Agreement

The Missouri Dept. of Transportation, the City of Columbia, Mo. and the County of Boone, Mo. hereby enter into this **East Columbia EIS Partnering Agreement** on September 18, 2007.

This is a revised version of an earlier partnering agreement dated December 12, 2005.

This agreement will guide the three parties and the CH2M Hill consultant team in working together cooperatively to fulfill NEPA requirements associated with this project.

These requirements include determining how the parties will identify current and future transportation needs and, within that context, identify acceptable alternatives for:

- Taking care of the existing transportation system;
- Making the system work better;
- Increasing the system's capacity appropriately; and
- Improving overall system safety.

Each partner recognizes the unique nature of this cooperative undertaking and agrees to approach this study with an open mind regarding methodology, conclusions and follow-up actions. To better ensure that outcome, the partners agree to the following parameters for working together.

## Study Oversight

1. The parties agree to place day-to-day responsibility for study decisions into the hands of the project's Study Management Committee, which will consist of two representatives from each governmental partner as specified below.

MoDOT	Roger Schwartze, P.E., District Engineer, District 5
MoDOT	Gayle Unruh, Environmental & Historical Preservation Manager
City of Columbia	Bill Watkins, City Manager
City of Columbia	John Glascock, P.E., Public Works Director
Boone County	Ken Pearson, Boone County Presiding Commissioner
Boone County	David Mink, P.E., Public Works Director

2. The committee also will regularly meet, review, evaluate and provide input on project-related events, development and content as submitted periodically to them by the CH2M Hill project manager for the consultant team.
3. Members of the committee agree to govern their reviews, approvals and decisions by consensus as long as such actions comply with NEPA and other such federal or state regulations as may apply to this project.
4. Once this committee has reached consensus on review items from the consultant team, these items will be considered approved and the team can move forward with the next step in the NEPA process.

### **Internal Communications**

1. The parties agree to communicate with each other in a continual, open and timely way regarding any and all matters that may impact the findings of this study or its prospects for success.
2. This information sharing includes making available to each other and the consultant team any information one party shall request that is pertinent to the study's conduct or completion.
3. All partners agree to vigilantly monitor and report to one another any developments within the study area that may impact current or future local, regional or state transportation needs.

### **External Communications**

1. MoDOT's committee members, along with the consultant team project manager will serve as primary project spokespeople due to the public involvement need to speak clearly and consistently regarding NEPA requirements for the study.
2. These spokespeople agree to exercise care in their characterizations of committee's positions and actions.
3. Other committee members may speak publicly about the study; however, they agree to make clear when they do so that they are speaking as representatives of their governmental units.

4. Materials designed for use in public involvement and communication will be reviewed and produced as follows:
  - a. The consultant team will originate materials as its scope of work and project needs demand;
  - b. The team will consult with MoDOT's Community Relations Manager regarding the suitability and appropriateness of all such communication plans and materials; and then
  - c. Communication plans and materials will then be submitted simultaneously to members of the study committee for their input, review and approval.

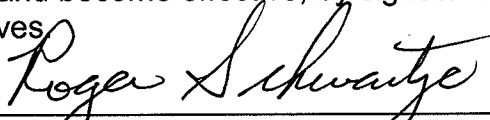
### **Recommendations and Evaluations**

1. The partners agree to review and evaluate all alternatives within the context of NEPA requirements.
2. CH2M Hill will, as part of its work, develop a clear and quantifiable system for evaluating alternatives that can be used to assist the partners in their review of and communication regarding the development and adoption of preliminary and preferred alternatives.
3. The partners understand that their efforts, by law, cannot bind their future governing bodies in ways that would require them to support, fund or act on any recommendations stemming from the study.
4. However, the partners acknowledge and declare their intent to arrive at a consensus agreement about future local, regional and statewide transportation needs in such a way as to increase the likelihood that such future governing bodies will appropriately support the study's recommendations.


**Implementation**

This agreement is entered into, and become effective, by signature of the steering committee representatives


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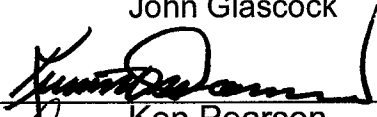
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