Design Development Begins

Project Overview

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.

May Stakeholder Meetings

May Meeting Results

In early May the design team began meeting with Route 150 stakeholders including neighborhood and business leaders, developers, property owners, and city representatives from Grandview, Lee's Summit, and Kansas City, Missouri, to discuss the project. The team explained that the project's budget includes little room for amenities. As a result, enhancement funding will be necessary to finance those the community desires. Meeting participants have commented that Route 150 should be more than just a highway. It should have a consistent, parkway-like appearance that compliments elements included with other area parkways including 135th Street in Johnson County. Community comments for improving corridor walkability, bike/pedestrian accommodations, lighting, medians, and funding priorities are included below.

Walkability

- Walking and biking immediately adjacent to Route 150 is less preferable because the road is a busy highway with homes backing up to it rather than fronting it.
- Sidewalks are not entirely necessary in some segments because residents typically drive to nearby destinations like churches and schools.

Bike/Pedestrian Provisions

- Build an off-road, multiuse (bike/pedestrian) trail tying into the other area trail systems.
- North-south crossings can be at grade or near creeks.

Lighting

- Install continuous lighting along the roadway.
- Lighting should be directed away from area homes.

Median Enhancements

- Provide low-maintenance landscaping like that used in Raymore, Missouri's Creekmore development.
- Include water features and landscape intersections like Vivion Road in Kansas City, Missouri.

Funding Priorities

- Enhance Route 150 with landscaping and lighting.
- Include water features and identification signage if possible.

FAQ's

Frequently Asked Question

A number of questions were asked during stakeholder meetings. Answers to those asked most frequently include:

When and where will construction start?

Construction will begin spring 2008 and end 2010. Because MoDOT owns the right-of-way from Route 71 to Lumpkins Fork, the first phase of construction will begin there. Lumpkins Fork to Route 291 will make up the remaining phases, but construction timing will depend upon when the necessary right-of-way for this area is acquired.

How will access be addressed and will side streets be added?

An access management plan will be generated to address the existing entrances along the route. Access will generally be available every half mile for the length of the corridor. Quarter mile access will be provided between Ward Road and Route 291. Intersections will be signalized as warranted.

Does this project take in the Route 71/150 interchange?

The Route 150 widening will coordinate with a separate project to improve the Route 71/150 interchange. The project will involve replacing the existing diamond interchange with a single point urban interchange similar to the I-635 and Parallel Parkway interchange located in Kansas City, Kansas.

Community Coffees

Opportunities for Input and Feedback June 26th - 28th

The Community Coffees will be formatted as open houses where community stakeholders can discuss specific project issues with MoDOT and the design team in small groups. Seperate Community Coffees will be held for stakeholders located in each of the municipalities that make up the corridor: Grandview, Lee's Summit, and Kansas City.

What's Next

The **Lee's Summit Area Community Coffee** will be held:

Tuesday, June 27th, 2006 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Trailridge Elementary School located at **3651 SW Windemere Drive, Lee's Summit, Missouri 64082**. (Please enter through the school's south entrance).

Any person with disability desiring reasonable accommodation to attend this meeting may contact Mary Miller, P.E., Transportation Project Manager at 622-6570 or dial 711 at 1-800-735-2966 (Missouri Relay TT for persons who are deaf and hard of hearing) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting or event.

Questions?

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