

Continuing Roadway Improvements in Grain Valley

The Problem:

Currently Buckner-Tarsney/Main Street, also known as State Route AA, restricts regional flow and limits economic development within the City of Grain Valley's downtown corridor. The current roadway consists of pavement in need of repair, insufficient street lighting, and poor accessibility for pedestrians.

Traffic congestion occurs during peak hours within the project limits. The proposed project will continue roadway improvements that accommodate future traffic volumes.

The project's purpose is to provide better traffic operations, and economic development through downtown Grain Valley. This project is an extension of the project that is currently under construction (Project 1).



The Solution:

The City of Grain Valley and MoDOT have partnered to deliver the proposed improvements. This partnership allows the community to realize benefits that would not be possible in separate efforts.

The improvements include:

- Modify Buckner-Tarsney (Route AA) to two-through lanes and a center two-way left turn lane.
- Provide a multi-use path on the east side of the road, and a standard sidewalk on the west side with enhanced crosswalks.
- Upgrade street lighting.
- Provide a new roadway surface with curb, gutter and drainage improvements.
- Upgrade a railroad crossing within the project limits.

The project schedule, based on receiving matching funds from this cost-share application, began design in June 2013 and will start construction spring 2015.

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Project 1: Project 1 will relocate both the north and south outer roads to offer better traffic flow through the growing area. In addition, the I-70 and Route BB (Buckner-Tarsney) Interchange will receive enhancements.

Project 1 is currently under construction and on schedule to complete by the end of 2013.

Project 2: Improvements to Route AA (Main Street), from Walnut Street south to Eagles Parkway, includes additional turn lanes, sidewalks, curb, gutter and improved drainage. This project will start construction in spring 2015.

