

Project Description:

The project includes grading, paving, adding shoulders and some realignment of Route 34 from Piedmont to Patterson. The project also includes resurfacing with paved shoulders from Patterson to the new Route 34 realignment at Silva.

Time line:

This project is part of the economic stimulus package, and is one of the initial thirty-four transportation projects MoDOT has plans to move forward with if the stimulus package is passed. Bids for the project are expected to open in June. If awarded, work could potentially begin in fall 2009, with an anticipated completion date in spring 2011. However, work on the project is dependent upon the passage of the stimulus package.

Importance of Improvements:

The improvements will help increase safety on Route 34 and increase the level of service from Piedmont to Silva.

Economic Stimulus Package

MoDOT is ready to proceed with thirty-four transportation projects that could be awarded within 180 days of passage of an economic stimulus package that contains at least \$25 billion for transportation infrastructure investments nationwide.

The projects, which would total \$510 million, would create about 14,000 jobs and have a \$2.4 billion impact on the state's economy.

The projects MoDOT has outlined would also help increase safety and provide a better quality of life for Missourians. Passage of the stimulus package is important to MoDOT. Many states have had to delay projects because of the decline in revenue generated by fuel use and motor vehicle sales. While MoDOT has not yet had to postpone or cancel projects, state revenues are down almost 5 percent for the first four months of the fiscal year - about an \$18 million decline. If the trend continues, the state could face a \$73 million shortfall by the end of the fiscal year. For more information about the stimulus package and a complete list of projects, visit:

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