



## **Frequently Asked Questions Benton County Route 65**

Design Public Hearing - June 3, 2008

### **1. What is the purpose of this project?**

MoDOT plans to improve U.S. Route 65 from south of Route 52, through the city of Lincoln, to south of Route 7 near Warsaw.

Current plans call for widening Route 65 north of Lincoln by constructing two additional lanes to the east of the existing lanes with a 60-foot median. The new lanes would handle northbound traffic and the existing lanes would be reused as the southbound lanes.

Through the city of Lincoln, Route 65 will be widened into a five lane, undivided route, with two northbound lanes, two southbound lanes, and a two-way center turn lane.

South of Lincoln, two additional lanes will be constructed with a 60-foot median. Several transitions will be used to switch between an eastern widening and western widening for the portion of Route 65 south of Lincoln.

The existing lanes for Route 65 will be resurfaced and the shoulders will be stabilized after the new lanes are added.

### **2. When will this project begin?**

The project is scheduled for construction in the summer of 2010. We are considering accelerating the improvement work through Lincoln as a separate project to be available for contractor bid in late 2009, with construction beginning in early 2010.

### **3. How will traffic be handled during construction?**

Traffic will be maintained on existing Route 65. In some instances, temporary bypasses will be constructed next to the existing lanes to maintain traffic flow during the work.

### **4. Will additional right of way be needed to construct this project?**

Yes, the acquisition of additional right of way will be required throughout the corridor. Through Lincoln, with the exception of a few property owners, we expect improvements to take place within the existing right of way. However, some temporary construction easements may be needed. Generally, right of way acquisition will begin in late 2008.

**5. How will you acquire my property?**

For those property owners affected, we encourage you to reference the enclosed brochure titled “Pathways for Progress.” This brochure outlines the process and should answer most of your questions. If you have questions after viewing the brochure, our Right of Way staff will be happy to assist you. They can be reached by calling the MoDOT toll-free number, 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (275-6636).

**6. What will this project cost?**

The project will cost approximately \$40 million. This includes highway design, right of way acquisition, utility relocation and construction.

**7. Why are you acquiring access rights along the existing highway?**

Access rights are being acquired to improve safety and traffic flow along the corridor and ensure the long-term functionality of the highway.

**8. Will my access to Route 65 change?**

The project will provide crossovers at all public roadways located north and south of Lincoln. The exception to this will be at Mount Olivet where sight distance is less than desirable. Most private entrances will be limited to right turning movements out of their existing drives. Turn-around crossovers will be located at least every 1-1/4 mile.

Some entrances in Lincoln will be consolidated to improve safety. Please review the display map of Lincoln to ensure the driveways are properly located and provide necessary access.