



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of tonight's meeting?

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to provide information on plans to make intersection improvements on Boone County Route M (Broadway Street) and Henry Clay Boulevard in Ashland. The City of Ashland previously conducted a traffic study of this intersection, funded through the Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP). Due to the skew of the intersection and associated right of way costs to improve the intersection, it was determined a roundabout would be the most economical solution.

Why is this work necessary?

The existing intersection of Route M/Broadway and Henry Clay Boulevard is an all-way, stop-controlled intersection. Due to the increasing growth of Ashland, the current traffic volumes are beginning to cause this intersection to function less efficiently. During heavier traffic hours, the existing intersection backs up nearly to the US-63 interchange. A roundabout is proposed to improve motorist and pedestrian safety and provide improved traffic flow at the intersection. The sidewalks at the roundabout will be constructed in compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

How will traffic be affected?

The work on Route M will be accomplished by closing one lane while alternating 1-way traffic is maintained in another lane for portions of construction. Henry Clay will be closed to traffic during parts of the construction and detour routes will be utilized. The construction will be staged in a manner to minimize closures and periodic night work may be necessary to avoid peak traffic volumes. Some private and commercial entrances will require partial or full closures to tie in to new roadway.

When will the work take place?

The project is scheduled to be awarded in 2021, with construction taking place in 2021.

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

Right of way and temporary easements will be needed for the roundabout construction.

What is the total cost of the project?

The total cost for the project is estimated at \$2,100,000. This is a cost share project initiated by the City of Ashland. The City of Ashland is responsible for the engineering costs and 50% of the total project costs. MoDOT is responsible for acquiring the right of way, letting the project and construction inspection, as well as 50% of the project costs. The city is responsible for any costs over the programmed amount for the project.

How can I learn more?

You may learn more by contacting Tony St. Romaine, City Administrator of Ashland, at 573-657-2091 (phone) or cityadmin@ashlandmo.us (email).