

Route 71 Old Town Access Interchange Improvements

Route 71 at Old Town Access

Bates County

What is MoDOT doing?

Eliminating at-grade crossings along Route 71 in order to upgrade the highway to interstate standards. Currently the four miles north of Rich Hill is the only stretch of Route 71 between Joplin and Kansas City with direct connections to Route 71.

Is MoDOT offering the public two options for the interchange?

MoDOT would like to know if the public is in favor of a half-diamond access, which is the original option, or building outer roads from Rich Hill.

What's the time frame?

Right of way acquisition could start this fall. Construction could start within two years if funding becomes available.

What is the estimated cost?

The half-diamond access would cost \$3.9 million.

The outer road option would cost \$6.4 million for paved outer roads or \$5 million for gravel outer roads.

What is the history of this project?

Previous public meetings were held in May 2009 and October 2009.

How do I share my opinion?

Have your voice heard by attending the public discussion session at the Rich Hill High School Auditorium from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, 2010; contact MoDOT at the numbers or e-mail addresses on the left side of this page; or attend the online public meeting at www.modot.org/southwest April 28 until May 12.

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