



U.S. Route 50 (Whitton Expressway)
Roadway Improvements
Cole County
Public Hearing
September 26, 2013

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of tonight's hearing?

The purpose of tonight's hearing is to present the approved preliminary plan for the roadway improvements project along the U.S. Route 50 (Whitton Expressway) corridor from Monroe Street to Clark Avenue. It is also an opportunity for the property owners and general public to provide any comments on the plan.

What improvements are included in the project?

The project includes a new interchange at U.S. Route 50 and Lafayette Street, as well as adding a lane in each direction from Monroe Street to Lafayette Street and from Lafayette Street to Clark Avenue. Five bridges will also be replaced along the corridor and one bridge will be rehabilitated.

How will traffic be affected?

Traffic will be greatly affected. The bridge work will require closures at Jackson Street and Chestnut Street as well as lane closures on Clark Avenue. Bridge and grading work on U.S. Route 50 may require detours and closures as well. Not all closures will occur at the same time and MoDOT is working closely with the City of Jefferson, Cole County and emergency management services to minimize impacts when possible.

When will the work take place?

The work is scheduled to begin in late 2014 and take approximately two years to complete.

Will additional right of way be needed to construct this project?

Yes. For those property owners affected, we encourage you to reference a MoDOT brochure titled "Pathways for Progress." This brochure outlines the process and should answer many of your questions. You can find it online at http://www.modot.org/central/documents/PathwaysforProgress_Final.pdf. If you still have questions, our Right of Way staff will be happy to help you. They can be reached by calling toll-free 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (273-6636).

How much will this project cost to construct?

The project is estimated to cost \$18.0 million and is funded through the Statewide Transportation and Improvement Program.

How can I learn more?

You may learn more by contacting us toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (275-6636) or by visiting us on the Web at www.modot.org/central.