

MoDOT Partnership Development Application Form

Cost Share Program

SECTION A - Applicant Information

App ID: 7241

Name of Applicant:

City of Republic, Missouri

Other Names Under Which Applicant Does Business:

Business Address:

4221 S. Wilson's Creek Blvd Republic, MO 65738

Mailing Address (if different from above):

Contact Person Name:

Karen Haynes

Contact Person Title:

Community Development Director

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417-732-3115

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Applicant Information:

Describe Applicant's organizational structure, history, ownership, and legal structure (e.g., individual, state governmental agency, local governmental agency, corporation, or partnership). Attach an annual financial report, if available.

The City of Republic, Missouri is a Charter City Government in Greene County, Missouri. It was incorporated in 1871 and is part of the Springfield, Missouri Metropolitan Planning Area. It has a Council-Manager form of government (Mayor and 8-member Council from 4 Wards). The 2023 Financial Annual Report is attached.

SECTION B - Project Information

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1. Project Name

Assign a short name to the project, for purposes of identification. Also include the MoDOT Job Number, if applicable.

Highway MM: Corridor of Opportunity J8S0836B

2. Location

Describe the location of the project, including major intersecting highways and rail routes, cities, towns, metropolitan planning organizations or regional planning commissions. Attach a map as Exhibit I.

Located in Republic, MO, the MM expansion project spans 1.6 miles from State Highway 360 to Interstate 44. The project is in the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Southwest District, the Ozarks Transportation Organization planning area, and in the city limits of the City of Republic. Hwy MM Serves as a primary route to the Springfield-Branson National Airport as well as the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. Hwy MM connects I-44 and US 60, two major corridors. Interstate 44 has been identified as a critical Tier I high priority freight corridor in the State of Missouri. US 60 is a 2,655-mile (in total) east/west route which runs the entire length of Missouri connecting Oklahoma to Kentucky. US 60 is also a major east-west route connecting Southwestern Arizona to the Atlantic Ocean in Virginia. These key corridors transport vital products to the whole nation. It is a major north/south connection for the region connecting Christian County and the west side of the City of Springfield to I-44. The Republic area serves several of the regional outlying communities as both a commercial and employment center. Because of its unique logistical advantages, the project corridor has experienced rapid and sustained economic development that continues to generate traffic, especially freight traffic, along

the corridor. Rail is available near the corridor with a BNSF Railroad running adjacent providing ideal sites for manufacturing. See attached Exhibit 1

3. Description

Describe the purpose and need for the project, its basic design features and what it will accomplish. Include an assessment of the current condition of all transportation facilities relating to the project.

When the application is submitted, a Conceptual Plan is required. This includes the project's purpose and need stating what conditions will be addressed with the project solution or concept. Article 128 of MoDOT's Engineering Policy Guide (EPG) addresses Conceptual Studies for most projects.

If there is a possibility of a significant environmental impact with the project, then an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required. Article 126 of the EPG defines the requirement of these documents. If the project is within a 4 mile radius of an airport, indicate the name of the airport and name of the city.

These sections from the EPG can be downloaded from the following website:
http://epg.modot.org/index.php?title=Main_Page.

Attach as Exhibit II the Conceptual Plan and EA or EIS, as applicable.

Purpose and Need: The Highway MM Widening Project will enhance safety, reduce congestion, and add capacity to a rural route that has become the top regional transportation infrastructure project for the Springfield, Missouri Metropolitan Planning Organization. Hwy MM is a nexus of intermodal freight facilities, warehouse distributors, and entities reliant on the Magellan pipeline located along the corridor. The corridor is growing with companies that provide above average wages with manufacturing, construction, and warehouse employers. The project location between I-44 and US 60, provides access to existing and future traffic generators, making it subject to elevated levels of future freight congestion. Development has accelerated along the corridor with new residential properties and commercial facilities such as Amazon STL3 Fulfillment Center (major warehouse employer), Walmart “Center Fill” Pharmacy Facility, and Convoy of Hope World Headquarters (humanitarian aid distribution center). Additional commercial, retail, housing developments, and a 78-acre Republic School District campus with two new schools are currently being constructed along the corridor. The City of Republic is one of the fastest growing regions in the state of Missouri with an annual growth rate of 3.9% and projects population growth from 20,144 in 2023 to approximately 33,000 people by the year 2040 (City of Republic). Adjacent to the corridor, 1,079 acres are presently under development (594 industrial, 37 manufacturing, 105 commercial, 217 nonprofit, 78 school and 47 retail). There are over 1,000 acres available for development along the corridor. To support this expected growth, additional capacity is needed on Hwy MM from MO 360 to I-44. The City of Republic and MoDOT are proposing widening from the existing two-lane section to a four-lane road with raised medians. **Project Design:** The existing roadway consists of two sections: 1) a 1.3-mile section from I-44 to Carnahan with two 12-foot lanes and a dedicated left turn lane at Kings St. 2) a two lane road with a two way left turn lane

(TWLTL) from James River Freeway to Carnahan St. The pavement is in good condition and carries approximately 13,600 AADT with 12% truck traffic. With the potential developments, traffic is estimated to increase to 31,330 AADT by 2050. Expanding the capacity of Hwy MM will further encourage economic development along the corridor. The project will be designed for 31,600 AADT, Curb and Gutter, Operational (Posted) Speed of 45-miles per hour, four-lane with medians (the medians are part of the MoDOT Safety Project funded separately), 130-ft Right-of-Way width, and Storm Water Facilities. Intersection improvements are proposed as part of the project. MoDOT Southwest District staff has reviewed the traffic study and determined that the outlined improvements are required. Two studies were completed by MoDOT. Project Plans and Environmental: The approved preliminary plans developed by MoDOT and Olsson in 2024 are attached, as well as the most recent request for environmental services. MoDOT environmental staff continue to work on obtaining the required clearances and approvals. All areas are cleared except Section 106, in which extraordinary measures have been requested including heavy equipment excavation of private property. It is anticipated that this project will require CE2. The City of Republic is requiring Bid Concurrence. See attached EXHIBIT II (Conceptual Plan, Request for Environmental Review)

4. Significance and Need

Describe the extent to which the project is regionally significant. Describe the project's transportation need (including impacts to the state highway system) and public benefits. Describe if the project is identified by local or state officials in a recognized plan, such as Missouri's High Priority Unfunded Needs list, an MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan, an RPC's regional priority list, or a city's capital plan and provide necessary supporting documentation. Describe how the project will provide needed safety improvements. Provide crash history data for the project's location. Describe the project's ability to generate economic benefits, support commerce and create new jobs. Supporting documentation may be attached as Exhibit III.

Projects expanding the state highway system or increasing state maintenance costs must seek pre-approval by MoDOT's Chief Engineer prior to submittal of application.

Regional Significance and Project Identification: Improvements to Highway MM from I-44 to Route 360 were included in the Tier 1- Unfunded Needs list in 2021 at a cost of \$9.2 million. The project was previously submitted and approved for MoDOT cost share approval in 2021 for \$10.2 million. Since that time, record inflation, including land prices, have impacted the project. In addition, the required 15-foot utility corridors and added clear zones have resulted in a larger project footprint. Intersections with dual turn lanes have been added at the request of MoDOT district staff pursuant to traffic studies conducted along the corridor. Roadway plan revisions, and record inflation, have raised the cost estimate to nearly \$20 million. The final roadway, when completed as revised, is ready to safely accommodate the growth currently under development and the planned growth of industry along the corridor. A new cost share agreement is being requested to split the increased costs between MoDOT and funded partners. The region has recognized the important economic impact of the area. As such the Springfield Chamber of Commerce has listed the project as a top priority. The Ozarks Transportation Organization has also listed the project as a top priority and has taken action to certify the inclusion of the project if

awarded in the Transportation Improvement Program. \$6 to 10 Million has been requested from the Missouri Legislature from General Revenue funds to ensure this corridor is completed. The Greene County Commission has pledged up to \$1.5 million to the project. The OTO has allocated up to \$2.3 million in surface transportation funds to the project. The City of Republic has placed the project in the Capital Improvement Program. Transportation Impact: The overall purpose is to provide a facility that addresses current and future needs, experiences near zero fatalities/serious injuries of motorized travelers, improves emergency response times, meets capacity demands from economic growth, provides connectivity to the City of Republic and surrounding rural areas, and provides transportation to new schools and job centers. The construction of an 800-student intermediate school along the new MM alignment will increase the number of students and buses traveling daily along Hwy MM. The provision of four lanes will reduce the conflicts of freight, bus and passenger vehicles. Hwy MM improvements will reduce response times and assist public safety staff responding to accidents on Interstate 44, MO 360, and US 60. By widening Hwy MM and further enhancing the route, Brookline Fire District, Republic Fire Station Two, and the Cox Ambulance District north of US 60 will have faster response times to industrial, commercial, retail, and residential developments along Hwy MM. Economic Development: The City of Republic, in partnership with Greene County and the Republic Area Chamber of Commerce, has established an Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) which offers the incentives of local property tax abatement and state tax credits to new and expanding businesses that qualify. The EEZ boundary includes the area adjacent to Hwy MM between Interstate 44 and US 60. There are hundreds of acres of developable land that is suitable for industrial and commercial uses with the potential to employ thousands of workers across numerous rural counties in Southwest Missouri. Presently under development, adjacent to the corridor are 1,079 acres. There have been 3,371 jobs created along the corridor in the past 10 years. City Utilities has invested approximately \$19.5 million in electric infrastructure along the corridor providing a new substation and transmission lines. The City of Republic is investing \$15 million in water and \$150 million in wastewater infrastructure in the next 5 years to ensure adequate capacity for development.

Is the project included in a priority/needs list?

- ☐ Missouri's High Priority Unfunded Needs list
- ☒ MPO Long Range Transportation Plan
- ☐ RPC priority list
- ☒ City's capitol plan
- ☐ Other, please explain:

Additional Detail:

The City of Republic, Ozarks Transportation Organization, and Greene County support this project.

- 2021 Tier I High Priority Unfunded Needs List
- Inclusion of the project if awarded in the Transportation Improvement Program
- The original cost share project for Hwy MM (I-44 to MO 360) is included in the Missouri Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Ozarks Transportation Organization's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Included in the OTO's Long Range Transportation Plan Destination 2045
- Greene County Route MM/ZZ Corridor Study and Route MM/ZZ Corridor Study (James River Freeway to Route M) completed in 2022
- Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce Priority
- Ozarks Transportation Organization 2025 Regional Priority
- Included in Republic's Capital Improvement Program

Does the project meet a safety need?

- ☐ More than 5 severe crashes in past 5 years
- ☒ 3-5 severe crashes in past 5 years
- ☐ Less than 3 severe crashes in past 5 years
- ☐ No severe crashes in past 5 years

Additional Detail:

The Five-Year Crash History from 2019-2023 along Route MM (I-44 to MO 360) has 3 Serious Injury, 12 Minor Injury, and 37 Property Damage Only crashes.

The City of Republic is seeing both an increase in commercial/industrial uses and residential dwellings; therefore, there must be four lanes of traffic to accommodate truck and private vehicle use. An additional lane will allow traffic to proceed and create a secondary lane for semi-truck traffic generated from the Amazon Fulfillment Center, Convoy of Hope Worldwide Headquarters, McLane Ozark, and others that have built along the corridor in the past ten years. Large truck traffic will continue to increase. Widening the road and the construction of a median (the median is funded separately as part of a MoDOT Safety Project) will facilitate the safe coexistence of truck and residential traffic.

5. Private Participation

Describe the extent to which the project fosters innovative public-private partnerships, if any, and attracts debt and/or equity investment from private capital. Identify private partners and provide evidence of commitments, joint venture agreements, lease or other supporting documents for the public-private partnerships as Exhibit IV. Also, describe the extent to which the project's debt repayment depends on user charges.

The project became a high priority in 2020 when the Convoy of Hope World Headquarters and Amazon STL3 Fulfillment Center were built. In 2021, Amazon constructed over \$4 million in transportation improvements to the Hwy MM corridor by upgrading a three-lane roadway from MO 360 to Farm Road 160. Two public roadway intersections were improved including Farm Road 156, which serves commercial development, and Haile Street, which serves residences. Finally, traffic signals were added to the northern interchange ramp of MO 360, Farm Road 156, and Haile Street. While Amazon made the improvements needed to facilitate the demands of traffic they caused, the remainder of the corridor is still experiencing congestion. Amazon has also

contributed \$436,266 towards intersection improvements that are part of the Highway MM Project from US 60 to Haile Street. The City of Republic is working with additional developers and property owners willing to invest in adjacent streets and intersections if the corridor were to be improved, including Farm Road 144, Farm Road 140, and Carnahan Street.

6. Timeline

Provide specific timeframes for project milestones, including a project schedule from beginning to completion. Show all major aspects of the project including preliminary engineering, right of way acquisition, utilities and construction. The project schedule should include necessary right of way, railroad, and environmental/historic preservation impacts. Supporting documentation may be attached as Exhibit V.

Significant work has already been completed on this project. Preliminary Plans approved in November 2024. The remaining major milestones are shown below: • Cultural Resource Study – (8/28/2025-10/28/2025) • SHPO Review – (September 15-December 1, 2025) • Draft ROW Plan Milestone – October 1, 2025 • ROW Plan Approval – (October 1-November 1, 2025) • NEPA Clearance Milestone – December 15, 2025 • Concurrence from FHWA – December 28, 2025 • A-Date Issuance Milestone – January 1, 2026 • ROW Acquisition – (January 1, 2026 – January 1, 2027) • Final Plan Approval – (November 1-December 31, 2026) • PS&E Documentation Milestone – December 31, 2026 • Letting Milestone – March 12, 2027 • Award Tentative Date – April 7, 2027 • Notice to Proceed Tentative Date – May 5, 2027 See attached Exhibit V (Schedule)

Project Information

Who is designing the project?	MoDOT and City of Republic (Engineering Consultant - Olsson)
Who is letting the project?	MoDOT
What is the estimated letting date?	March 12, 2027
Current Average Daily Traffic (ADT)	13,658 2024
Future ADT and Year	31,330 2050 (Build Scenario) per Route MM/ZZ Corridor Study (James River Freeway to Route M) Traffic Study commissioned by MoDOT in 2022.

Length of project	1.66 Miles
Is ROW acquisition required? If yes, who will be acquiring the ROW?	Yes, Right-of-Way is required. MoDOT is acquiring ROW.
Extent of preliminary work completed	MoDOT completed location and corridor studies in February 2022. The studies provide necessary information to identify needed improvements and ensure that those improvements are adequate in the future. Preliminary Plans are approved and Right-of-Way plans are in final development. NEPA has begun with all sections cleared except a final determination to be made for cultural resources.

SECTION C - Finance Plan

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1. Estimated Project Cost

- A. Define what activities are included in the total project costs (e.g., preliminary engineering, environmental assessment, right of way (ROW) acquisition, ROW acquisition incidentals, utilities, construction contract and/or construction engineering) and describe any costs or activities that may not be eligible.

Project Costs include all necessary facets of project delivery, no ineligible costs or activities are associated at this time. Costs include preliminary engineering, environmental assessment, right-of-way (ROW), ROW acquisition incidentals, utilities, construction contract and construction engineering. These costs are included in the attached bid estimates. A district safety project is separate and includes the median and associated costs. Significant Preliminary Engineering (PE) has been completed and has been reimbursed with the current cost share agreement. PE expenses to date total \$603,150, which includes \$346,751 in MoDOT funding and \$256,399 City of Republic local funding. The budget includes \$350,000 for MoDOT oversight and environmental work.

- B. For all eligible costs, provide a breakdown for the following items in the Project Estimates and Funding chart, if applicable: feasibility studies, preliminary engineering, environmental assessment, right of way (ROW) acquisition, ROW acquisition incidentals, utilities, construction contract, and construction engineering. Include other cost categories as necessary. All cost estimates should be expressed on a cash (fiscal year-of-expenditure July to June) basis and should include a narrative describing assumptions used to arrive at

such estimates. All future costs should be adjusted for inflation to year-of-expenditure.

The cost estimates were updated April 2025. The cost estimates were prepared by the City of Republic's consultant engineer Olsson and reviewed by MoDOT. The MoDOT cost estimates contain a 4% inflation factor for 1.5 years for a total of 6%. The project budget is utilizing MoDOT's updated ROW estimates, not the ROW amount on Olsson's bid estimates. The Bid Estimates and MoDOT ROW estimates are included in the Project Estimate Exhibit. See attached Exhibit Project Estimates.

- C. For all eligible costs provided in B., include who will be providing and funding each item on the Project Estimate and Funding Chart. Funding sources may include federal funds, state grants, local grants, private investment (equity or debt), market value of right of way donations, bond proceeds (general obligation, revenue and others), other borrowing (specify), investment income, revenues, federal credit assistance proceeds or any other contributions. Federal funds (including earmarks) provided by the applicant as part of their portion of the project costs must, if applicable, also provide the cash for matching the federal funds. Applicant's funds are deposited with MoDOT as specified in the project agreement. For each funding source, describe the status (e.g., requested, committed or received).

The Highway MM Widening Project will include funds from the following sources: Cost Share Funding: MoDOT Oversight - \$350,000 MoDOT Cost Share - \$ \$9,221,556 (50%) City of Republic's Share can be met in a combination of the following: • General Revenue - \$6-\$10 million request • OTO Surface Transportation Block Grant Urban – up to \$2,296,000 • City of Republic Local – Up to \$1.3 million There is a pending legislative request of between \$6 to \$10 million to cover the City of Republic portion of the Cost Share Agreement in the proposed FY 2026 Budget. A \$6 million request is included in the Missouri House Budget and documentation is attached. The City of Republic will not proceed with the Cost Share project if the General Revenue request is not funded. The City of Republic is requiring bid concurrence. See attached Exhibit Finance Plan (TIP Certification, Republic Resolution, Green County Letter, Republic CIP)

Project Estimates and Funding Chart				
	Current Estimate	Services Provided By	Funded By	Funding Source
Feasibility Studies	Completed	Consultant Engineer	City of Republic	City of Republic
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Preliminary Engineering	\$998,390	Consultant includes prior cost of \$603,150 (\$256,399 local funds by City of Republic)	MoDOT Partnership Development Cost Share
Environmental Assessment	In Progress	MoDOT Included in Preliminary Engineering Estimate	MoDOT Partnership Development Cost Share
ROW Acquisition	\$4,100,000	MoDOT City of Republic/MoDOT	MoDOT Partnership Development Cost Share
ROW Acquisition Incidentals	\$280,000	MoDOT City of Republic/MoDOT	MoDOT Partnership Development Cost Share
Utilities	\$505,000	MoDOT City of Republic/MoDOT	MoDOT Partnership Development Cost Share
Construction Contract	\$11,751,052	MoDOT City of Republic/MoDOT	MoDOT Partnership Development Cost Share. Includes MoDOT Oversight, Inflation and Contingency.
Construction Engineering	\$1,508,670	MoDOT City of Republic/MoDOT	MoDOT Partnership Development Cost Share
Total	\$19,143,112		

Is the project requesting Set-Aside Funds (if yes, please include letter of support from the Department of Economic Development)?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Summary of Financial Responsibilities

MoDOT District Funds	\$350,000
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Cost Share Funds	\$9,221,556
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Local entity	\$ 3,571,556 - (If General Revenue Request is received) OTO STBG-U and City Republic/Greene County Local. Bid Concurrence is needed to ensure adequate funding available for cost overruns.
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Other	\$6,000,000 General Revenue Request. Up to \$10 million has been requested. \$6 million has currently been included in the Missouri State House of Representatives Budget request.
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Total	\$19,143,112
Requesting MTFC loan?	No
Year(s) Cost Share/Economic Funds are requested	FY 2026 and FY 2027
If local entity's match includes STP or CMAQ funds, what year are these funds available?	FY 2026 and FY 2027

Applicants are responsible for any cost overruns.

SECTION D - Applicant Certification

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The appropriate District Office may assist in completing Section D

1. Federal Requirements. This project complies with, and/or will comply with, the requirements of (check all that apply):

- ☒ Title 23 of the U.S. Code
- ☒ Chapter 53 of Title 49 of the U.S. Code
- ☒ Section 5333(a) of Title 49 of the U.S. Code

2. National Environmental Policy Act. The project complies with, and/or will comply with, all provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 W.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, please explain below.

The project (check all that apply):

Yes ☐ No ☒ Received a Categorical Exclusion.

Yes ☐ No ☒ Received a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

Yes ☐ No ☒ Circulated a Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Yes ☐ No ☒ Circulated a Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Yes ☐ No ☒ Received its Record of Decision. (If no, provide on an attached sheet the estimated date for receipt of the Record of Decision.)

3. **Uniform Relocation.** This project complies with, and/or will comply with, all provisions of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq.)

Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, please explain below.

4. **Civil Rights.** This project complies with, and/or will comply with, all provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.).

Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, please explain below.

5. **Buy America.** This project complies with, and/or will comply with, all provisions of Title 23 of the U.S. Code, Section 313, Buy America.

Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, please explain below.

6. **Manual of Uniform Traffic Control.** This project complies with, and/or will comply with, all provisions of 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 655, Subpart F, Manual of Uniform Traffic Control.

Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, please explain below.

7. **Other Requirements as Applicable.** This project complies with, and/or will comply with, all other applicable provisions of federal law.

Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, please explain below.

- 8. Lobbying.** Section 1352 of Title 31, United States Code, provides that none of the funds appropriated by any Act of Congress may be expended by a recipient of a contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement to pay any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the award or making of a federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement or the modification thereof. MoDOT interprets this provision to include the use of appropriated funds to influence or attempt to influence the funding of a transportation project supported or partially supported by federal funds.

SECTION E - Submission Acknowledgment

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As the Applicant or as an authorized representative of the Applicant, I hereby submit this MoDOT Partnership Development Application and represent that the statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. We believe that the assumptions underlying the Financial Plan are reasonable and appropriate. Further, we have made available all significant information that we believe is relevant to the Financial Plan and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the documents and records supporting the assumptions are appropriate. I also understand that the acceptance and consideration of this application does not constitute approval by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission.

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* A copy of the signature page is required for the completion of this application. Please print it, sign it and attach below. A signature must be provided by each party of the application.

Signature

City Administrator

Title

David Cameron

Typed or Printed Name

4/8/2025

Date

**Application requires a letter of support from the MoDOT District Engineer and the Metropolitan Planning Organization or Regional Planning Commission.*

Submit application by clicking on "Submit to the Partnership Group" button below or to: Financial Services Division, Missouri Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102 (Phone 573-526-8106)