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Final Environmental Impact Statement

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EAST COLUMBIA EIS Boone County, Missouri

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Federal Highway Administration
and
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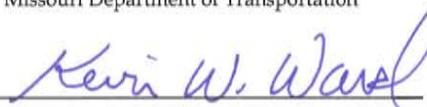
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The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) are proposing to improve the transportation network in eastern Columbia/Boone County by: 1) extending Route 740 from its terminus at US-63, along a new alignment, to I-70 at the existing St. Charles Road interchange, 2) improving existing Broadway (Route WW) as a major arterial from US-63 to the extension of Route 740 and as a minor arterial from the extension of Route 740 to Olivet Road and 3) extending Ballenger Lane, as a locally sponsored project, from the extension of Route 740 to Clark Lane.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a collaborative approach was taken during this investigation. Through a partnering agreement, a project team composed of MoDOT, the City of Columbia and Boone County investigated the transportation needs, developed alternatives, and evaluated impacts.

This EIS discusses the project's Purpose and Need (Chapter 1), identifies the decision-making process that led to the Preferred Alternative (Chapter II), presents the nature of the important resources located within the study area (Chapter III), evaluates the social, environmental, and economic impacts associated with this project (Chapter IV), and summarizes the public involvement, agency outreach and stakeholder coordination conducted during the project (Chapter V).

Comments on this Final EIS are due by 01/18/2010, and should be sent to the persons listed above.