

Scope of Services for Environmental Assessment

JOP2272 – Route 412, Dunklin County

The objective of this project is to complete an Environmental Assessment (EA) and obtain a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), if appropriate, in accordance with applicable federal regulations and guidance for the Route 412 corridor from Route AC to 0.2 miles east of Route Y in Dunklin County, Missouri. The general scope of the proposed highway improvement is adding lanes to the existing lanes. The assumptions, procedures, data, and decisions made, which culminate in the successful completion of this project, must be sound and clearly documented.

According to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations, the EA would focus on issues such as general location, mode choice, known environmental and cultural resource constraints, and land use implications of the major alternatives.

Tasks for development of the EA shall include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:

- 1) Develop and revise a project schedule to show completion of the EA within the allotted time frame.
- 2) Obtain the necessary preliminary input through a public involvement process that utilizes traditional public meetings, on-line and social media, community advisory groups, and by building informed consent with political entities having interest in the project. Ongoing public involvement will be necessary throughout the preparation of the EA.
- 3) Establish a plan for coordinating public and agency participation in accordance with Section 1304 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).
- 4) Meet with participating and cooperating agencies to identify their issues and concerns as the project purpose and need and alternatives are developed.
- 5) Assess the social, economic, and environmental impacts of the alternatives for the proposed action.
- 6) Complete required documentation for and attain Section 106 clearance and Section 4(f) clearance, if required.
- 7) Consider appropriate impact mitigation: avoidance, minimization, and compensation.
- 8) Provide recommended methods of traffic control.
- 9) Consider interim requirements on the existing system and any necessary improvement to adjacent facilities.
- 10) Determine a construction estimate for the preferred alternative.
- 11) Obtain approval of an EA by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and issuance of the FONSI, if appropriate.
- 12) Compile the required NEPA documentation through the production of an administrative record.