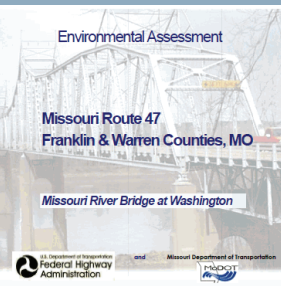




ROUTE 47 BRIDGE

at Washington
Environmental Assessment

Environmental Assessment Completed



The Environmental Assessment, which researched the environmental, cultural and historical issues associated with replacing the bridge is complete and is now available for public comment.

“We have worked with our partners and determined the best site for a new bridge is about 50 feet upstream from its current location,” said MoDOT Transportation Project Manager Rick Domzalski. “We still want the public to comment just to make sure we haven’t missed something,” he said. After the public hearing, any substantive concerns will be addressed and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is expected to be issued for the project. “The FONSI is the final decision document that completed the NEPA process,” Domzalski added.

The 223 page document is available online at www.modot.org/northeast. He said MoDOT also would like to know if anyone is interested in reusing the old, historic bridge.

While another step in the process is completed, Domzalski reminds the public there is no funding in place for the new bridge. “The bridge was identified as the top priority rural bridge in our planning process, yet with our current funding levels, it could be a while before we can allocate the nearly \$50 million needed to replace it,” he added. MoDOT will continue to work with the City of Washington to move forward on the design of the new bridge.

Thank you for coming to this public hearing regarding the findings from the environmental assessment. Your input has helped us identify potential impacts a new bridge would have on the environment. The focus of tonight’s meeting is to share the results of the environmental assessment and give the public one last opportunity to share information on the impact the bridge may have on the environment and give the public one last chance to comment on the project and the proposed preferred alternative.

City of Washington Makes Financial Commitment

The City of Washington has offered to help with some up-front cost to get the design of a new bridge jump started, committing to a \$500,000 loan. It’s going to cost about \$2 million for a consultant to design the bridge, and while the loan is appreciated, MoDOT has to identify where the other \$1.5 million will come from before moving forward on design.

The Highway 47 Bridge Committee continues to meet and share information with MoDOT.



QUESTIONS?

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TIMELINE

While there is no firm timeline for designing or constructing a new bridge, the bridge was identified as the top priority rural bridge in MoDOT's planning process.

FAST FACTS

- ◆ MoDOT currently has no funding available for design or construction of the bridge
- ◆ The estimated cost of replacing the bridge is nearly \$50 million.
- ◆ The new bridge will be 44 feet wide, plus a bike lane.
- ◆ The existing bridge is historic and MoDOT encourages organizations to consider reuse of the bridge (please see our website for details)
- ◆ The bridge will have a separated bike lane.
- ◆ MoDOT is planning to resurface Route 47 from Warrenton to the bridge; Route 47 from Dutzow to the bridge will also receive paved shoulders.
- ◆ These paved shoulders will serve as a connection to the Katy Trail.

Virtual hearing...

A "virtual hearing" for public comments/input is now available at www.modot.org/northeast, on the Route 47 Bridge at Washington link. All exhibits on display are available online and comments can be made 24/7 until January 31, 2011.

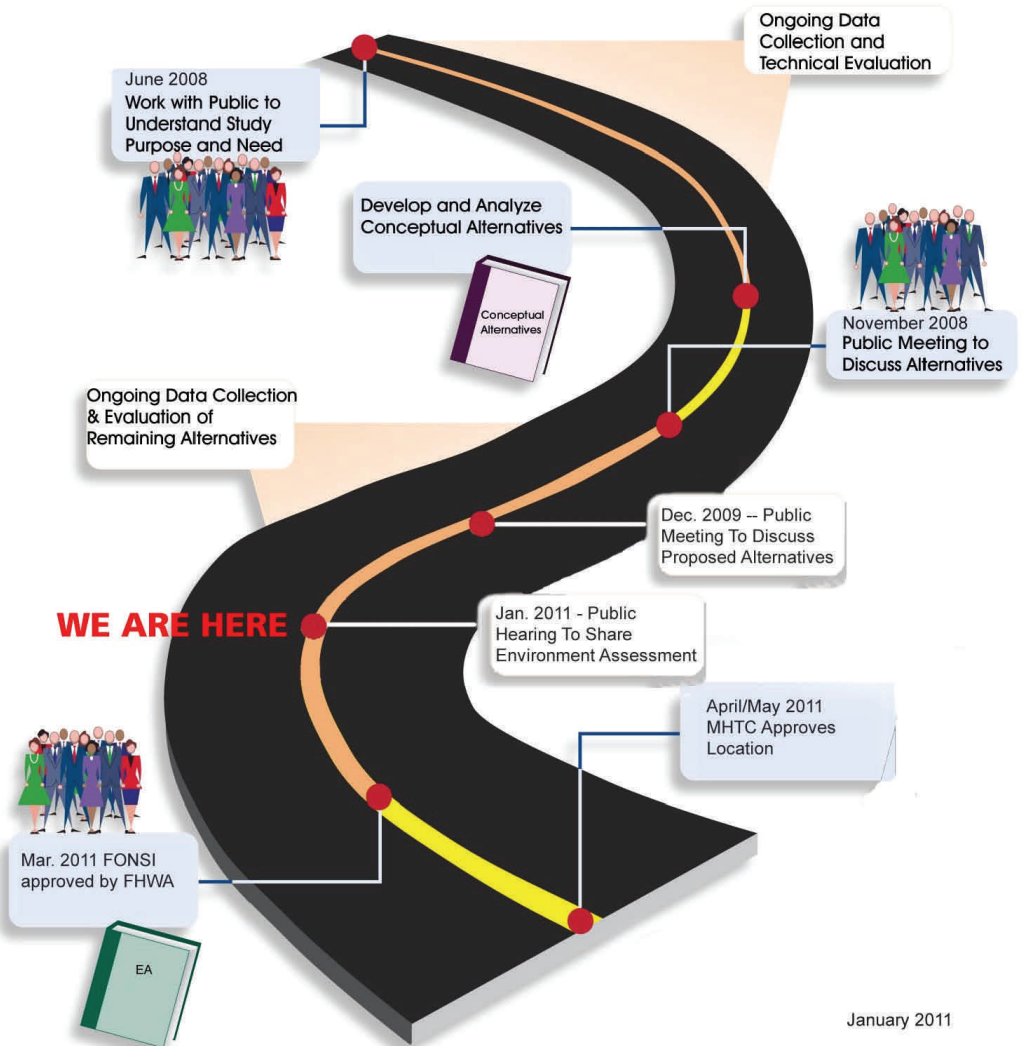
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What Will Happen Next?



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