

# Finding of No Significant Impact

## Route 65: Cole Camp Junction to Warsaw Benton County, Missouri

MoDOT JOB NO. J5P0892

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Through the northern portion of the corridor (from the northern terminus to the outskirts of Lincoln), the selected alternative would construct two additional lanes to the east of the existing lanes; reconfiguring Route 65 as a four-lane facility with a 60-foot-wide depressed median separating the north-bound and south-bound travel lanes. The existing lanes would be reused as the south-bound lanes.

Through the Lincoln portion of the corridor, the selected alternative would configure Route 65 as a five-lane, undivided, urban cross-section. The existing lanes would be widened to create two north-bound and two south-bound lanes. These lanes would be separated by a central two-way turn lane. The selected alternative through Lincoln will utilize an enclosed drainage system. If an enclosed drainage system cannot be designed, an open ditch drainage alternative with a widening to the east would be the selected alternative.

The selected alternative south of Lincoln would construct two additional lanes to reconfigure existing Route 65 as a four-lane facility with a median separating the north-bound and south-bound travel lanes. To minimize impacts, several transitions would be needed to switch the new lane construction from the east to the west sides of existing Route 65.

The FHWA has determined that the selected alternative will have no significant impact on the human environment. This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is based on the attached Final Environmental Assessment and the Draft Environmental Assessment circulated in February 2007. These documents have been independently evaluated by the FHWA; which has determined that they adequately and accurately discuss the need, environmental issues, and impacts of the proposed project and appropriate commitments to mitigation measures. Further, they provide sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The FHWA takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope and content of the attached Final Environmental Assessment.

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**Final Environmental Assessment**

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