

Appendix D.4 Public Hearing Transcript

I-70 FTEIS Location Public Hearing Transcript
MoDOT Job No. J4I1486B

Notification

A single English, Spanish, and Vietnamese legal noticed was placed in the *Examiner*. English/Spanish and English/Vietnamese newspaper advertisements were published in the *Examiner*, *Dos Mundos*, *Kansas City Star*, *Kansas City Globe*, and *Kansas City Call* newspapers. Radio ads were announced via *News Radio KMBZ 980*. News releases were sent to local media outlets. In addition, English/Spanish and English/Vietnamese postcards were mailed to the 8,856 property owners, residents, and stakeholders on the project's mailing list.

On-Line Public Hearing

An on-line public hearing was held April 1 through May 7, 2010 on the project website (www.modot.org/kansascity/metroi70). The on-line hearing received 2,013 hits from website visitors.

Meeting Materials

Hearing participants reviewed the following color handouts and large, color exhibits/stations:

Handouts	Purpose
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information handout	Explained the meeting exhibits, how comments would be taken, and how the comments would be used.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comment Cards	Provided a mechanism for submitting written comments.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newsletter	Provided an overview of the project and schedule.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Card	Offered project contact information.

Exhibit or Station	Purpose
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Hearing Welcome	Explained the background on the public hearing.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How an Idea Become a Reality	Described how transportation projects are implemented from initial ideas to construction.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study Process	Described the FTEIS process.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study Area 	Map of the portion of I-70 under study.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose and Need 	Described the reasons why MoDOT is conducting the study and the existing needs within the study area.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy Development 	Explained the steps MoDOT took to develop strategies for improving I-70 and the strategies considered.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy Maps 	Showed the key elements of each of the four First Tier Strategies considered and the Identified Preferred Strategy.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified Preferred Strategy 	Explained why MoDOT proposed an Identified Preferred Strategy.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft FTEIS 	Explained what the Draft FTEIS was and provided copies for review.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Maps 	<p>1 - Showed the location of known environmental resources.</p> <p>2 - Provided a summary of some of the key potential effects of the strategies on environmental resources.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Steps 	Described the next steps for the project.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Stations 	Offered an opportunity for hearing participants to blog and email the Project Manager about the project.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We Need Your Comments 	Comment table where participants provided comment via written comment cards or voice recording.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Information 	Provided contact points for further information.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other MoDOT Projects | Provided information on other Kansas City area MoDOT projects. |
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Comments

The Identified Preferred Strategy for improving I-70 in the Kansas City Metro was presented at the public hearing for community comment. In advance of the hearing copies of the Draft First Tier Environmental Impact Statement were provided to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) District 4 office in Lee’s Summit, Kansas City Public Library – Central Branch, and Mid-Continent Public Library – South Independence Branch for public comment. MoDOT also accepted comments via e-mail and blog. The comments collected related to:

- Improving safety
- Problems with on-/off-ramps
- Impacts to the natural environment, e.g. air quality, water/wetlands
- Adding lanes
- Right of way impacts to homes
- Funding for improvements
- Transportation alternatives, e.g. rail transit

Legal Notice

A single English, Spanish, and Vietnamese legal noticed was placed in the *Examiner*.

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC HEARING
I-70, FIRST TIER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
JACKSON COUNTY

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that an open house public hearing will be held in April to gather input about the Missouri Department of Transportation's (MoDOT) Draft First Tier Environmental Impact Statement (Draft FTEIS), which evaluates strategies and proposes the identified preferred strategy for improving I-70 in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area.

The hearing will take place between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2010 at Noland Road Baptist Church (4505 South Noland Road) in Independence, Missouri. An identical meeting will be held at the Gregg/Klice Community Center (1600 John "Buck" O'Neil Way) in Kansas City, Missouri from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2010. The public may attend either hearing any time during the advertised hours. Access for the physically disabled is available.

MoDOT is conducting an environmental study of I-70 in Jackson County. The study area spans 18 miles of I-70 from the last ramp termini east of the Missouri – Kansas state line to just east of I-470 and includes all of the Downtown Kansas City Central Business District Freeway Loop.

The hearing is an open house, so no formal presentation will be given. The open-house format will involve separate areas for greeting, display, and recording comments. One or more greeters stationed at the entrance to the room or rooms will ask people upon arrival to fill out a sign-in sheet and will direct them to exhibit areas. Each person will be provided a handout that explains the project and purpose of the meeting.

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning their views on the Draft FTEIS with reference to the economic and social effects of the study,

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the impact on the environment, and consistency with the goals and objectives of the community.

The Draft FTEIS document, maps, and other detailed information that MoDOT has prepared will be available for public review during the April 12th and April 13th public hearing. The same materials will also be available for public inspection and copying at the project website (www.modot.org/kansascity/metroi70), MoDOT offices (600 NE Colbern Road, Lee's Summit 64086), the Central Branch of the Kansas City Public Library (14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64105), and the South Independence Branch of the Mid-Continent Public Library (13700 E. 35th Street South, Independence, Missouri 64055).

Written statements, exhibits, and oral statements will be received during the hearing. Written statements and exhibits will be made part of the public hearing transcript if received within 10 working days after the date of the hearing. Comments may also be submitted online via the project website noted above.

If you are disabled and require special services at the hearings, please contact TDD (telecommunication devices for the deaf) at 1-800-735-2966 so that arrangements for those services can be made.

Anyone desiring further information on this or other highway matters should contact the Missouri Department of Transportation at 600 NE Colbern Road, Lee's Summit Missouri 64086 or call 1-816-622-6500 or 1-888-ASK MODOT (275-6636).

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BY: STEVE PORTER, SENIOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS SPECIALIST

DISTRICT 4

Press Release

MoDOT Kansas City Area District News Release

Steve Porter 816-622-6329

April 01, 2010

Public Hearings on Future Plans for I-70 Set for April 12, 13

LEE'S SUMMIT, Mo. - Interstate 70 is the first interstate in the United States, it is nearing the end of its life cycle and needs to be rebuilt and expanded. A critical step in moving forward is to complete the environmental study. This study will shape the ways MoDOT constructs projects on I-70 for years to come. The preferred strategy will reduce bottlenecks, improve efficiency and safety, and better accommodate alternative transportation modes.

Citizens have many opportunities this month to provide input about MoDOT's Draft First Tier Environmental Impact Statement.

The public can go online at www.modot.org/kansascity to participate or attend one of the public hearings. The hearings will explain how MoDOT evaluates strategies and which preferred strategy is now proposed for improving I-70 in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area.

The open-house hearings will be 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 12, at Noland Road Baptist Church, 4505 South Noland Road, Independence, Mo. and 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at the Gregg/Klice Community Center, 1600 John "Buck" O'Neil Way, Kansas City, Mo. The public may attend either hearing at any time during the advertised hours. Access for the physically disabled is available. The public can participate online at www.modot.mo.gov/kansascity/metroi70 through May 7.

MoDOT is conducting an environmental study of I-70 in Jackson County. The study area spans 18 miles of I-70 from the end of the last ramp east of the Missouri - Kansas state line to just east of I-470. It includes all of the Downtown Kansas City Central Business District Freeway Loop. This portion of I-70 is among the busiest and most congested highways in the Kansas City area.

The hearing is an open house, so no formal presentation will be given. The open-house format will involve separate areas for greeting, display, and recording comments. Each person will be provided a handout that explains the project and purpose of the meeting.

Those attending either in person or on line will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning their views on the Draft FTEIS with reference to the economic and social effects of the study, the impact on the environment, and consistency with the goals and objectives of the community.

For more information about other MoDOT projects, please visit MoDOT's Website at www.modot.mo.gov/kansascity. For instant updates, follow MoDOT_KC on Twitter or send questions and comments to kccommunityrelations@modot.mo.gov.

Radio Spot Script

Radio ads were announced via *News Radio KMBZ 980*.

BUDGET, SPOT LENGTH, AND RUN TIMES

Entercom KMBZ 980 was able to provide MoDOT's I-70 FTEIS project with the following:

5 (:30) commercials 6AM-9AM Morning News
5 (:30) commercials 3PM-6PM Shanin and Parks
9 (:10) Traffic sponsorships during drive times

KMBZ's run times were:

	4/8/2010	4/9/2010	4/12/2010
6a-9a (:30)	2x	2x	1x
3p-6p (:30)	2x	3x	off
Traffic am (:10)	1x	2x	2x
Traffic pm (:10)	2x	2x	off

COPY FOR 30-SECOND SPOTS

MoDOT invites the public to hear more about plans to improve I-70 from the Missouri-Kansas state line to just east of I-470. Come to the open house meeting from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 12th at Noland Road Baptist Church (4505 South Noland Road) in Independence, Missouri. An identical meeting will be held at the Gregg/Klice Community Center (1600 John "Buck" O'Neil Way) in Kansas City, Missouri from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13th. Visit www.modot.org for more information.

COPY FOR 10-SECOND SPOTS

MoDOT invites the public to hear more about plans to improve I-70 in Jackson County. Visit www.modot.org for more information.

Newspaper Advertisements

English/Spanish and English/Vietnamese newspaper advertisements were published in the *Examiner*, *Dos Mundos*, *Kansas City Star*, *Kansas City Globe*, and *Kansas City Call* newspapers. The newspaper ads ran the consecutive weeks prior to the public hearing. The following ad ran in *Dos Mundos*, *The Examiner*, and the *Kansas City Globe* on April 1 and April 8. The ad also ran in the *Kansas City Star* and the *Kansas City Call* on April 2 and April 9.



¡Sus comentarios son necesarios!
Your comments are needed!
Lời bình luận của bạn rất cần thiết!

Public Hearing
Monday, April 12, 2010

Audiencia Pública
Lunes, 12 de Abril, 2010

Lắng nghe công chúng tại:
Thứ hai ngày 12 tháng 4 năm 2010

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Noland Road Baptist Church
4505 South Noland Road
Independence, MO 64055

Public Hearing
Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Audiencia Pública
Martes, 13 de Abril, 2010

Lắng nghe công chúng tại:
Thứ ba ngày 13 tháng 4 năm 2010

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Gregg/Klice Community Center
1600 John “Buck” O’Neil Way
Kansas City, MO 64108

On-Line Public Hearing
April 1 - May 7, 2010
go to: www.modot.org/kansascity/metro70

Audiencia Pública por internet
1 de Abril - 7 de Mayo, 2010
vaya a: www.modot.org/kansascity/metro70

Hoặc trên trang mạng:
Từ ngày 1 tháng 4 tới ngày 7 tháng 5 năm 2010
ở địa chỉ: www.modot.org/kansascity/metro70

1-888 ASK MODOT (275-6636)

www.modot.org/kansascity/metro70

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Postcard



Project Manager:
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¡Sus comentarios son necesarios!
Your Comments are Needed!

MoDOT Continues to Stay Ahead of the Curve with I-70 Environmental Study in KC Metro
MoDOT continúa a la vanguardia Estudios Ambientales del I-70 en el área metropolitana de KC.

Public Hearing
Monday, April 12, 2010

Audiencia Pública
Lunes, 12 de Abril, 2010

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Noland Road Baptist Church
4505 South Noland Road
Independence, MO 64055

Public Hearing
Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Audiencia Pública
Martes, 13 de Abril, 2010

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Gregg/Klice Community Center
1600 John "Buck" O'Neil Way
Kansas City, MO 64108

On-Line Public Hearing
April 1 - May 7, 2010
go to:

Audiencia Pública por internet
1 de Abril - 7 de Mayo, 2010
vaya a:

www.modot.org/kansascity/metroi70

Postcard Front



For more information visit:
Para más información visítenos en :
www.modot.org/kansascity/metroi70

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) has proposed an identified preferred strategy for improving I-70 in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area. It will be on display at the April 12th and April 13th public hearing and at www.modot.org/kansascity/metroi70 for public comment. The same materials will be on display at both meetings. You can attend the hearing to comment or review and blog about the proposed strategy at our website. We look forward to hearing from you!

El Departamento de Transporte de Missouri (MoDOT) ha propuesto e identificado una estrategia preferida para mejorar el I-70 en el área metropolitana de Kansas City. Será exhibido en la audiencia pública el 12 de abril y el 13 de abril y en www.modot.org/kansascity/metroi70 para comentarios públicos. Los mismos materiales serán exhibidos en ambas reuniones. Usted puede asistir a la audiencia para hacer comentarios o revisiones y blog sobre la estrategia propuesta en nuestro sitio Web. ¡Esperamos sus respuestas!

Patti Banks Associates
929 Walnut, Suite 200
Kansas City, MO 64106

Postcard Back

Project Information Handout

I-70 FIRST TIER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

WELCOME

Welcome to the Public Hearing for the I-70 First Tier Environmental Impact Statement (FTEIS). The hearing is being held over two nights, April 12th at Noland Road Baptist Church and April 13th at the Gregg/Klice Community Center. The hearing provides an opportunity for formal public review of the Draft FTEIS. The information presented this evening is intended to give you an overview of the study's major findings, the strategies considered to improve I-70, and the Identified Preferred Strategy.

We encourage everyone to ask questions and make their comments known. All comments received will be evaluated by MoDOT staff in determining the final strategy for improving I-70.

What Can You View at this Public Hearing?

The public hearing provides several options for viewing information and providing your comments:

- You may view the exhibits spaced around the room including maps of the potential improvement strategies located in the center of the room.
- You may view the on-line public hearing slide show at the computer stations and provide blog comments on the project.
- You may ask questions of the project team staff and make your opinions known. Representatives of MoDOT and its consultant team look forward to discussing the project with you.



We Need Your Comments?

You can submit your comments either tonight or after tonight. The comment period ends on May 7, 2010.

To submit your comments tonight you can...

1. Tell your comments to the comment reporter at the comment table. All you have to do is speak your mind and the reporter will record it.
2. Fill out a comment card and submit your comments in writing. Please place your completed comment card in the comment box.
3. Provide comments via the on-line blog or comment form at one of the computer stations.
4. Provide informal comments to any of the study team members. This type of input is important and will be documented but will not be included in the formal comments on the Draft FTEIS.

To submit your comments later you can...

1. Visit the Website at: www.modot.org/kansascity/metroi70 and take part in the on-line public hearing. There are links to provide blog comments or on-line comments.
2. Send an e-mail to the MoDOT project manager: allan.zafft@modot.mo.gov
3. Mail written comments to MoDOT at: 600 NE Colbern Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64086

What Happens to Comments?

- All formal comments received at the hearing or during the comment period will be reviewed, recorded and will become part of an appendix to the Final First Tier Environmental Impact Statement.
- Any additional comments received within ten working days after this hearing will be made a part of the hearing transcript and all substantive comments will be addressed in the Final First Tier Environmental Impact Statement. A substantive comment is one that comments on the project, environmental resources potentially affected and/or strategies considered and includes reasons for the comment. For example: "I do not want Strategy A because it will cause too many homes to be relocated."
- Even if your comment does not meet the technical definition of a substantive comment it is still important and MoDOT wants to know what you think.

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The following exhibits and stations are located in the hearing room:

Exhibit or Station Name	What Does the Exhibit Show? What Happens At This Station?
Public Hearing Welcome	It explains the background on the public hearing.
Purpose and Need	It explains the purpose of the project and the key reasons for improving I-70.
How an Idea Becomes a Reality	It describes how transportation projects are implemented from initial ideas to construction.
Study Process	It describes the process this project is following.
Study Area	A map of the portion of I-70 under study is shown.
Strategy Development	It explains the steps MoDOT took to develop strategies for improving I-70 and the strategies considered.
Strategy Maps	Maps showing the key elements of each of the four First Tier strategies considered and the Identified Preferred Strategy are provided on tables in the center of the room.
Identified Preferred Strategy	It explains why MoDOT has proposed an Identified Preferred Strategy.
Draft FTEIS	It explains what the Draft FTEIS is and provides copies for you to review.
Environmental Maps	Three maps of the various environmental resources in the Study Area including community facilities, parks, wetlands, floodplains, streams, and cultural resources.
Environmental Summary Effects	It provides a summary of some of the key potential effects of the strategies on environmental resources.
Next Steps	It describes the next steps for the project.
Computer Stations	You can participate in the on-line public hearing and blog on these computers.
We Need Your Comments - Comment Table	You can provide your comment on the project in many ways, as described below.
Contact Information	It provides contact points for further information.
Other MoDOT Projects Information Station	Information on other MoDOT projects in the Kansas City Area is provided here.

5.0 Public Comments

The summary of the public comments and the Study Team's responses are in **Appendix D.1**.