

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of tonight's hearing?

The purpose of tonight's hearing is to provide information on proposed improvements to the Route 63/Route AC interchange in Columbia. The proposed construction will improve safety and mobility of all users.

Why is this work necessary?

The project is necessary to increase the capacity and reduce congestion of the Route 63 and Route AC interchange. This work will expand traffic capacity on the east side of the interchange, enhance safety, and improve access for all users.

When will the work take place?

The project is scheduled to be bid in the fall of 2023, with construction tentatively scheduled to start in early 2024. Construction is expected to be completed by spring 2025.

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

Yes. We are estimating the project will require the acquisition of approximately 15 acres. Based on our current timeline, right of way acquisition plans will be available in fall 2022.

What will the project cost?

We are estimating the construction costs of the project will be \$8-9 million.

Will the commuter lot be impacted?

The commuter lot will need to be removed from its existing location to allow for the new loop ramp to Route 63 to be constructed. We are currently evaluating possibilities but have not yet identified a space for its relocation.

Why is no work being done to the west side of the interchange?

For the near-term, traffic flow can be improved with only the work proposed on the eastern side of the interchange. The existing overpass bridge was just rehabbed and is in good condition. When it is scheduled for replacement in 10-15 years, we will examine further improvements to the interchange on the west side.

What is the next step?

Various engineering and environmental studies will be performed while detailed plans will be completed to establish the right of way needs. Necessary property will be acquired through right of way negotiations.

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 <u>www.modot.org/63ACInterchange</u>.