

Project Status

**Route 150
project news
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Missouri
Department of
Transportation**

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Studies are Under Way

Traffic, Noise, & Access

As part of developing the preliminary design of Route 150, the design team is conducting traffic and noise studies and an access control plan. Though the final results of each study are pending, initial findings indicate:

- Projected traffic growth will depend on the level of new development proposed for the corridor.
- The area is already loud with many noise readings in the 66 decibel range.
- Signals, additional right and left turn lanes, and raised medians will be necessary to improve access management and enhance capacity along the roadway.

Recent Events

Summer Coffees

In June and July four Community Coffees (small, public open houses) were held for Grandview, Lee's Summit, and Kansas City area residents, property owners, and stakeholders. Comments collected are included below in coordination with MoDOT's response to them. Noise and congestion, access, and water runoff and flow were priority concerns.



Community Coffee Participants

Comments & Responses

Noise and Congestion: Improving Route 150 will result in increased traffic and congestion. Some residents believe that sound walls should be considered.

- **MoDOT Response:** A corridor noise study has been completed and noise mitigation efforts are under evaluation.

Access: A frontage road would be better than right-in/right-outs. Will the median be crossable and will the water tower be accessible?

- **MoDOT Response:** A corridor access management study is under way but complete results are not yet available.

Water Runoff and Flow: Water runoff is a concern for the Raintree Lake and Windemere neighborhoods, especially at the Windemere and Windmill Road intersections and at Byars Road.

- **MoDOT Response:** MoDOT will manage any additional stormwater runoff and flow that the Route 150 widening creates.

Property Acquisition: Some residents (Lee's Summit and Kansas City) want to be bought out. Others want any necessary takings to occur on either the north or south side of the corridor.

- **MoDOT Response:** At this time only the tentative right-of-way lines are available for review. MoDOT's *Pathways to Progress* pamphlet offers helpful information about property acquisition.

Budget: What's included in the \$30 million project budget?

- **MoDOT Response:** The overall budget provides funding for construction of a 4-lane facility including right-of-way acquisition, traffic signals and lighting as warranted at intersections and medians.

Utility Burial: Will utilities be buried as part of the project?

- **MoDOT Response:** Utilities located within MoDOT right-of-way will be moved to designated utility corridors. Utility burial is at the discretion of the utility companies.

Background

Project Review

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) plans to widen an 8-mile section of Missouri Route 150 from Missouri Route 71 to Missouri Route 291. The project is being funded with Amendment 3 dollars totaling approximately \$30 million. Missouri voters approved Amendment 3 - Smoother, Safer, Sooner - in 2004 to enhance the condition and accelerate the completion of the state's priority road and bridge projects. The project will involve the development of a plan for access management, preliminary design, right-of-way design, bridge design, and final design.

Next Steps

The design team will further develop the traffic and noise studies and the access control plan with stakeholder and community input in mind. Stakeholder meetings will continue and Community Coffee #5 will be held later this winter or early 2007.

Questions?

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