

Environmental Impact Statement for Whitton Expressway



SAFETEA-LU 6002 COORDINATION PLAN



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Revision History

Identify changes to the Coordination Plan.

Note: If a schedule was included in the original coordination plan and it is the item that requires modification, concurrence on the schedule change is required only if the schedule is being shortened and then only from joint lead agencies, not all participating agencies.

Version	Date	Document Name	Revision description and why it was needed

1.0 Purpose of Coordination Plan

The intent of this Coordination Plan is to define the process by which the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) will communicate information about the Whitton Expressway Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) project to the lead, cooperating, participating and other agencies and to the public. The plan also identifies how the study team will solicit and consider input from agencies and the public. Since the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) provides funding for this project, FHWA serves as the lead federal agency for the project. MoDOT as the direct recipients of Federal funds, along with Cole County and the City of Jefferson are the joint lead agencies. Together with the Consultant, the lead agencies comprise the Study Team. Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users of 2005 (SAFETEA-LU) requires that the lead agencies establish a plan for coordinating public and agency participation and comment during the environmental review process. This Coordination Plan will:

- Identify the early coordination efforts;
- Identify cooperating and participating agencies to be involved in agency coordination;
- Establish the timing and form for agency involvement in defining the project's purpose and need and study area, the range of alternatives to be investigated, and methodologies, as well the selection of the preferred alternative and mitigation strategies and in reviewing the DEIS draft.
- Establish the timing and form for public opportunities to be involved in defining the project's purpose and need and study area and the range of alternatives to be investigated, providing input on issues of concern and environmental features, and commenting on the findings presented in the DEIS and the FEIS.
- Describe the implemented communication methods used to inform the community about the project.

The study team will periodically update the Coordination Plan to reflect any changes to the project schedule and other items that typically require updating over the course of the project.

2.0 Project Background

MoDOT, in cooperation with FHWA has prepared the following coordination plan as required by SAFETEA-LU 6002 for the proposed Whitton EIS. This is a corridor improvement project proposed in Cole County and the City of Jefferson. The Joint Lead Agencies are advancing this project through an EIS. The proposed project study area is defined as the area in Jefferson City from just east of the US 54/US 63 Tri-level interchange to the Eastland Drive interchange and from 300 feet south of US 50 to McCarty Street on the north. Access to the Missouri State Prison Redevelopment site, which is located north of McCarty Street, will be examined. See the Study Area Map.

As a part of this study, the study team will develop a Purpose and Need Statement and refine it based on input from agencies and the public during the initial coordination/scoping period. The purpose of the project, as currently defined, is to improve the operational efficiency and safety of the existing route for both through and local traffic and provide better access to activity centers and redevelopment in the area. Proposed improvements will take into account the needs of neighboring communities and residents, along with the consideration of the social, environmental, economic and cultural resource impacts of these improvements.

Specifically, the project needs include:

- Roadway capacity and traffic operations
- Traffic safety

- Deficient structures and roadway geometry
- Access to major activity centers and redevelopment areas

The study team will evaluate several alternatives including, but not limited to the following:

- No-Build
- Transportation System Management (TSM) and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) activities
- Upgrades to the existing roadway

Ultimately, the Selected Alternative may include a combination of elements of the options given above. The study team will develop and refine the alternatives investigated in the EIS based on input from agencies and the public during the initial coordination/scoping period and subsequent agency and public involvement opportunities.

3.0 Project Coordination

This section outlines the formal activities to initiate the study, definitions of the agencies coordination responsibilities, other organizations involvement and early coordination requirements of Section 106.

The study team will track coordination efforts in Table 2. Periodically, the study team will update the Table and distribute it to agencies.

3.1 Project Initiation

On July 6, 2007, in conformance with the requirements of SAFETEA-LU, MoDOT formally notified FHWA in writing of its intent to initiate the NEPA EIS process for this project. The initial coordination/scoping process was initiated in order to obtain comments and input from agencies and the public to help determine the purpose and need for the project, alternatives to be evaluated and the issues that will be examined as part of the EIS process.

3.2 Notice of Intent

Following the project initiation, FHWA with assistance from MoDOT prepared a Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, as required by CEQ regulations 40 CFR 1501.7. FHWA published the NOI in the Federal Register on July 27, 2007.

The study team published notification of the EIS preparation along with the announcement of the public meeting in project area newspaper. The local newspaper is the Jefferson City Tribune.

3.3 Cooperating and Participating Agencies

3.3.1 Cooperating Agencies

Cooperating Agencies are those governmental agencies specifically requested by the lead agency to participate during the environmental evaluation process for the project. FHWA's NEPA regulations (23 CFR 771.111(d)) require inviting those federal agencies with jurisdiction by law (with permitting or land transfer authority) to be Cooperating Agencies for an EIS. Cooperating Agencies for this project are the US Environmental Protection Agency, the US Army Corps of Engineers and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. According to the provisions of the environmental review process outlined in SAFETEA-LU's Section 139, Cooperating Agencies meet the definition of participating agencies.

If new information reveals the need to request another agency to serve as a Cooperating Agency, then MoDOT in consultation with FHWA will issue that agency an invitation.

3.3.2 Participating Agencies

SAFETEA-LU (Section 6002) created a new category of agencies to participate in the environmental review process for EISs. These are federal and non-federal governmental agencies that may have an interest in the project because of their jurisdictional authority, special expertise and/or statewide interest. MoDOT formally invites these participating agencies to participate in the environmental review of the project. MoDOT invited 11 federal, state and local agencies and nine tribal governments to be participating agencies for this project via letter (August 2, 2007). **Table 1** displays a list of the invited agencies, including those accepting the invitation.

If, during the progress of the project, new information indicates that an agency not previously requested to be a Participating Agency does indeed have authority, jurisdiction, acknowledged expertise or information relevant to the project, then MoDOT, in consultation with FHWA, will promptly extend an invitation to that agency to be a Participating Agency. MoDOT and FHWA will consider whether this new information affects any previous decisions on the project.

Table 1: Lead, Cooperating, and Participating Agencies

Agency	Agency Role	Contact Person/Title	Phone	E-mail
Federal Highway Administration	Lead	Ms. Peggy Casey, Environmental Coordinator Engineer	573-638- 2620	Peggy.Casey@fhwa.dot.gov
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City of Jefferson	Joint Lead	Janice McMillan	573-634- 6424	jmcmillan@jeffcitymo.org
USEPA	Cooperating/ Participating	Joe Cothorn		
HUD	Cooperating/ Participating	James Heard		
USACE	Cooperating/ Participating	Mike Frazier		
USFWS	Participating	Charlie Scott		
MDC	Participating	Doyle Brown		
MDNR	Participating	Jane Beetem		
SEMA	Participating	Ronald Reynolds		
Jefferson City Housing Authority	Participating	Allen Pollock		
Jefferson City	Participating	Dr. Bert Kimble		

School District				
Lincoln University	Participating	Dr. Carolyn Mahoney		
Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska	Participating	Lewis De Roin		
Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma	Participating	Bernadette Huber		
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska	Participating	Orville Cayou		
Osage Tribe, Oklahoma	Participating	Jim Gray		
Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma	Participating	C. Michael Harwell		
Sac & Fox Nation, Oklahoma	Participating	Don Abney		
Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska	Participating	Fredia Perkins		
Sac & Fox Nation of the Mississippi in Iowa	Participating	Homer Bear, Jr.		
Kaw Tribe of Oklahoma	Participating	Guy Munroe		

3.3.3 Non-Governmental Agencies and Officials

These are private organizations to whom the DEIS will be sent. A listing of these private organizations and officials will be included in the Appendix.

3.3.4 Section 106 Early Coordination

The agency official (FHWA) or its designee (in this case, MODOT) may use its procedures for public involvement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to satisfy the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) or Section 106 requirements for public involvement as well, providing they offer adequate opportunities for public involvement. The NHPA requires the federal agency or its designee to seek the participation and consider the opinions of interested and appropriate parties throughout the Section 106 process including the identification and evaluation of cultural resources potentially affected by the project, the evaluation of project effects to historic resources, and the development of appropriate mitigation plans as needed. This “involvement” is referred to as “consultation.” MoDOT shall consider the nature of the project and the kinds of historic resources potentially affected to identify the appropriate individuals, organizations, and entities with whom MoDOT will consult. Because MoDOT considers Section 106 requirements early in the NEPA process, compliance with both statutes is coordinated throughout the project.

4.0 Agency Coordination

The cooperating agencies for this project have roles and responsibilities that include, but are not limited to the following:

- Participating in project coordination meetings;
- Consulting on any relevant technical studies that will be required for the project;
- Participating in joint field reviews, as appropriate;
- Using review of the project documents to express views on subjects within the agency's jurisdiction or expertise; and
- Inquiring about information that should be included in the project environmental documents that the agency needs to discharge their National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) responsibilities and any other requirements regarding jurisdictional approvals, permits, licenses and/or clearances.

The participating agencies for this project have roles and responsibilities that include, but are not limited to the following:

- Provide meaningful and early input on defining the purpose and need, determining the range of alternatives to be considered, and the methodologies and level of detail required in alternatives analysis;
- Participate in coordination meetings and joint field reviews as appropriate; and
- Provide timely review and comment on the draft or final environmental documents to reflect the views and concerns of your agency on the adequacy of the document, alternatives considered and the anticipated impacts and mitigation.

The participating agencies will have defined opportunities for meaningful participation in the decision-making process for the project. The agency collaboration points provide specific opportunities during the course of the project. The lead agencies are not required to revisit project decisions associated with specific collaboration points after the project has moved on to the next collaboration point.

4.1 *Environmental Streamlining Collaboration Points*

SAFETEA-LU incorporates changes aimed at improving and streamlining the environmental process for transportation projects. Lead and participating agencies have legal and general governmental obligations to work cooperatively to improve the environmental review process. The roles and responsibilities specified in Section 6002 for lead agencies and participating agencies form a part of those obligations.

As issues arise during the environmental review process, USDOT will intervene with the appropriate parties to facilitate a resolution.

The intent of the Collaboration Points is to provide deadlines for agency input in order to move the project study forward. They are not meant to function as points where there is total agreement. At the end of any Collaboration Point the lead agencies will make a decision about the changes or revisions that are necessary based on agency and public input.

The agencies listed above in Table 1 will be participating in the collaboration points at the following four major milestones in the environmental review process for the Whitton Expressway EIS:

- Preliminary Alternatives, Purpose and Need;
- Project Alternatives to be Evaluated in the DEIS and Methodologies for Evaluating Impacts;

- Adequacy of the Preliminary Draft EIS

The following is a discussion regarding the process for coordination associated with each of the major milestones (collaboration points) for this project.

4.1.1 Collaboration Point 1 – Preliminary Alternatives, Purpose and Need

The draft purpose and need statement for the project was submitted to FHWA for internal review. Upon incorporation of comments from FHWA and based upon comments received during the scoping period from agencies and the public, MoDOT will prepare and forward to participating agencies the revised purpose and need statement. A set of maps displaying the preliminary alternatives will be included for agency input for screening purposes. A revised Coordination Plan will also be sent to the agencies. Additionally, information that may be included is the following:

- Description of core objectives of the proposed action, and any secondary objectives;
- Explanation of the basis for the project objectives in terms of:
 - Relevant Federal, state and/or local policies, which may include transportation, economic conditions, land use conditions, and other conditions;
 - Relevant data that may include information on transportation conditions, economic conditions, land use conditions, and other conditions;
 - Substantive Public and agency comments regarding the project's objectives.
- Demonstration of the project's logical termini and independent utility;
- A map detailing the study area.

The participating agencies will be given 30 days from receipt (certified mail) to review and provide a response; a reminder will be sent to the agencies 7 days before the end of the review period. At the end of the 30-day period, MoDOT will receive a concurrence, a non-concurrence, a request for a 15-day time extension, or request for cessation of formal concurrence regarding the purpose and need statement from each participating agency. MoDOT will assume concurrence from those agencies from whom it has not heard at the end of the 30-day period. The output of Collaboration Point 1 should include input from the participating agencies on:

- The purpose and need statement and the study area of the project;
- The coordination plan;
- Preliminary range of alternatives to be considered.

Additionally, the agencies will provide input on environmental features, resources, and issues of concern.

Based on the output of Collaboration Point 1, MoDOT will revise as appropriate the Purpose and Need statement, the study area, coordination plan.

4.1.2 Collaboration Point 2 – Reasonable Alternatives to be evaluated

Based on the output of Collaboration Point 2 as well as the public meeting on purpose and need/alternatives, and any general alternatives analysis conducted during the project development process, MoDOT will prepare a Reasonable Alternatives to be Evaluated information. This information to be forwarded to the participating agencies may include the following:

- Revised purpose and need statement and study area;
- Results of the preliminary alternatives analysis and environmental screening (based on existing data sources and GIS inventories);

- Description of any other factors, besides purpose and need that will be considered in the screening of alternatives, such as cost and environmental factors
- Revised coordination plan
- Methodologies to be used to assess impacts and level of detail required in the analysis of each alternative;
- A summary of all reasonable alternatives to be evaluated and their anticipated effectiveness in addressing the purpose and need of the project, as well as a map showing the location of the project alternatives

The participating agencies have 30 days from receipt of the information to review and provide a response. MoDOT will send a reminder to the agencies 7 days before the end of the review period. At the end of the 30-day period, MoDOT will receive a concurrence, a non-concurrence, a request for a 7-day time extension, or request for cessation of formal concurrence from each participating agency. MoDOT will assume concurrence from those agencies from whom it has not heard at the end of the 30-day period. The output of Collaboration Point 2 should include input from the participating agencies on:

- Appropriate methodologies to be used and the level of detail required to screen to a preferred alternative;
- The alternatives to be carried forward into the DEIS;
- Any revisions to the purpose and need statement;
- Any revisions to the coordination plan.

4.1.3 Collaboration Point 3 – Preliminary DEIS Document

Based on the output of Collaboration Point 2 and the subsequent detailed investigation of alternatives and analysis of impacts, MoDOT will prepare a Preliminary DEIS document. Cooperating agencies will be sent a copy of the Preliminary DEIS for review. MoDOT will inquire of Participating agencies interest in reviewing and commenting on the Preliminary DEIS document.

The participating agencies wanting to review will be given two weeks from receipt of the document to provide a response; a reminder will be sent to the agencies before the end of the review period. At the end of the two-week period, MoDOT will consider agency input. A request can be made for a 15-day time extension.

The output of Collaboration Point 3 should include input on the adequacy of the preliminary draft DEIS. The agencies will be asked to specify whether additional information is needed to fulfill other applicable environmental reviews or consultation requirements. In addition, the participating agencies will specify any additional information needed to comment adequately on the draft DEIS analysis of site-specific effects associated with the granting or approving by the agency of necessary permits, licenses, or entitlements.

Based on the output from this collaboration point, MoDOT will prepare the DEIS for submittal to FHWA. Based on FHWA's approval of the DEIS for circulation, one or more public hearings will be conducted in accordance with NEPA requirements and requirements in the project's Public Involvement Plan. The document will be made available for a minimum 45-day public and agency review period. Substantive comments will be addressed in the FEIS.

4.1.4 FEIS

Based on FHWA's approval of the FEIS, the FEIS will be available for public and agency review for a minimum of 30 days. This period is the last period during which to receive comments on the environmental evaluation process from the public and agencies. Upon addressing the substantive comments received in the FEIS comment period, MoDOT and FHWA will prepare a

request for a Record of Decision (ROD) indicating the Selected Alternative. FHWA approval of the ROD completes the NEPA process for the project.

5.0 Schedule

Table 2 presents the anticipated schedule for the completion of the EIS and issuance of a ROD for this project. The Study Team will revise and update the schedule as the project moves forward and the process reveals new information that may result in schedule adjustments.

Table 2: Whitton EIS Schedule

Coordination Point	Information Provided	Agency Responsible	Information Received	Agencies Responsible
Notice of Intent to prepare EIS	July 6, 2007	FHWA / MoDOT		
Purpose and Need	Summer 2007	FHWA / MoDOT	December 2007	
Reasonable Alternatives	Fall 2007	FHWA / MoDOT	February 2008	
Impact Assessment Methodologies	Fall 2007	FHWA / MoDOT	December 2007	
Socioeconomic and natural resource impacts	Winter 2008	FHWA / MoDOT		
Identify Preferred Alternative	Winter 2008	FHWA / MoDOT		
Circulation of Preliminary DEIS	Spring 2008	FHWA / MoDOT		
Circulation of FEIS	Winter 2008	FHWA / MoDOT		
Issue ROD	Winter 2009	FHWA / MoDOT		
Issue Section 404 Permit		USACE		

Note: Joint Lead Agencies include FHWA, MoDOT, Cole County and City of Jefferson

6.0 Opportunities for Public Input

As required by NEPA and by MoDOT's Public Involvement Plan, the study team developed a project specific plan for public input and is documented in this overall coordination plan. This plan describes strategies for encouraging public input and describes the opportunities provided to the public to encourage early and ongoing involvement in the project development process. As required by SAFETEA-LU Section 6002, the public will have opportunities to provide specific input on the Purpose and Need and the reasonable alternatives. These opportunities will occur in conjunction with public meetings held for the purpose of discussing these specific topics. The Study Team will take comments at any point during the development of the EIS.

6.1 Introduction

The Study Team prepared a Public Involvement Plan for the Whitton Expressway EIS. The plan documents the approach used by the MoDOT study team for identifying and engaging the

communities, officials, local citizens, and other potentially affected interests in the project corridor through Jefferson City and Cole County.

The design of the Public Involvement Plan provides a clear description of how the study team will solicit input, develop two-way communication with the public, document public opinions regarding improvements to the Route 50 corridor within the study area, and achieve informed consent for the study's findings and recommendation. The project study area is the area in Jefferson City from just east of the US 54/US 63 Tri-level interchange to the Eastland Drive interchange and from 300 feet south of US 50 to McCarty Street on the north. The exception would be an additional area to the north to address access to the Missouri State Prison Redevelopment site.

6.2 Affected Interests, Issues and Key Messages

6.2.1 Potentially Affected Interests

The initial stakeholders in the Whitton Expressway EIS include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The Whitton EIS Advisory Committee
- Cole County
- City of Jefferson
- The Missouri State Penitentiary Redevelopment
- The Jefferson City community
- Business owners
- Residents
- Civic organizations
- Environmental and cultural groups
- State and federal resource agencies
- Area emergency response (fire, police, sheriff, patrol, etc.)

6.2.2 The Whitton Expressway EIS Advisory Committee

The purpose of the committee is to provide more detailed input and comments on the study goals, methodologies, and recommendations. The following is a list of members:

- Sam Cook, Chairman Bancshares Co., Central Bank
- Randy Allen, President/CEO, Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce
- Colleen Taylor, President, Downtown Business Association
- Cathy Bordner, East End Neighborhood and Development Association
- Allen Pollock, Director, Jefferson City Housing Authority
- Dr. Bert Kimble, Superintendent, Jefferson City School District
- Dr. Carolyn Mahoney, President, Lincoln University
- Stan Fast, Old Munichberg Neighborhood Association
- Reverend Margaret Redmond, Quinn Chapel AME
- Phil Freeman, President, Southside Business Association

6.2.3 Issues

- Safety
- Access and mobility
- System continuity
- Neighborhood impacts

6.2.4 Key Messages

There are several key messages that the study team will emphasize and communicate to the public throughout the study. The intent of the messages is to support the goals of the Public Involvement Plan:

- This study will evaluate future transportation needs along the approximately 3-mile stretch of Route 50 including the area in Jefferson City from just east of the US 54/US 63 Tri-level interchange to the Eastland Drive interchange and from 300 feet south of US 50 to McCarty Street. Access to the Missouri State Prison Redevelopment site, which is located north of McCarty Street, will be examined.
- The study is an objective process to help determine what actions, if any, are needed to best serve the transportation needs of the area.
- Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) FHWA requires the completion of an environmental study before a major highway project can be constructed;
- The Whitton Expressway EIS is important because it includes improvements to a major east-west corridor through the central section of Jefferson City and access improvements to the Missouri State Penitentiary Redevelopment.
- The study team expects to complete the study by fall of 2009.
- There is no funding for construction
- MoDOT encourages the public's participation and will actively seek out and engage all who may be affected.
- The public has a voice in the decision-making process and MoDOT will listen to and consider all input.

6.3 Public Outreach Activities

6.3.1 Public Meetings and Public Hearing

The Study Team will hold two public meetings and one public hearing to communicate study objectives with the public as well as gather comments/recommendations about the study, possible impacts and potential solutions. The public meetings will take place within the study area and will follow an open-house format. Members of the study team will be present to speak one-on-one with meeting attendees. No formal presentations are not anticipated, but meetings could utilize a formal presentation as part of the open-house format if the study team determines this method might best communicate study information to the public.

A summary of the meetings will be prepared following each public meeting. The study team will post summaries of each meeting to the MoDOT Web site and include them in the environmental document.

In accordance with NEPA and MoDOT requirements, a public hearing will take place in conjunction with the identification of a preferred alternative and the publication of the Draft EIS. The public hearing will consist of an open-house format and members of the study team will be on hand to meet with the public. The study team will prepare an official transcript of the public hearing.

Notification of the public meetings and the hearing will occur by mailing of the study newsletter, distribution of news releases and/or other materials to appropriate media.

The Study Team will provide comment forms for distribution at each public meeting and at the public hearing to gather written feedback from meeting/hearing attendees. A tape recorder will be available to record any oral comments from attendees.

6.3.2 Newsletters

The study team will produce and distribute newsletters as newspaper inserts. Publication of these newsletter inserts will take place prior to each public meeting and prior to the public hearing.

6.3.3 The Media

The study team will distribute news releases to local newspapers, radio stations and television stations serving the study area prior to each public meeting and the public hearing.

The media list includes, but is not limited to, the following media: Belle Banner, Bland Courier, Jefferson City News Tribune, Maries County Gazette, Rolla Daily News, Unterrified Democrat, KMIZ-TV, KMOU-TV, KRCG-TV, KMNR-Radio, KTTR/KZNN – Radio, KJMO/KLIK-Radio, KTXV-Radio.

Display advertisements will also be developed and published in select newspapers prior to each public meeting and the public hearing. Flyers distributed in the study area may also be used. Select newspapers will publish a legal advertisement prior to the hearing.

6.3.4 Web Site

Information about the Whitton EIS will be included on the MoDOT Web site (www.modot.org). The site will include contact information, a location sketch of the study area, news releases, public meeting displays and handout information.

6.3.5 Contact Information

The study will utilize the MoDOT toll-free phone number, 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (275-6636), to allow the public to contact members of the MoDOT study team. The phone number will be included as part of public meeting/hearing handout information, as well as on newsletters, and information sent to news media. The MoDOT Central District mailing address of 1511 Missouri Blvd., P.O. Box 718, Jefferson City, MO 65102 will be used for mailing correspondence.

6.3.6 Public Involvement Log

MoDOT will document and maintain a log of all public involvement. This log will include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Purpose and Need Statement
- Public Involvement Plan
- Correspondence
- Public comments
- Summaries of public meetings
- Public meeting/hearing handout materials
- Media contacts
- Appendix
- List of Agencies and Organizations

Appendix – List of Agencies and Organizations

Type: Cooperating Agency

Colonel Roger A. Wilson Jr.
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Department of the Army
Kansas City District, Corps of Engineers
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Mr. Joe Cothorn
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7
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Mr. James Heard
Field Office Director
HUD Region VII
St. Louis Field Office, Robert A. Young Federal Office Building
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St. Louis, MO 63103-2836

Type: Participating Federal Agencies

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Mr. Joe Cothorn
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901 North 5th Street
Kansas City, KS 66101

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Type: Participating State Agencies

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Mr. Ronald Reynolds
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Type: Participating Local Agencies

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Superintendent
Jefferson City School District
315 East Dunklin Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dr. Carolyn Mahoney, President
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Type: Participating Tribes

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Fairgrounds Road, is 72.8 feet wide, with four lanes of traffic, the greenway on one side and right-of-way on both sides.

Impacts to historic properties in the neighborhood due to construction of an 80 foot wide roadway would have to be reviewed and mitigated under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Cumulative impacts to the historic neighborhood due to loss of front yards, increased noise and traffic, and the loss of convenient on-street parking could be significant and difficult to mitigate. Conversion of Lafayette Street to a 4-lane roadway would likely have the greatest negative impact to the surrounding neighborhood. On Lafayette between Highway 50 and MSP are 15 buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places, with three of these being individually listed. Thirty-four other older properties on Lafayette may be determined eligible for listing on the National Register. Many of these properties would lose their front yards if the full 80 foot right-of-way is required, and some of them would also lose the only parking available to home owners or tenants. We understand MoDOT is investigating options to provide parking for these properties should on-street parking be eliminated.

One option under consideration is to split traffic from Highway 50 to MSP into two corridors, with improvements at both Lafayette and a rerouted Clark Avenue. This option would provide access both to the west end of MSP, where the federal courthouse will be constructed, and to the east end of MSP, where several office buildings are proposed. While this option would reduce the impacts from four lanes to three, our understanding is that MoDOT and their consultants also anticipate no on street parking with this option.

For both Lafayette Street and Clark Avenue, MoDOT should consider an urban parkway as an option. Such a parkway could include two 12 foot driving lanes with a center turning lane provided at each end of a block. In between the turning lanes the parkway could feature a wide planted median. A fourth lane could provide parking on only one side of the street. A total of four lanes would still only require 48 feet of right-of-way. Adding a 5 foot wide sidewalk to each side of the street, and a 3 foot space between the street and the sidewalk, brings the total width necessary to 64 feet. This may be wider than the existing street, but should have less impact on the surrounding neighborhood, especially since parking would still be allowed on one side of the street. With a wide planted median throughout most of the corridor, and space to plant or replace street trees on either side of the parkway, this option would provide an attractive entrance to the MSP Redevelopment area, and encourage adjacent redevelopment.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on alternatives under consideration in the Whitton Expressway Environmental Impact Statement. If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact me or Ms. Jane Beetem, phone number 573-751-3195. Her address for correspondence is Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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March 13, 2008

Mike Dusenberg
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Re: Route 50/63 Whitton Expressway EIS Initial Screening Report – Collaboration Point # 2

Dear Mr. Dusenberg:

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (department) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Initial Screening Report for the Route 50/63 Whitton Expressway Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Alternative Routes

The department has reviewed the alternatives retained for further analysis in the EIS. As the department commented previously in our letter of January 30, 2008, the Parkway Alternative appears to be the most reasonable approach, as it minimizes impacts to the surrounding neighborhoods. The department would appreciate more detail on minimization of impacts to Wear's Creek as the project develops.

Of the three routes retained for further analysis in the EIS between Route 50/63 and the Missouri State Penitentiary redevelopment area, the combination of the Lafayette Street and Clark routes (Concept D) appears to have the least neighborhood impact. As the EIS is developed, the department is interested in learning how this approach would impact the surrounding neighborhood, especially parking for adjacent properties.

Air Quality

National Ambient Air Quality Standards

The project is located in an area that currently meets all National Ambient Air Quality Standards. The construction-related activities associated with this project should not significantly affect local or regional air quality.

Asbestos

Any demolition activities undertaken as part of this project must be conducted in accordance with state and federal asbestos regulations (40 CFR Part 61, Subpart M and state rules 10 CSR 10-6.241 and 10-6.250). These regulations require that prior to demolition, all regulated structures must be inspected by a Missouri certified asbestos inspector. Notice of the demolition must also be provided to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Air Pollution Control Program on the department form at least 10 days prior to commencement of demolition.



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If during the course of the asbestos inspection, it is determined that the total amount of asbestos containing material (both friable and asbestos containing material that would be rendered friable during the course of the demolition) exceeds 160 square feet or 260 linear feet, then the asbestos would have to be removed by a registered asbestos abatement contractor and disposed of according to the asbestos National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (40 CFR Part 61, Subpart M).

If there is an amount of material less than these thresholds, then the material would not have to be removed prior to demolition. If the material is contaminated with asbestos, regardless of the amount, the sanitary landfill may have special packaging requirements for disposal.

Open Burning

State regulation 10 CSR 10-6.045 only allows for open burning of vegetative debris from land clearing operations outside the city limits of an incorporated area and at a distance of more than 200 yards from the nearest inhabited dwelling. Since the entire study area is within the City of Jefferson, no open burning would be allowed during project land clearance or construction.

Fugitive Dust

State regulation 10 CSR 10-6.170 restricts the emissions of particulate matter to the ambient air beyond the premises of origin. Efforts should be made to control any potential fugitive dust that may result from any construction or demolition activities associated with this project. Any questions regarding Air Quality issues may be directed to David Lamb, in the department's Air Pollution Control Program, 573-751-0572.

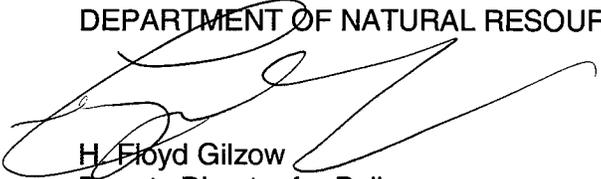
Hazardous Waste

The department has no enforcement cases involving underground storage tanks in the project study area at this time. The department also did not identify any contaminated sites within the study area in the hazardous waste databases. This does not mean contaminated sites do not exist, only that they have not previously been identified by the department.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Coordination Plan for the I-70 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact me or Ms. Jane Beetem, phone number 573-751-3195. Her address for correspondence is Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Thank you.

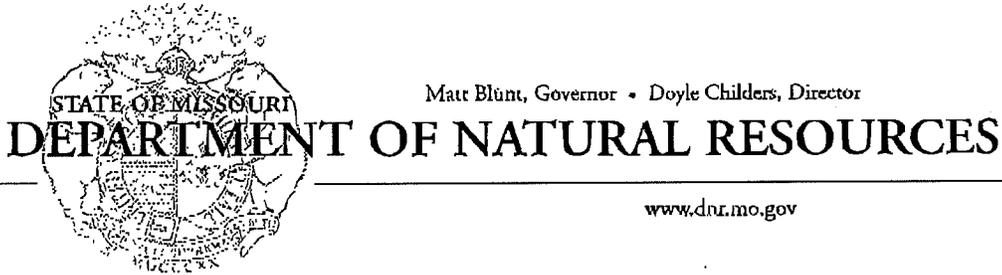
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Re: Rex Whitton Expressway Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact
Statement, U.S. 50/63, Jefferson City, Cole County, Missouri

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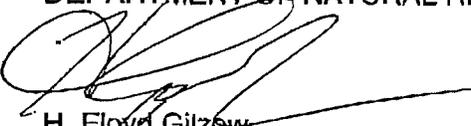
The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (department) has been participating in discussions regarding development of the Route 50/63, Whitton Expressway Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). We are particularly interested in the issue of improved access to the former Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), and support additional redevelopment near the department's headquarters. The department would like to incorporate by reference our previous comments, dated January 30, 2008 and March 13, 2008, which are provided in Appendix I of the Preliminary Draft EIS (PDEIS). More recently, the department provided comment on cultural resources in our letter dated August 21, 2008.

The department appreciates that the preferred mainline alternative has the least impact on Wears Creek. We look forward to discussions as this project moves forward regarding appropriate measures to maintain or return Wears Creek and its tributaries to as natural a condition as possible.

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14 MAR 2008



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Dear Mr. Dusenberg:

Re: Route 50/63, Cole County, Missouri
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Whitton Expressway EIS, East of 50/54/63 Interchange to east of Eastland Drive
Collaboration Point #2 – Initial Screening Report

This letter is in response to your request for comments on the Whitton Expressway Initial Screening Report for the Route 50/63 project located in Jefferson City, Cole County, Missouri. Thank you for including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for review at this collaboration point in your development of the Environmental Impact Statement for this project.

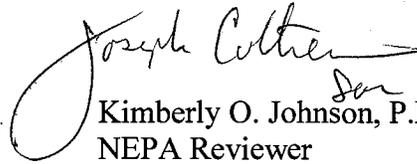
We have two suggestions to improve the readability of the maps provided in the documentation. First, we recommend adding the project name and Jefferson City, Missouri, as the location in the legend. Second, we recommend identifying the rust/orange colored areas that are shown on the map, but not identified in the legend.

In reviewing the bypass options, we recommend revising the routes to reduce the number of river and stream crossings to reduce aquatic resource impacts. It appears that the east end of the North Bypass could be moved slightly east or west to eliminate or minimize the crossings of Rivaux Creek. Similar consideration should be given to for the South Bypass and the associated Moreau River crossings.

During the next phase of EIS development, we request that you consider the environmental and human health impacts of the project such as potential air quality impacts, including the increase in particulate matter and mobile source air toxics during and after construction, potential aquatic resource impacts, lighting and noise. The evaluation should also address if the project will cause disproportionate impacts to the residents in the areas in the Whitton Expressway Corridor that meet the criteria established under the Environmental Justice (EJ) Executive Order (E.O. 1289800).

We look forward to working with you on this project. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to call me at 913-551-7975.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Coltrane". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

^{Don}
Kimberly O. Johnson, P.E.
NEPA Reviewer
Environmental Services Division



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10 AUG 2007

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This letter is to inform you that the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7, will participate as a cooperating agency in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the Rex Whitton Expressway. Your request to us to cooperate on this project was dated July 31, 2007.

I understand that cooperating agency status entails the following list of activities (as described in your aforementioned letter):

- Invitations to coordination meetings
- Consultation on relevant technical studies
- Joint field reviews
- Review of project information, including study results

The Region 7 primary contact for this coordination will be Stephen Smith. If you have any questions, you may contact him at 913-551-7656, or at smith.stephenk@epa.gov. We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

Joseph Cothorn
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-----Original Message-----

From: Michael.Dusenberg@modot.mo.gov [mailto:Michael.Dusenberg@modot.mo.gov]

Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 10:20 AM

To: Freeman, Sandra J

Cc: Mark Pierson; Stephen Wells; Betty Burry; Matthew.Burcham@modot.mo.gov

Subject: Re: Response to your December 3, 2007 Letter

Ms. Freeman,

Thank you for the insightful comments to our draft environmental documents. I am forwarding your comments to our consultant HNTB for their review and incorporation with additional comments we may receive from other agencies. As you may know, due to the recent ice storm in the Jefferson City area, we postponed our Agency Scoping meeting from December 10th. At this time, we have not rescheduled but are working on it.

As far as the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) Redevelopment Plan, it has been finalized. Plans include design and construction of a new Federal Courthouse, demolition of some of the existing prison buildings and construction of a new state health lab among other things. All these activities are either underway or completed.

It is unfortunate that you will be unable to attend our meetings in person, however we will continue to work with you via e-mail, regular mail or phone, whichever is more convenient for you.

Once again, thank you for your comments and we appreciate your continued involvement in this important study.

Sincerely,

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To <Michael.Dusenberg@modot.mo.gov>
cc

12/19/2007 02:40 PM

Subject Response to your December 3, 2007 Letter

Mr. Dusenberg,

Please accept this message as our response to the above referenced letter and the chapters enclosed with that letter.

I trust that you have received a copy of our Field Office Director's letter dated September 10, 2007. This letter describes the foci of our review of environmental documents.

On p. 4 of the purpose and need chapter, a reference is made to the penitentiary redevelopment plan. Is this plan in final form? It would appear to be difficult to write an accurate environmental impact statement without knowing the details of the redevelopment plan and the impact that this interchange will have.

I would like to suggest that paragraph A. Socioeconomic Impact Methodology on p. 1 of the Impact Assessment Methodologies include a specific reference to affordable housing and what, if any, impact this project may have on the availability of affordable housing. On p. 3, Paragraph F on noise impact analysis, there is no quantification of how far into the future the traffic projections will be made. Our guidelines call for 10 years but the FHWA's guidelines may be different.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these documents. I do apologize that our budget does not allow my on-site participation at the scoping meetings.

Sandy Freeman

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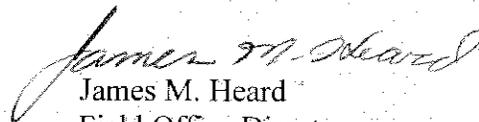
Thank you for sending me the Draft Coordination Plan for the Whitton Expressway EIS. I sent the information to my Environmental Officer, Ms. Sandy Freeman, who will serve as your future contact point for this project.

Ms. Freeman will coordinate the inter-office review of all future documents that will be prepared and forwarded to this office, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Our review typically focuses on any direct or indirect impact on affected HUD-assisted housing, if any exists, in the study area. It may also include comments on the possible impact of the proposed project on the availability of affordable housing and other socio-economic factors. If time permits, Ms. Freeman may also provide constructive comments regarding the comprehensiveness of the review.

We are pleased that you are planning to involve both the Jefferson City Housing Authority and the City of Jefferson. These are two key agencies that will have information on some of the possible HUD-assisted housing.

Regrettably, due to funding constraints, Ms. Freeman will not be able travel to Jefferson City to participate in the meetings. However, she is available to participate, via conference calls, in future meetings. When scheduled, please advise her; and she will forward you the required information for her participation. Send future submittals to: Ms. Sandy Freeman, Environmental Officer, HUD St. Louis Field Office, Robert A. Young Federal Building, Suite 3.100, St. Louis, MO 63103-2836. Ms. Freeman may also be reach via telephone at (314) 539-6528 or via e-mail at Sandra.J.Freeman@hud.gov. Again, thank you for the opportunity to review the information and participate in this project.

Sincerely,


James M. Heard
Field Office Director

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Dear Mr. Cothorn:

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Dear Dr. Mahoney:

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Policy Coordinator
Missouri Department of Conservation
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Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

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Ms. Jane Beetem
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 176
205 Jefferson Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Dear Ms. Beetem:

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Mr. Orville Cayou
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P.O. Box 368
Macy, Nebraska 68039

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Principal Chief
Osage Tribe, Oklahoma
P.O. Box 779
Pawhuska, Oklahoma 74056

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Mr. C. Michael Harwell
Chairman
Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma
8151 Highway 77
Red Rock, Oklahoma 74651

Dear Mr. Harwell:

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Ms. Fredia Perkins
Chairwoman
Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska
305 N. Main Street
Reserve, Kansas 66434

Dear Ms. Perkins:

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Mr. Homer Bear, Jr.
Chairman
Sac & Fox Nation of the Mississippi in Iowa
349 Meskawki Road
Tama, Iowa 52339

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Mr. Don Abney
Principal Chief
Sac & Fox Nation, Oklahoma
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Stroud, Oklahoma 74079

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Mr. Ronald Reynolds
Missouri Emergency Management Agency
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2302 Militia Drive
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Mr. James Ptacek
Department of the Army
Kansas City District, Corps of Engineers
Missouri State Regulatory Office
221 Bolivar Street, Suite 103
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

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Mr. Charlie Scott
Field Supervisor
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
101 Park De Ville Drive, Suite A
Columbia, Missouri 65203-0007

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Mr. Guy Munroe
Chairman
Kaw Tribe of Oklahoma
Drawer 50
Kaw City, Oklahoma 74641

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Date:	2-19-08
Project ID #	J5P0820B
Approved By:	
KAW NATION INDIAN TRIBE	

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January 17, 2008

Mr. Guy Munroe
Chairman
Kaw Tribe of Oklahoma
Drawer 50
Kaw City, Oklahoma 74641

Dear Chairman Munroe:

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Rescheduled Second Agency Scoping Meeting



You are invited to a second agency scoping meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Page Library located on the campus of Lincoln University at 720 Lee Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri. A temporary parking permit is attached for your use. The meeting will focus on the initial set of alternatives developed, the screening process and the reasonable alternatives to be carried forward in the EIS. An agenda for the meeting is attached. This meeting was originally scheduled for December 10, 2007 but was cancelled due to inclement weather.

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Sincerely,

Michael Dusenberg, P.E.
District Planning Manager

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*NO
objections
AD*

Examination of Historic files find no properties documented within project area that meet criteria of traditional value. Archaeological materials or Human remains could likely be encountered which requires immediate notification.
Date: <u>4-16-08</u>
Project ID # _____
Approved By: <u>[Signature]</u>
KAW NATION INDIAN TRIBE

From: Michael.Dusenberg@modot.mo.gov
Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2008 12:33 PM
To: Jennifer Johnson
Subject: Fw: Whitton Expressway Comments

Jen,

Here is a comment I received back in March from Lincoln Univ.. I don't think I forwarded it to you earlier. Please include this in our documentation.

Thanks,

Michael Dusenberg, P.E.
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Rose Ann Ortmeier <ortmeyr@lincolnu.edu>

To Michael.Dusenberg@modot.mo.gov

03/12/2008 09:08 AM

CC "Dr. Carolyn Mahoney" <mahoney@lincolnu.edu>
 Subject Whitton Expressway Comments

Dear Mr. Dusenberg:

The following are comments from Lincoln University concerning the Whitton Expressway Report

The Lafayette Interchange is a good option for Lincoln University. However, it causes a problem with constructing four lanes up near the historic district at the corners of Lafayette and Capitol Avenue. It would be difficult to make Lafayette four lanes sandwiched between the two historic homes.

Because of this, we favor Build Concept D for the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) site (the Lafayette Interchange and Clark Realignment) with a slight modification. In the event that Quinn Chapel is relocated, a full diamond intersection is preferable at the Lafayette Intersection rather than only a half diamond as proposed. We believe by completing the full diamond and the Clark Realignment, this will give a much more direct approach for visitors to Lincoln University and JCHS from both directions on Whitton. This also will give choices to those going to the MSP site, either Lafayette or Clark, thereby dispersing the traffic between these two routes. Both streets going to the MSP site can then be kept to 3 lanes, which should not impact the historic homes on Lafayette.

For the build concepts under mainline we have no strong preferences.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Carolyn R. Mahoney, Ph.D.

President

Rose Ann Ortmeier

Executive Assistant

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August 29, 2008

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Ms. Jen Johnson
HNTB Engineers Architects Planners
715 Kirk Drive
Kansas City, MO 64105-1310

RE: WHITTON EXPRESSWAY - PRELIMINARY DRAFT EIS

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Whitton Expressway Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

As a participating agency, the University appreciates being able to provide our reactions to concepts presented and having input into the decision making process.

After reviewing the draft EIS, we are pleased to see that the Preferred Alternative of a full diamond interchange at Whitton and Lafayette Street has been given a high priority. This direct access greatly enhances vehicle traffic to Lincoln University, Jefferson City High School, and the prison redevelopment site.

However, it is disconcerting to read the impact the Expressway will have to the historic structures at the President's Residence (601 Jackson Street). The University is presently rehabilitating this house and has spent thousands of dollars tuckpointing, painting and roofing the well house and reconstructing and tuckpointing the north limestone wall (as well as the house itself). A portion of the funding for this work is from the National Park Service, a federally funded agency. It is disappointing to learn by reading the current draft EIS, that these structures would be affected by rock benching needed for safety and maintenance concerns. The University is strongly recommending that other options be explored to reduce the impact this has on the property. Perhaps along this portion of the expressway, you could look at cutting the rock away on the north side of the expressway to minimize the amount of benching required on the south side. We understand that potentially any plan will have drawbacks, but it is important to minimize these as much as possible. The wall and the well house are important features to this historic house. The President's Residence has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. MOSHPO has approved the nomination and it has been forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register.

Again, thank you for allowing us the opportunity to respond to the draft EIS. Should you wish to discuss our thoughts and concerns further, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,

Carolyn R. Mahoney

Carolyn R. Mahoney, Ph.D.
President

cc: Mr. Curtis E. Creagh
Ms. Sheila Gassner

From: Michael.Dusenberg@modot.mo.gov
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2008 8:00 AM
To: Stephen Wells; Mark Pierson; Jennifer Johnson
Cc: Matthew.Burcham@modot.mo.gov
Subject: Fw: Whitton Expressway project

FYI.

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"Andrea Hunter" <ahunter@osagetribe.org>

To <michael.dusenberg@modot.mo.gov>

cc

04/21/2008 05:57 PM

Subject Whitton Expressway project

Dear Mr. Dusenberg,

The Osage Nation is a consulting party for the Whitton Expressway project in Cole County, Missouri. Currently the information that you are sending on the project is being mailed to Chief Gray's office. As a result, I am receiving your documentation about a month later and am missing your deadlines to respond. I would like to suggest that you send any project documentation directly to me in the Historic Preservation Office. There will be a better chance of me receiving and commenting on the project if materials are sent directly to my office.

Thank you for considering my request,

Dr. Andrea A. Hunter
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Osage Nation
627 Grandview
Pawhuska, OK 74056

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October 1, 2007

Stephen Wells, Associate Vice President
Whitton Expressway EIS Project Manager
HNTB Corporation
715 Kirk Drive
Kansas City, MO 64105

Dear Mr. Wells:

Thank you for the letter concerning project:

**Whitton Expressway EIS
Jefferson City, MO**

At this time, the Historical Preservation Department of the Sac and Fox of the Mississippi in Iowa has determined the above listed has:

- No interest in the area geographically
- No comment on the proposed undertaking
- No objections. However, if human skeletal remains and/or any objects falling under NAGPRA are uncovered during construction, please stop immediately and notify the NAGPRA Representative, Johnathan L Buffalo.
- Have an objection or require additional project information. Please send the following:

Sincerely,

Johnathan L. Buffalo
Historical Preservation Director
Sac and Fox of the Mississippi in Iowa

Cc: File



Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska

305 North Main Street • Reserve, Kansas 66434
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January 17, 2008

Michael Dusenberg, P.E.
MoDOT
1511 Missouri Boulevard
PO Box 718
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Mr. Dusenberg:

Thank you for your letter, which is in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and Section 110.

Project: J5P0820B

The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska NAGPRA department have determined the above project as:

No objections. However, if human skeletal remains and/or any objects falling under NAGPRA are uncovered during construction, please stop immediately and notify NAGPRA representative, Deanne Bahr, at the address above.

There are two other bands of Sac and Fox that also need to be contacted, the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma and the Sac and Fox of the Mississippi in Iowa.

Johnathan Buffalo, NAGPRA Representative
Sac and Fox of the Mississippi in Iowa
349 Meskwaki Rd.
Tama, IA 52339-9629

Sandra Massey, NAGPRA Representative
Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma
Rt. 2, Box 246
Stroud, OK 74079

If you have any questions, please contact me at the number or address above.

Sincerely,

Deanne Bahr
Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska
NAGPRA Contact Representative



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February 27, 2008

Michael Dusenberg
MoDOT
Central District
1511 Missouri Boulevard
P.O. Box 718
Jefferson City MO 65102

Dear Mr. Dusenberg

Thank you for your letter, which is in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and Section 110.

The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska do not have an interest in this site:

J5P0820B

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Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska
NAGPRA Contact Representative

DRAFT PARTICIPATING AGENCY LETTER – Federal Agencies

Name
Title
Agency
Address

Whitton Expressway EIS
City of Jefferson
Cole County, Missouri

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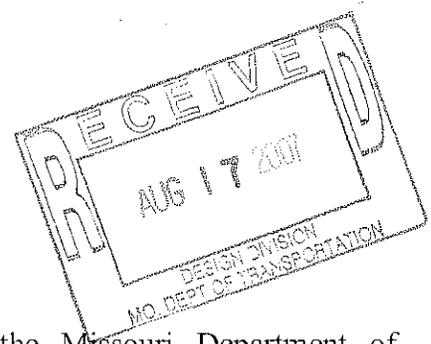
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Subject: U.S. 50/U.S. 63 (Rex Whitton Expressway)
City of Jefferson, Cole County, Missouri
Environmental Impact Statement



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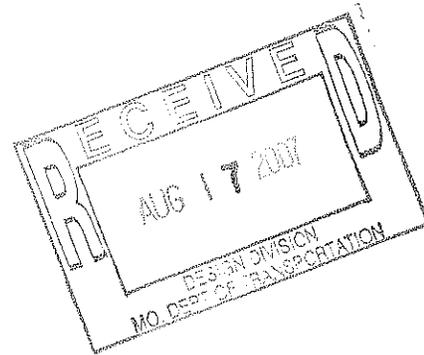
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Ms. Fredia Perkins, Chairwoman
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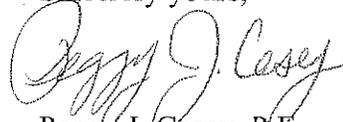
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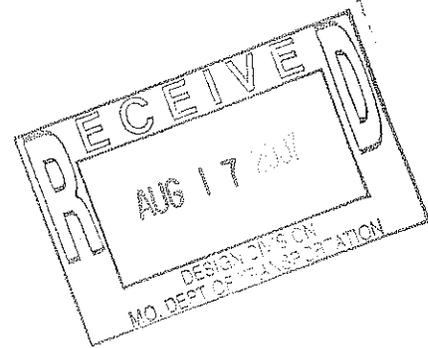
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Mr. Homer Bear Jr., Chairman
Sac & Fox, Nation of Mississippi in Iowa
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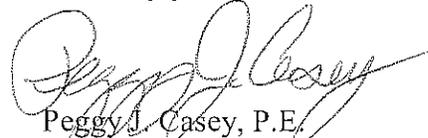
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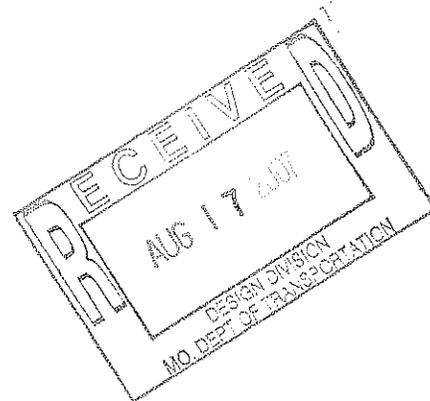
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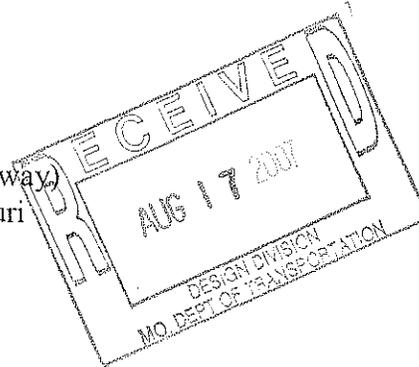
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August 15, 2007

Mr. Orville Cayou, Chairman
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Subject: U.S. 50/U.S. 63 (Rex Whitton Expressway)
City of Jefferson, Cole County, Missouri
Environmental Impact Statement



Dear Mr. Cayou:

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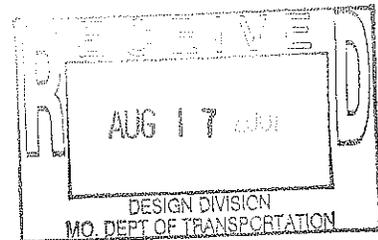
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August 15, 2007

Mr. Guy Munroe, Chairman
Kaw Tribe of Oklahoma
Drawer 50
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Subject: U.S. 50/U.S. 63 (Rex Whitton Expressway)
City of Jefferson, Cole County, Missouri
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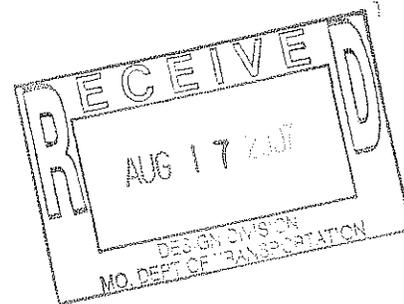
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Ms. Bernadette Huber, Chairwoman
Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
R.R. 1, Box 721
Perkins, Oklahoma 74059

Subject: U.S. 50/U.S. 63 (Rex Whitton Expressway)
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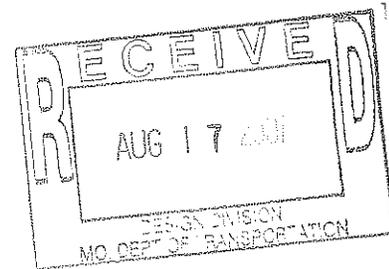
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Mr. Lewis De Roin, Chairman
Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska
3345 Thrasher Road #8
White Cloud, Kansas 66094

Subject: U.S. 50/U.S. 63 (Rex Whitton Expressway)
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From: Stephen Wells
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 9:13 AM
To: Jennifer Johnson
Cc: Mark Pierson
Subject: FW: Route 50/63, Rex Whitton Expressway EIS
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Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 9:11 AM
To: Matthew.Burcham@modot.mo.gov; Stephen Wells; Mark Pierson
Subject: Fw: Route 50/63, Rex Whitton Expressway EIS

FYI.

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cc Gayle.Unruh@modot.mo.gov, peggy.casey@fhwa.dot.gov

Subject Route 50/63, Rex Whitton Expressway EIS

Mr. Dusenberg,

This is in response to Roger Schwartze's July 31, 2007 letter to me providing an invitation to become a participating agency and invitation to agency scoping meeting for the above subject project. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service does not plan to submit comments on this project. There are no federally listed species in the project area. Furthermore, the project entire contained with the urban area of Jefferson City and there

are little fish and wildlife resources of concern or value in this area. Therefore, the Fish and Wildlife Service has no objections to the construction of the project and have no recommendations pertaining to measures to reduce impacts to fish and wildlife habitats or other environmental impacts.

I appreciate the invitation to participate in the planning of this project. Please contact me if you have any questions about the position of the Fish and Wildlife Service on this action.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Scott, Field Supervisor
USFWS, Missouri Ecological Services
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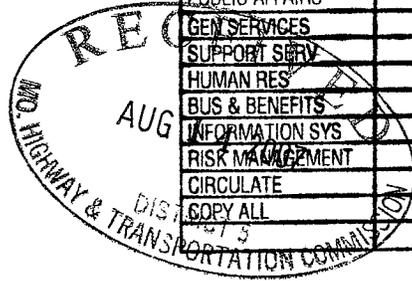
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REPLY TO
 ATTENTION OF:

August 10, 2007

Missouri State Regulatory Office
 (NWK 2007-01635)

Missouri Department of Transportation
 Attn: Roger Schwartz
 1511 Missouri Boulevard
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Dear Mr. Schwartz:

This is in response to the Missouri Department of Transportation's July 31, 2007, invitation regarding the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed upgrade of US Route 50/63 (Rex Whitton Expressway) facility in Jefferson City, Missouri. The Kansas City District, Corps of Engineers, agrees to be a cooperating agency on this project with the Federal Highway Administration serving as the lead federal agency. Please direct any correspondence and information on meeting dates for the EIS to Mr. James A. Ptacek of our Missouri State Regulatory Office in Jefferson City, Missouri. You may contact him at the address in the heading of this letter or email to james.a.ptacek@usace.army.mil.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to write or call me at 573-634-2248, ext. 3833.

Sincerely,

Kenny Pointer
 Missouri State Program Manager, Acting
 Missouri State Regulatory Office



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March 21, 2008

Mr. Michael Dusenberg
Missouri Department of Transportation
Central District
P.O. Box 718
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Dear Mr. Dusenberg:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the information provided in your February 8, 2008, letter regarding initial screening of alternatives for the Whitton Expressway project between the Highways 50/54/63 exchange and Eastland Drive in Jefferson City, Cole County, Missouri. The following comments are provided under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347), and the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544).

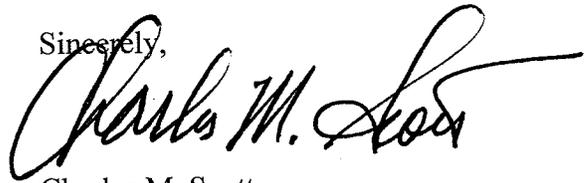
After a thorough review of the proposed alternatives, the Service has determined that no federally listed threatened or endangered species or critical habitats are known to occur within the project areas still under consideration. These project areas do include a crossing of Wears Creek, a tributary of the Missouri River. The federally listed endangered pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) occurs in the Missouri River along with many other species of ecologic concern. The Service recommends that all activities associated with this project include the proper removal and disposal of road debris and the minimizing of erosion and contamination within this watershed. Similarly, if there is any future consideration of alternatives involving construction of new bridges over the Missouri or Moreau Rivers, further consultation with the Service will be necessary.

If you have not already done so, please contact the Missouri Department of Conservation (Policy Coordination Section, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0180) for information concerning Missouri Species of Conservation Concern.



Thank you for your interest in the conservation of threatened and endangered species. Should you have questions concerning this response, please contact Jennifer Ballard at (573) 234-2132, ext. 117.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles M. Scott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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