



MEMORANDUM
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SUBJECT: I-64 at Vandeventer and Grand public meeting summary

This memo serves as a summary of the open-house style public meeting the Missouri Department of Transportation held on April 30, 2026, from 4 to 7 p.m. at 18Rails in the City Foundry STL, 3730 Foundry Way, St. Louis MO 63110. Information from the public meeting was available for two weeks after the public meeting, until May 14, 2026, for additional public review and comment. That information was shared on the project website:

<https://www.modot.org/projects/interstate-64-bridge-replacement-over-vandeventer-avenue-st-louis-city> with information duplicated here:

<https://www.modot.org/projects/interstate-64-interchange-improvements-grand-boulevard-st-louis-city>. The department had 156 attendees personally attend the public meeting, while 891 people viewed the information on the Vandeventer bridge page, and 326 people viewed the information on the Grand interchange page on-line. During the entire meeting, 47 people submitted comments.



Meeting participants:

Presenting team: MoDOT and the consultants from Hansen and HDR.

Administrative team in attendance: Tom Blair, Tom Evers, Michelle Forneris, Steve Miller.

Partners in attendance: City of St. Louis, Metro, Great Rivers Greenway

Notable public attendees: Representatives from St. Louis University, Washington University, Blues, Cardinals, St Louis City SL, SSM Health, Veterans Administration, Fox Park, Cortex, Locust Business District, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

The purpose of the public meeting was to share basic information about a planned full closure for eastbound Interstate 64 between Vandeventer and Compton with traffic detoured onto Vandeventer and Forest Park Avenue. It included information about plans to update the eastbound I-64 interchange with Grand during the same time. Among other items, the meeting shared information on the Future 64 study, previous successes with I-64 closures, the planned detour, ways to get around the planned closures, signal coordination and coordination with a city of St. Louis planned closure of the Compton viaduct south of Interstate 64.



Attendees were asked to share their thoughts about concerns about both projects, the detours and anything else that MoDOT should consider. Generally, comments were focused in the following areas:

- **Concerns about the detour route, traffic flow and bike/ped safety**
 - Work continues on the planning for this construction project, and can take a look at some of the expectations during the detour. As was shared during the public meeting, expectations for traffic through the area are to be slower than normal, due to higher volumes.
- **Support for the full plan, as originally shared during the original study.**
 - The current plan only includes proposals made on the eastbound side of Interstate 64. Many of the proposals for the westbound side of Interstate 64 in this area were tabled for further study after a significant number of businesses and event centers shared concerns about the potential impacts of removing the ramp from Compton to westbound I-64. A significant number of commenters shared that they would like MoDOT to pursue some form of the original plan shared during the study – to include removing many of the ramps between Forest Park Avenue and the interstate to open up space to better allow for bike and pedestrian crossings and to reduce the barrier impact that the interstate has between the colleges and Metro station to the south on Grand and the businesses, residences, and arts activities to the north of the interstate on Grand. There were a couple of comments that stressed concerns about retaining the current ramp between Compton and westbound I-64. The department

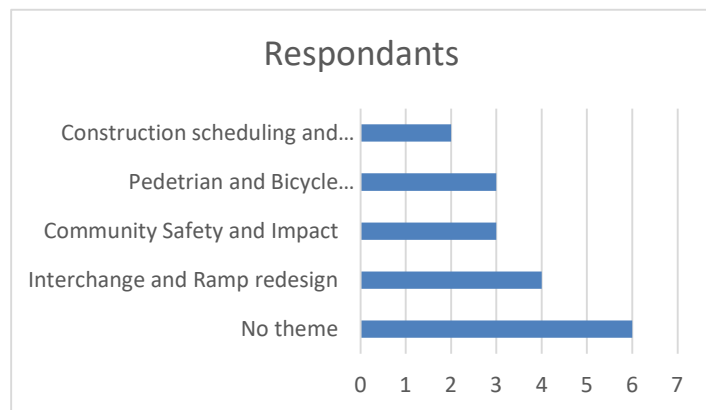
will continue to look at options to see what may be able to be addressed in a future project to attempt to reduce the barrier effect while addressing the concerns about the ramp from Compton.

- **Attention to providing access to transit, biking and pedestrian access through the detour route.**
 - Currently, there are no transit routes on the portions of Vandeventer or Forest Park Avenue on the detour route. With the expectations that traffic speeds will be slower during the detour, due to the higher volumes, the department will continue to look at the corridor to see what, if possible, may be able to be done further.
- **Continued focus on walkability, especially to Metrolink.**
 - As a part of continued efforts on updating the corridor between Kingshighway and Jefferson, the department will continue to make sure they prioritize minimizing the barrier effect the interstate has on travel north and south of the interstate, especially for pedestrians and cyclists.

More specifically, the department asked for feedback in several areas during the open house style public meeting.

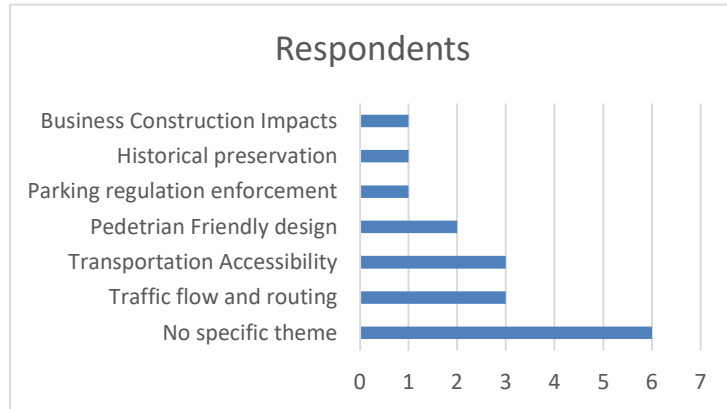
Question 3: I have the following questions or concerns about replacing the eastbound I-64 bridge or rehabilitating the westbound bridge.

Feedback on the I-64 bridge projects is mixed, with most responses neutral and a smaller number expressing concerns or support. Some respondents focus on community safety, the impact of interchange redesigns, and maintaining pedestrian and bicycle connectivity. A few highlight worries about construction duration, transit continuity, and traffic management. While some view the changes as opportunities for neighborhood improvement, others are concerned about disruption and access. Overall, respondents seek careful planning to balance infrastructure needs with community and mobility priorities throughout the project.



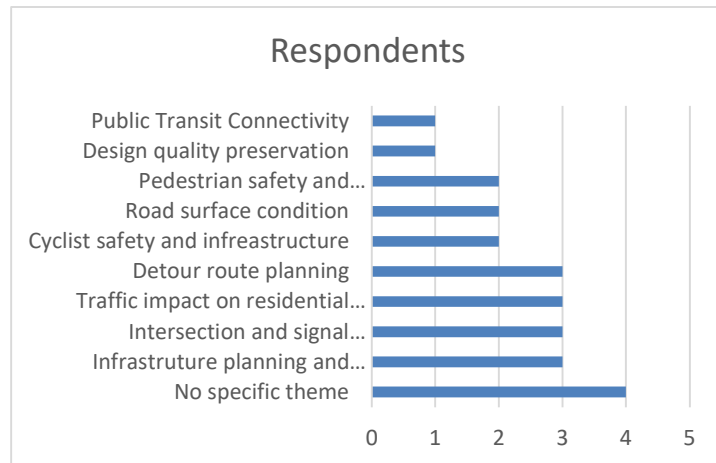
Question 4: In general, I have the following questions or concerns about closing eastbound I-64:

Feedback on the proposed eastbound I-64 closure is mixed, with concerns centering on transportation accessibility and potential impacts on traffic flow and neighborhood routes. Some respondents worry about longer commutes and increased congestion, while others highlight the importance of pedestrian-friendly design and improved walkability. A few mention business impacts, historical preservation, and parking enforcement. Overall, responses reflect a balance of practical concerns and hopes for more inclusive infrastructure, with no single dominant viewpoint emerging from the group of responses provided.



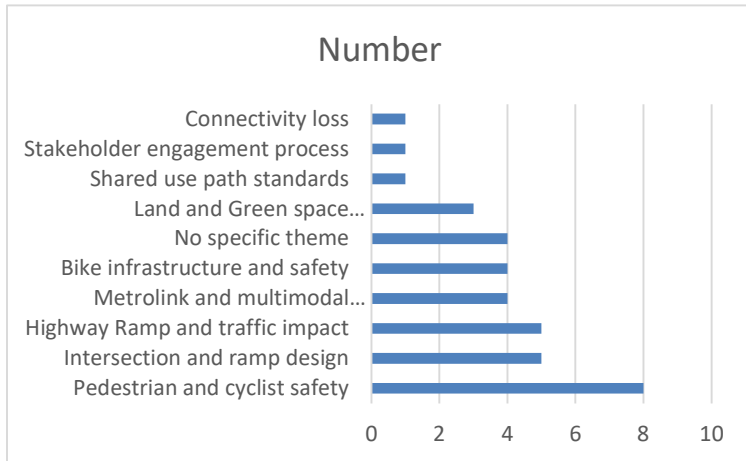
Question 5: I have the following questions or concerns about the detour for the eastbound closure of I-64:

Respondents expressed mostly negative or neutral views about the eastbound I-64 detour, focusing on concerns about detour route planning, road surface conditions, and the ability of local infrastructure to handle increased traffic. Many raised issues about pedestrian and cyclist safety, intersection management, and potential impacts on residential areas. A few highlighted the need for improved public transit connections and maintaining design quality. Overall, feedback centered on minimizing disruption and ensuring safety for all road users during the closure period. Concerns about traffic congestion and accessibility were common.



Question 6: I have the following concerns about the interchange improvements around eastbound I-64 and Grand:

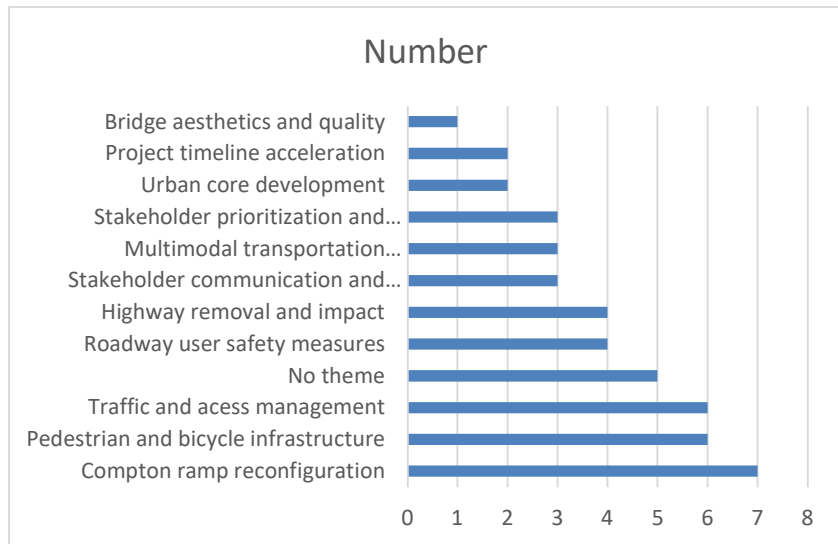
Feedback on the I-64 and Grand interchange improvements is mixed but leans positive or neutral. Many respondents highlight the importance of pedestrian and cyclist safety, requesting protected paths and better crossings. Some express concerns about intersection and ramp design, as well as the need for improved MetroLink and multimodal connectivity. A few note



worries about land use, green space, and traffic impacts. While most support enhanced active transportation infrastructure, a minority question the necessity of certain changes or lament lost connections. Overall, safety and accessibility are key priorities.

Question 7: Are there other issues MoDOT should consider?

Feedback on MoDOT's Vandeventer bridges and Grand interchange project is mixed, with many urging attention to pedestrian and bicycle safety, traffic flow, and the Compton ramp reconfiguration. Some advocate for highway removal or reduced access, while others stress maintaining commuter routes. A few highlight



the need for better communication and stakeholder engagement. Overall, respondents emphasize balancing safety, connectivity, and community impact, with differing views on the best approach for future development and access management in the area. Sentiment is divided, reflecting a range of priorities.

Next steps:

MoDOT and our partners will continue to work to develop the final plans for the project, based on the information shared during this public meeting and taking a closer look at how pedestrian and bicycle traffic can continue to move through the area as well as through the affected portions of the detour route. Information from the final plans will be shared during an open house style public meeting later this year, in fall 2026.