



# The Future of Route 63

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## Vienna Public Mtg. Comments

**DATE:** October 25, 2007

**TIME:** 4-7 p.m.

**SUBJECT:** Route 63 EIS/Location Study  
Public Meeting

**LOCATION:** Knights of Columbus Hall  
206 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Vienna, MO 65582

### **SUMMARY**

Approximately 176 people attended the Route 63 Environmental and Location Study public meeting on Thursday, October 25, 2007, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Vienna, Mo.

The meeting was held to gather comment about a reasonable range of alternative alignments for Route 63 in Osage, Maries, and Phelps Counties, from ½ mile south of the Route 50/63 junction to just north of Rolla. To publicize the meeting, advertisements were placed in the *Rolla Daily News*, *Unterrified Democrat*, and the *Maries County Gazette*. A news release was sent to all local media and flyers were distributed at businesses along the highway. A newsletter about the study was also mailed to local stakeholders and attendees of previous public meetings.

### **Participation**

- There were 176 individuals who signed guest registers.
- There were 4 comments cards (zero with maps) completed at the meeting.
- There were 31 comments cards mailed or emailed in (two with maps) after the meeting.

### **COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK**

#### **Westphalia**

Alignment running on the east side of Westphalia:

1. Two attendees said this alignment reduces the length of the highway.
2. One attendee said to use as much of the existing highway as possible because it affects fewer people.
3. One mailed response said that this alignment cut off more of the old highway, which is safer.
4. One attendee said this alignment impacted less agriculture.

Alignment running along the existing route through Westphalia:

1. Two attendees said going along the existing route would save money.

#### **Freeburg**

Alignment running on the east side of Freeburg:

1. One attendee said this alignment wouldn't need to cross the existing highway.
2. One mailed response said this alignment cut off more of the existing highway, which is safer.

3. One response said this alignment would create more accessible route in and out of town creating better opportunity for development.

Alignment running on the west side of Freeburg:

1. One attendee said this alignment doesn't interfere with as many landowners or houses.

### **Vienna**

Alignment running on the far east side of Vienna:

1. Four attendees said this was the shorter route and it doesn't go through Vienna.
2. Six attendees said this alignment doesn't impact as many homes.
3. One attendee said this alignment is better because sediment and construction run-off wouldn't run into the lake like the other choice.
4. One mailed response said this alignment is more direct, less expensive and lower noise.
5. Two responses said the east alignment (Point 17 to Point 21) cuts through the back yards of homes with existing Highway 63 in their front yard. It also cuts through many developed properties while this alignment cuts through mostly pasture and is less disruptive.
6. One attendee said there would be a lot of access issues for all 14 property owners if the other alignment was picked.

Alignment running on the east side of Vienna:

1. One attendee said this alignment was closer to the city and would cross the sewer lines for the City of Vienna lift station.
2. One attendee said the highway should stay as close to town as possible for the sake of the community.

### **Vichy Area**

Alignment running on the existing highway through Vichy area:

1. One attendee said there is less cost associated with going through town and the road is already there.

Alignment running on the west side of Vichy area:

1. Two mailed responses said this alignment avoided the existing community and was safer.
2. One attendee said this alignment could use the existing junction of Highway 63 and 68 and will leave easy access to Vichy.

### **General comments**

- Two attendees said they preferred going through the City of Vienna because the city will suffer from loss of sales tax if the highway bypassed. They suggested improving the highway with turn lanes.
- One attendee expressed a concern that the far east route was "abandoned." The attendee wanted the alternative reconsidered because he thought it was the shortest route and should be used.
- One e-mail said a full, interstate standard, four-lane highway is unnecessary and not the best value for the state. But bypasses should be implemented around Vienna, Freeburg and possibly Westphalia. A "super-two" should be used otherwise. Provisions should be made for scenic outlooks and "pull offs."
- One attendee expressed a concern for the "quality of life issues" affected by the study. The attendee does not want five lanes through the towns because it would cause speeding and more safety issues.
- Two attendees said to leave the highway as it is and just fix the S curves.