

Next Door Post #2 before the 10-15 Open House 10-14-2019

I-44 East Bridge Trail Approach – Existing Gravel Path (Not)

Make sure to mark your calendar to attend the second public input meeting on the trail approaches and voice your opposition to any sort of east side trail spur that continues to be on the new draft of the alignment:

DATE: Tuesday, October 15th

TIME: 6-8pm (stop by anytime during this timeframe)

LOCATION: RiverChase of Fenton Recreation Center
(990 Horan Drive, Fenton MO 63026)

While a trail spur through Emmenegger Nature Park is no longer part of the plan, a route down underneath the bridge is. The new drawing has a connection down to an existing "Gravel Trail for River Access." This isn't a "gravel trail." It's a heavy equipment construction road placed there to build the new bridges. Wider than any trail, the road is built to handle cement mixers, 30 ton dump trucks, cranes, semis loaded with steel, and other heavy equipment. All it would need is pavement to make it into a highway grade road.

It won't allow a hiker or biker to connect to the Meramec River itself. The river is way down below this road, unless there's flooding, like there is now. The road is in the floodplain, which is why bridge construction cannot be done down there with the river as high as it is currently.

And MoDOT requires this road to be removed, saying on their website: "As part of any project in a floodplain, MoDOT must design the project to have no additional impact on flooding, based on the current Corps of Engineers flood map projections."

The true reason for this gravel "trail" route is to connect to a future trail along the east side of the river.

Do not ruin the fragile and rare environment of these precious bluffs. Connect the wildlife on the east. Maintain a biking/hiking trail on the west. Please attend the second public comment meeting and voice your opposition to this part of the plan.

No overlook. No gravel trail. Come and say once again, NO TRAIL SPUR!!!

Next Door Post #3 before the 10-15 Open House 10-14-2019

I-44 East Bridge Trail Approach - Scenic Overlook (Not)

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While not calling it a trail spur, the proposed plan to be presented at this meeting has added a short paved trail from a new trailhead/parking lot that leads down to a proposed Scenic Overlook—in spite of survey respondents not wanting to include an overlook on the east side.

Look at the pictures. Does this view from where the overlook would be placed look "scenic" to you. Looking out, what you'll see is the other side of the bridge and high tension power lines. What you will see is the electronic billboard displaying what the latest lottery jackpot is worth. What you'll see is the Fenton Pointe office building. Beautiful scenery? I think not.

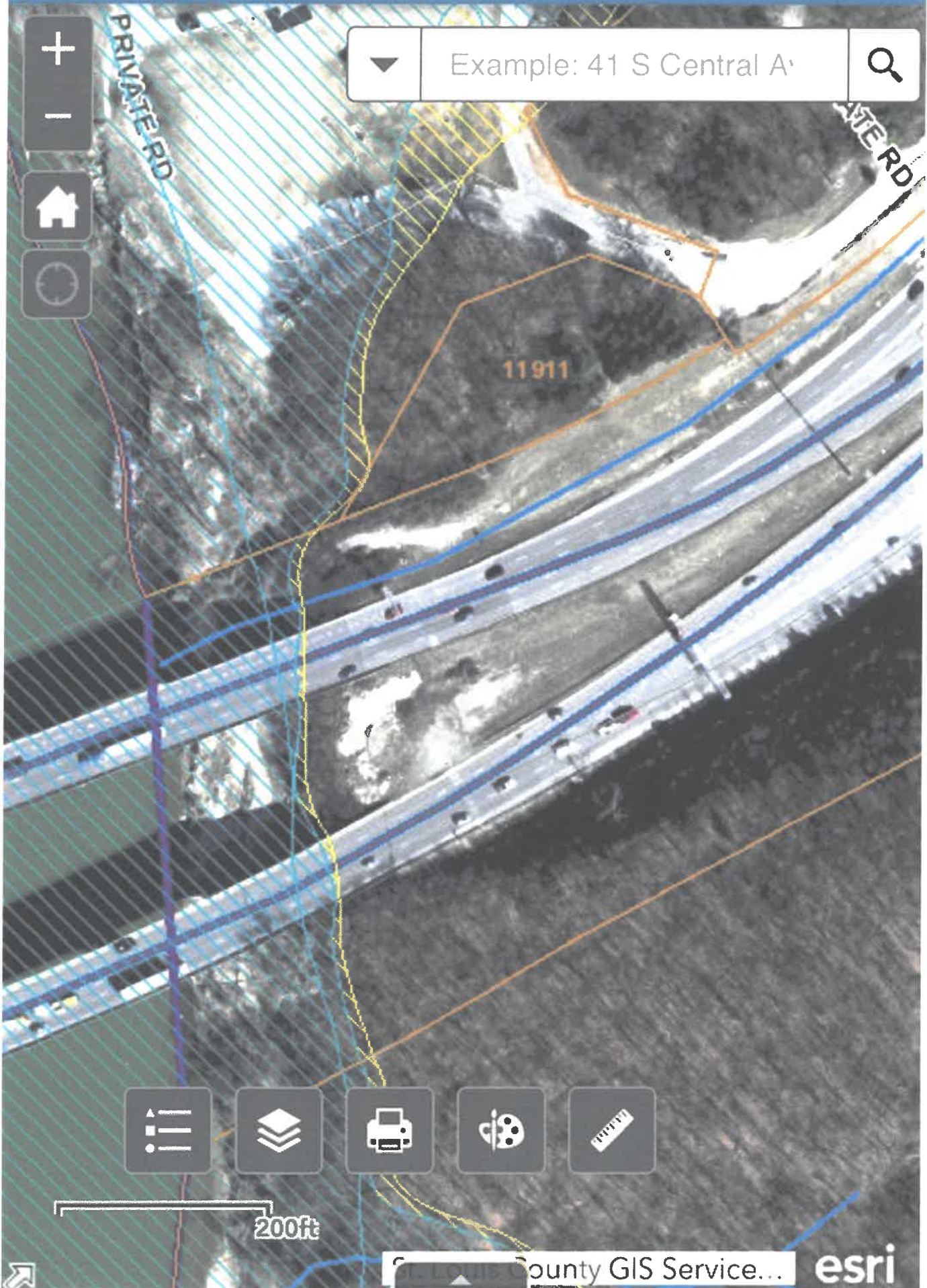
If you put the trail to the overlook together with the gravel road down and underneath the bridge, what you get is a trail spur. The drawing even has the old spur from the original concept plan laid out underneath it in faint white outline. And the spur still goes nowhere.

The true reason for this spur is to connect to a future trail along the east side of the river. Do not ruin the fragile and rare environment of these precious bluffs. Connect the wildlife on the east. Maintain a biking/hiking trail on the west. Please attend the second public comment meeting tomorrow and voice your opposition to this part of the plan. No overlook. No gravel trail. Come and say once again, NO TRAIL SPUR!!!





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