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### **Public Invited to Series of Meetings To Offer Input on Needs of Interstate 44**

JEFFERSON CITY – A series of meetings for the public to offer opinions on the future needs of Interstate 44 will begin Oct. 1. The meetings are being held as a part of a “purpose and need” study – called “I-44 Planning for Progress – that was launched earlier this year by the Missouri Department of Transportation. The study is looking at the condition of I-44 and evaluating its future needs for 257 miles from the Missouri-Oklahoma state line to the St. Louis-Franklin county line.

The open-house sessions will run from 4-7 p.m. at the following locations. Members of the public are invited to come and go as they please; there will be no formal presentation. MoDOT representatives will be on hand to provide information and record all public input.

#### **Monday, October 1**

MT. VERNON  
City Hall  
319 E. Dallas Street

#### **Tuesday, October 2**

ROLLA  
Phelps County Courthouse  
200 N. Main Street

#### **Wednesday, October 3**

WAYNESVILLE/ST. ROBERT  
Pulaski County Courthouse  
301 Historic 66 East (Waynesville)

#### **Thursday, October 4**

CUBA  
Recklein Memorial Auditorium  
310 N. Smith Street

#### **Tuesday, October 9**

JOPLIN  
MoDOT District Office  
3901 E. 32nd Street

#### **Wednesday, October 10**

ST. CLAIR  
City Hall  
1 Paul Parks Drive

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105 W. Capitol Avenue Jefferson City, MO 65102 (573) 751-2840 fax (573) 526-4859

**Thursday, October 11**

SPRINGFIELD

MoDOT District Office

3025 E. Kearney

(parking on north side of building)

**Monday, October 15**

LEBANON

Cowan Civic Center

500 E. Elm Street

The Purpose & Need Study is designed to identify deficiencies in the I-44 corridor and prioritize future improvements. This study does not propose to determine solutions to those problems, but simply identify and prioritize locations for more detailed study in the future. Issues to be considered include traffic operations, safety, highway design elements, system condition, environmental factors and local planning initiatives associated with the I-44 corridor.

No funds have been identified for design and construction of any comprehensive, reconstruction projects on I-44. However, spot improvements for problem areas of I-44 and projects to provide smooth pavement will continue to be developed and constructed.

More information on the I-44 Planning for Progress study is available on the study's Web site – [www.modot.org/i44planningforprogress](http://www.modot.org/i44planningforprogress).

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