

Interstate 29/35 Paseo Bridge Corridor
Clay County, Missouri and Jackson County, Missouri

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Environmental Impact Statement

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The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are proposing to reconstruct and widen Interstate 29/35 with new interchange configurations, bridges, including the bridge over the Missouri River, and roadways in Clay and Jackson Counties. The study corridor extends approximately 4.7 miles (7.6 kilometers), from just north of Missouri Route 210/Armour Road in Clay County and continues south on I-29/35/US 71, to the northwest corner of the central business district (CBD) freeway loop in downtown Kansas City, Missouri. The project includes the north side of the CBD loop, designated as both I-35/70 and US 24/40. This document examines operational and capacity improvements for this project and evaluates whether to complete a major rehabilitation of the existing I-29/35 Paseo Bridge over the Missouri River and construct a new companion bridge or replace the existing bridge with an entirely new structure. A final determination on the Paseo Bridge will be made during the design-build process. It describes existing problems in the corridor, discusses development of alternatives, examines potential impacts of the alternatives considered and identifies a preferred alternative.

Comments on this Draft EIS are due by **May 22, 2006** and should be sent to the persons listed above.