

Frequently Asked Questions

U.S. 54 Eastbound/U.S. 63 Northbound Missouri River Bridge Pedestrian/Bicycle Attachment Public Meeting

Q. What improvements are being proposed?

A. Plans include constructing a pedestrian/bicycle attachment on the bridge to provide a safer connection from the Katy Trail to downtown Jefferson City. The attachment will be constructed on the eastern side of the U.S. 54 Eastbound/U.S. 63 Northbound (outbound) Missouri River Bridge with a view of the Missouri State Capitol Building. Once work is completed, the bridge will continue to accommodate three lanes of automobile traffic. Pedestrians and bicycles will cross the river using the new bridge attachment.

Q. What is the project cost?

A. The project will cost approximately \$7 million to construct. The Missouri Department of Transportation, City of Jefferson, Department of Natural Resources, and the Missouri State Parks Foundation are funding the project.

Q. When will work take place and how will traffic be handled during the work?

A. Work on the attachment could begin in late spring 2010 and will take about a year to complete. To allow adequate room for work crews and equipment, concrete barrier will be installed on the bridge to permanently close one traffic lane during construction. Two traffic lanes will remain open across the bridge during most of the work. Additionally, the Main Street ramp to U.S. 54 Eastbound/U.S. 63 Northbound may close for extended periods. At times, motorists may expect additional lane closures approaching the bridge. Some delays should be expected.

Q. Will additional right of way be needed to construct this project?

A. Yes. Additional right of way and/or construction easements are needed from the City of Jefferson, Union Pacific Railroad and the Jefferson City River Terminal.

Q. How do I learn more?

A. You may learn more about this project by contacting us toll free at 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (275-6636) or by visiting us on the Web at www.modot.org/central.