

Route 13 East Loop Update

Warrensburg and Johnson County residents have been looking forward to a less-congested and safer Route 13 for a long time. Funding from Amendment 3 (approved by Missouri voters in 2004) and the recent federal highway bill is now helping to make the Route 13 East Loop of Warrensburg a reality.

There is as much need today for congestion relief on Route 13 as there was when MoDOT initiated environmental studies in the late 1990s. Unfortunately, funding sources for engineering and construction did not become available as soon as MoDOT had anticipated.

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission recognizes that a Route 13 East Loop is an investment in the future of Warrensburg and Johnson County. The Commission recently gave MoDOT the green light to use \$17.6 million of Amendment 3 funding for the design, right of way acquisition and construction of a two-lane, two-mile section of the East Loop, from Highway 50 to Route DD.

MoDOT is currently working on design plans for the Highway 50 to Route DD segment. We will also be preparing preliminary engineering and right of way plans for the entire 12-mile route (*see figure on reverse side*).

This alignment was last presented to the public at the conclusion of the environmental study in 1998. In order to avoid impacts to Bear Creek, the alignment has been shifted slightly to the west just south of Route DD. The proposed route can be reviewed at a Public Informational Meeting on November 9, 2005, at the Warrensburg Community Center.

A "Super" Roadway

The two-mile Highway 50 to Route DD section is proposed to be a two-lane "Super 2" roadway on new alignment. This type of facility meets modern design standards as a safe, high quality roadway with gradual curves, gentle terrain, and controlled access. Wider shoulders also contribute to safety by providing more room for disabled vehicles and helping reduce crashes that result from loss of control at the edge of pavement.

Access points currently proposed for this section of the East Loop are at Highway 50 and Route DD. At Highway 50, an interstate-type interchange will allow drivers to merge smoothly between the two facilities. An at-grade intersection (with signals, stop signs, or other traffic control devices) is expected to be located at Route DD. A bridge will carry Route 13 over the Missouri Pacific Railroad line.

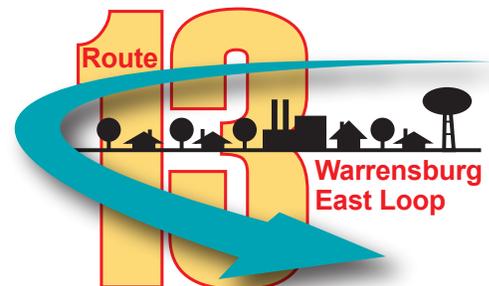
Although current funding limits the project to two lanes, sufficient right of way will be acquired for this section to permit expansion to four lanes, if warranted by future traffic conditions.

Public Meeting Scheduled

A Public Informational Meeting to update area citizens on the project is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2005, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Warrensburg Community Center, 445 East Gay Street. The meeting location is accessible to the disabled.

This will be an open-house style meeting, which means that there will be no formal presentations. A variety of informational displays showing the proposed alignment, current concepts, and other project-related information will be available for review. Representatives from MoDOT and the engineering consultant will be present to answer your questions and discuss the project. We look forward to seeing you there.

A Design Public Hearing is expected to be held sometime in Spring 2006. At that time, the project's preliminary plans will be presented.



Project Timetable

November 2005	Public Informational Meeting (details on reverse side)
Spring 2006	Design Public Hearing to present preliminary plans for entire East Loop project
Spring 2007	Right of Way plans for entire East Loop completed; acquire property for Highway 50 to Route DD segment
Spring 2008	Final design plans for Highway 50 to Route DD completed
Summer 2008	Construction letting for Highway 50 to Route DD
December 2010	Construction complete for Highway 50 to Route DD



General Alignment of Proposed East Loop -- this figure is conceptual only, not to scale, and does not represent the final roadway configuration.

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