

Appendix F: Public Involvement

Project Description

This project will include finding a permanent solution to provide a safe and reliable Route 19 crossing over Sinking Creek in Shannon County.

A temporary bridge was put into place in May 2015 after a weight restriction and lane reduction were necessary on the existing structure. The temporary bridge allows heavy truck traffic to avoid lengthy detours. The Missouri Department of Transportation is currently looking for a more permanent solution.

Timeline

Construction is anticipated in spring 2017.

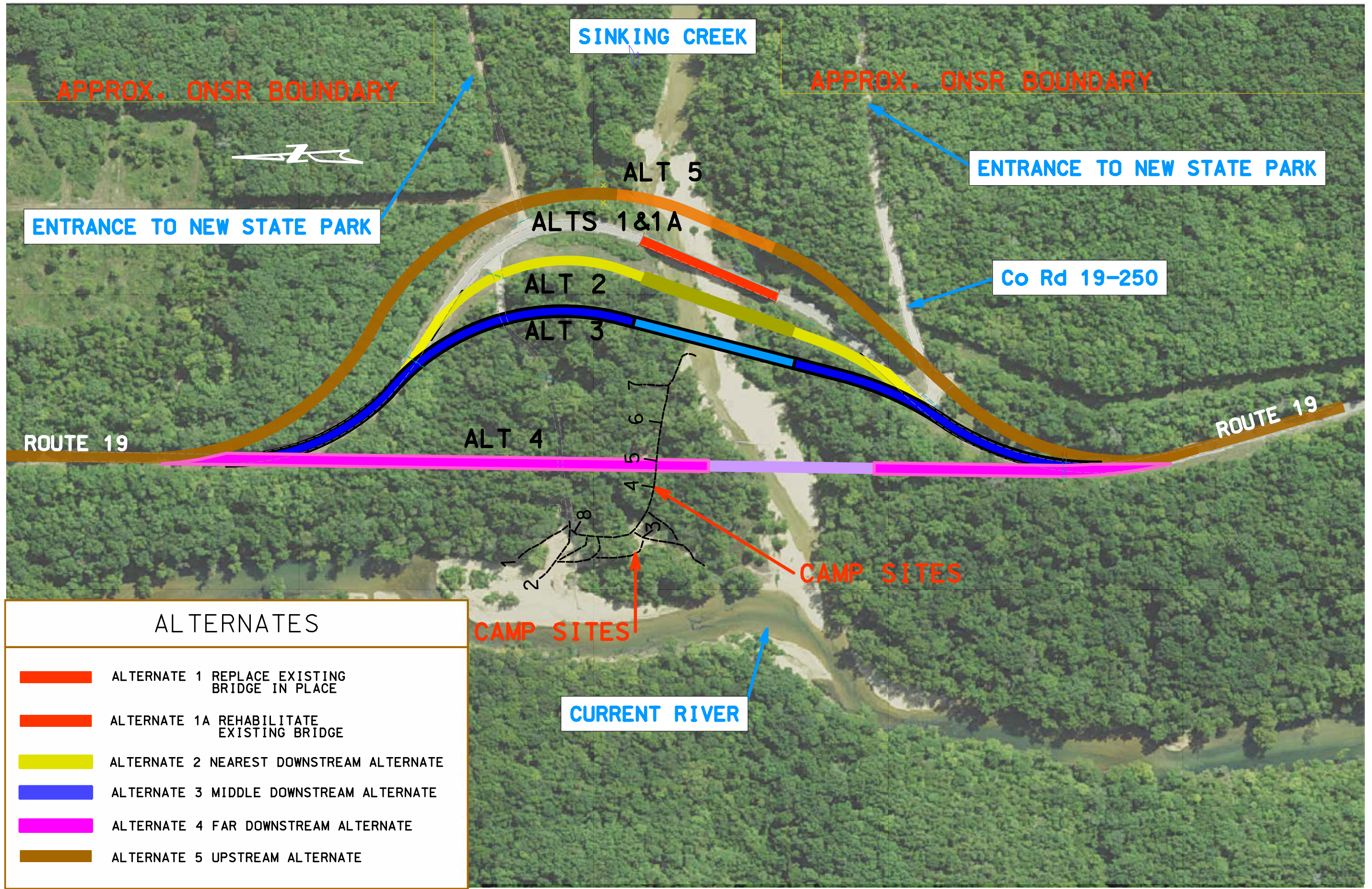
Traffic Impacts

MoDOT is currently examining six options for providing a crossing over Sinking Creek. Four of the alternates include building the structure on a new alignment, with two proposed alternates designed on the existing alignment.

Contact Information

For more information, please contact Project Manager Pete Berry at (417) 469-6242 or Assistant District Engineer Chris Rutledge at (417) 469-6239.





SINKING CREEK

APPROX. ONSR BOUNDARY

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ENTRANCE TO NEW STATE PARK

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ALT 5

ALTS 1&1A

Co Rd 19-250

ALT 2

ALT 3

ROUTE 19

ALT 4

ROUTE 19

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CAMP SITES

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CURRENT RIVER



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Route 19 Sinking Creek Bridge
Shannon County
October 5, 2015

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We want to know.

Please share your comments regarding plans to improve the Route 19 bridge over Sinking Creek in Shannon County. Please submit your comments by October 19. Thank you for your input.

Name: Darrell Skiles Phone: 573-308-5415

Address: 1541 Co. Rd. 2540 Salem, Mo. 65560

Email Address: darrellskiles@hotmail.com

How did you hear about the meeting? newspaper _____ radio X

website/e-mail _____ facebook/twitter _____ message board _____

other (please specify) _____

Were your questions answered by the MoDOT project team? yes. Excellent

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? yes

Comments may also be submitted online at: www.modot.org/southeast/news_and_information/public_meetings/

Comments: Replace existing bridge with a new structure in its place with little or no change in alignment. Alternate 1. This will easily be the most cost effective, least environmentally problematic, and cause the least disruption of traffic as long as the current temporary bridge is left in place until the new bridge is opened to the public. Thank you.

Darrell Skiles

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We want to know.

Please share your comments regarding plans to improve the Route 19 bridge over Sinking Creek in Shannon County. Please submit your comments by October 19. Thank you for your input.

Name: CARLOS Lopez Phone: 573-247-4543

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How did you hear about the meeting? newspaper _____ radio _____

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other (please specify) Father-in-law

Were your questions answered by the MoDOT project team? yes

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? yes

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Comments:

It seems to me that it would make more sense to replace the ~~the~~ old bridge. It would more than likely cut cost + wouldn't step on any toes as far as property lines go. Aside from the historic space, everyone wins. I would also suggest to build it where it could withstand more weight.

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We want to know.

Please share your comments regarding plans to improve the Route 19 bridge over Sinking Creek in Shannon County. Please submit your comments by October 19. Thank you for your input.

Name: ALLEN RAMSEY Phone: 573 2265547

Address: PO BOX 124 EMMAUS MO 65466

Email Address: _____

How did you hear about the meeting? newspaper radio _____

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other (please specify) _____

Were your questions answered by the MoDOT project team? YES

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? YES

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Comments: ALTERNATE 1 COST WISE WOULD BE
THE BEST ALTERNATE

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We want to know.

Please share your comments regarding plans to improve the Route 19 bridge over Sinking Creek in Shannon County. Please submit your comments by October 19. Thank you for your input.

Name: Dennis DuCell Phone: 573-247-1043

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How did you hear about the meeting? newspaper _____ radio _____
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other (please specify) daily Paper (Your World Today)

Were your questions answered by the MoDOT project team? YES

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? yes

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Comments: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Alternative 1 seems to be the best and least expensive for a replacement bridge. Alternative 1 is the least intrusive and disturbs the countryside less than the other ~~NO~~ options.

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We want to know.

Please share your comments regarding plans to improve the Route 19 bridge over Sinking Creek in Shannon County. Please submit your comments by October 19. Thank you for your input.

Name: JANIE HOMMEYER Phone: 573 247 8427

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Email Address: JANIE@VIPSALEMNO.COM

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website/e-mail _____ facebook/twitter _____ message board _____

other *(please specify)* _____

Were your questions answered by the MoDOT project team? yes

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? yes

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Comments: DO NOT LIKE THE PINK OPTION!

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From: [Marissa V. Robey](#)
To: [Pete Berry](#)
Subject: Comment Form--Route 19 Sinking Creek
Date: Friday, October 09, 2015 9:40:27 PM

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Email: ddfryccc@gmail.com

Comments: Route 19, Sinking Creek.

I have driven this route a few times and have felt these bridges fit the surroundings well. Since there is a temporary bridge in place, I think that Alternative 1 makes the best sense. Depending on how the new park is developed and how much traffic is generated as a result, a three lane bridge, or a bridge expandable to three lanes, should be considered. Also to be considered is the potential of a pedestrian overlook on the bridge, maybe each side, and connections to any trail systems that may be developed. Both of which are very good reasons to work closely with MoDNR on this project. Finally, I would like to see the design of the new bridge not stray too far from the open spandrel arch style of the current bridge, especially if it can be built with patterned forms.

From: [Marissa V. Robey](#)
To: [Pete Berry](#)
Subject: Comment--Route 19 Shannon County Sinking Creek
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 10:19:48 PM

Thanks,

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Phone Number: 573-546-2864

Fax Number: * no value given *

Email: haganandsutton@gmail.com

Comments: Re: Route 19 Sinking Creek Bridge.

As you know, the Sinking Creek bridge is within the authorized boundaries of Ozark National Scenic Riverways, and construction of the new bridge, should be sensitive to the nature of a National Park - i.e it should be as unobtrusive as possible with the least impact on the surrounding environment. Therefore, I strongly advocate either alternatives 1 or 1A - building in the same location as the old bridge without altering the approaches. The only rationale for the other alternatives would be to straighten the road, allowing for faster travel, but I would reiterate that this is a road in a National Park, where high speed travel is not appropriate. You should also be aware that a significant ONSR cave - Ditch Cave - stands to be seriously affected or destroyed by rerouting, especially if alternative 5 is implemented. The cave entrance is literally in the highway ditch a short way north of Sinking Creek, and any road widening here would almost certainly destroy the entrance. Several of the

rerouting alternatives would pass directly over the cave, threatening its ecosystem with road run-off pollutants and putting it at risk from spills. The cave is home to several species of state concern - the grotto salamander and at least two species of bat, and its biology is still the subject of an active investigation by the Cave Research Foundation.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

From: [Marissa V. Robey](#)
To: [Pete Berry](#)
Subject: Comment--Route 19 Sinking Creek
Date: Friday, October 16, 2015 8:02:00 AM

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State: MO

Zip: 65466

Phone Number: 573-226-5695

Fax Number: * no value given *

Email: jastewie@gmail.com

Comments: In viewing the alternates, and being a lifelong resident of the Round Spring area, I highly recommend the option #4. I feel this would be the safest and most direct route eliminating the curves, hills, blind areas greatly reducing the chance of accidents especially with the expected increase in traffic in this area. Feel free to contact me with any questions or to discuss further.

From: [Marissa V. Robey](#)
To: [Pete Berry](#); [Chris Rutledge](#)
Subject: Facebook Comment--Route 19 Shannon County
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 11:23:01 AM

Please see the comment below from Ms. Akers. I don't think we need to respond. I just wanted to share this prior to Monday's meeting. Thanks!

[Margaret Akers](#)

To plan an expensive NEW park when they knew the roads weren't adequate was putting the cart before the horse!! Let the new park build the NEW Highway 19 Bridge. It's my understanding that the park plans a bridge over Sinking Creek INSIDE that park guess we'll just have go into the park & use that bridge. No sense using State Money TWICE to build TWO bridges. If they are begging for money again then they'd ALL better start using the money MORE WISELY! Go revisit the plans!! All of the traffic can stay north of there as far as I'm concerned ... Shannon County wouldn't benefit enough in 5 generations from the new park or anything else that happens up there.. So let the road stop at the north of side Sinking Creek ... The people who want to visit the park can stay in Salem ... The ones from St Louis would have a better trip driving to Poplar Bluff to Winona then to Eminence if the are looking to visit Jacks Fork. OR go to Rolla, Houston to Summersville to Eminence!!

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From: [Marissa V. Robey](#)
To: [Pete Berry](#); [Chris Rutledge](#)
Subject: Facebook Comments--Route 19 Shannon
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 9:30:44 AM

Good morning,

Here are a few more comments from Facebook.

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[Jim Anderson](#) MoDOT found federal funding for a new bridge. Highway 19 is the only North/South freight corridor through Shannon County, and tourism is a secondary benefit. The old bridge failed, so here's a positive development without footing the entire bill. If you feel differently about it, then come to the meeting and voice your opinion. That's what these meetings are all about.

[Margaret Akers](#) 100% federal funding? If not is the balance being paid for by the new Million dollar park? The state can't even keep the lights on at the intersections on at the Hwy 19 & Hwy 60 in Winona ... plus they haven't painted lines to help keep it safer! WE didn't ask them for a 4 lane highway with 2 unsafe crossing AND NO NIGHT TIME LIGHTING! It's gonna be mighty scary when they can't keep the traffic lights & lighting at the intersections in Mtn View because of the cost of the bridge! Which cost came first????

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[Margaret Akers](#) Attending the meeting to be heard will be useless as always.

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From: [Marissa V. Robey](mailto:Marissa.V.Robey)
To: [Pete Berry](mailto:Pete.Berry)
Subject: FW: District 10 Contact Us Form--Route 19 Shannon
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 10:18:00 AM

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Phone Number: 573 729-6835

Fax Number: N/A

Email: gbrb@embarqmail.com

Comments: I'd like to add my comments on the Shannon County Route 19 Sinking Creek Bridge reconstruction, to those of Dr Michael Sutton which you recently received via this website. Dr Sutton has a PHD in biology, specializing in cave biology. He is recognized both in the United States and some foreign countries, having discovered and reported on several previously unknown species of cave life.

I completely agree with his comments. Most especially about the necessity to protect the entrance and underground features of Ditch Cave. I helped survey part of Ditch Cave several years ago. I am a Fellow with Cave Research Foundation, having been a member since 1960.

In my opinion it would be a travesty to alter the features of Ditch Cave. I support the recommendation to use either alternative 1 or 1A. Thank you for your consideration

George Bilbrey

From: [Marissa V. Robey](mailto:Marissa.V.Robey)
To: [Pete Berry](mailto:Pete.Berry)
Subject: FW: District 10 Contact Us Form--Sinking Creek Project Comment
Date: Saturday, September 19, 2015 10:25:52 PM

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To: SECRRep; SECR
Subject: District 10 Contact Us Form

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State: MO

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Phone Number: 4173505525

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Comments: I'd like to express a few short opinions on the Sinking Creek Bridge Project. I urge MODOT to avoid selecting the far downstream alternate, as that would directly impact the NPS Sinking Creek Campground, a place that both many locals and visitors view as a special spot with many memories. I would further encourage MODOT to consider the options that repair and improve the current bridge structure, or move the new traffic bridge slightly upstream of the existing structure. The old bridge is a wonderful historic structure and could remain useful as a hiker/biker structure.

From: [Marissa V. Robey](#)
To: [Pete Berry](#)
Subject: FW: MoDOT--Shannon County Route 19
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 9:46:55 AM

Good morning,

Please see my response to Mr. Skwiot below. Here is the comment I received this morning:

Name: paul skwiot

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Address2: * no value given *

City: Saint Louis

State: MO

Zip: 63117

Phone Number: * no value given *

Fax Number: * no value given *

Email: soundslikequiet@gmail.com

Comments: I saw an article regarding the Rt 19 bring online with a map of proposed changes. Please repost article on your website as the map isn't visible, or are you hiding it?

One way to improve quality: bring in KC or Western Region engineers and architects. Their work is much superior to the work St Louis region engineer and architects do.

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From: Marissa V. Robey
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2015 9:38 AM
To: 'soundslikequiet@gmail.com'
Subject: MoDOT--Shannon County Route 19

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting us regarding the Route 19 bridge over Sinking Creek in Shannon County. We certainly want you to have all of the information regarding the alternates.

The map you are referencing is included on the second page of the link below.

http://www.modot.org/southeast/news_and_information/public_meetings/documents/Handout_ShannonCounty_Route19_SinkingCreek_October2015.pdf

In addition, these are links to the historical and environmental information that will also be shared during the meeting.

http://www.modot.org/southeast/news_and_information/public_meetings/documents/historical.pdf

http://www.modot.org/southeast/news_and_information/public_meetings/documents/Environmental_Tri-fold.pdf

If you have issues viewing the links to the documents included above or if you have any questions pertaining to this information, please let me know. I will be happy to provide the map in a different format or get you in contact with our project manager to discuss your concerns.

Thank you,

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From: [Marissa V. Robey](#)
To: [Pete Berry](#)
Subject: Project Comment--Shannon County Route 19
Date: Monday, September 21, 2015 8:56:43 AM

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State: MO

Zip: 65201

Phone Number: 573-875-7918

Fax Number: * no value given *

Email: lovekat68@gmail.com

Comments: I favor rehabilitating the existing bridge to preserve its beautiful and historic architecture. This is an exceptional and fragile setting, of possible archeological significance. The best solution will disturb the land, creek and river the least, while preserving the aesthetic features of the existing bridge.

We want to know.

Please share your comments regarding plans to improve the Route 19 bridge over Sinking Creek in Shannon County. Please submit your comments by October 19. Thank you for your input.

Name: Dent County Commission Phone: 573-729-3044

Address: 400 N. Main Salem, Mo. 65560

Email Address: _____

How did you hear about the meeting? newspaper radio

website/e-mail _____ facebook/twitter _____ message board _____

other (please specify) _____

Were your questions answered by the MoDOT project team? yes

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? yes

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Comments: The Dent County Commission strongly supports Alternate 1. The Commission would also like to encourage MoDOT to consider adding a center turn lane to Hwy. 19 on both sides of the bridge at this time if at all possible.

Danell Skiles

Debra Farrell

Andy Garrison

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We want to know.

Please share your comments regarding plans to improve the Route 19 bridge over Sinking Creek in Shannon County. Please submit your comments by October 19. Thank you for your input.

Name: Joe DeVALL Phone: 573-729-7373

Address: 52 Hwy. WW SALEM MO

Email Address: _____

How did you hear about the meeting? newspaper radio _____

website/e-mail _____ facebook/twitter _____ message board _____

other (please specify) _____

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Comments:

I THINK OPTION # 1-1A IS THE
BEST SOLUTION FOR THE NEW
SINKING CREEK BRIDGE. I WOULD
LIKE, A TURNING LANE BE ADDED
TOO

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We want to know.

Please share your comments regarding plans to improve the Route 19 bridge over Sinking Creek in Shannon County. Please submit your comments by October 19. Thank you for your input.

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Address: HC 62 Bx 495 Salem MO 65560

Email Address: bubbaspeace@gmail.com

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Were your questions answered by the MoDOT project team? No

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? SOMEWHAT

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Comments: PRESERVING THE ORIGINAL BRIDGE AND
MAKING IT ONE LANE SEEMS THE MOST COST
EFFECTIVE PLAN, SINCE THE NEXT BRIDGE SOUTH
N 19 IS ONE LANE. THIS ALLOWS THE HISTORIC
STRUCTURE TO CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO
UNIQUE HERITAGE THAT EXISTS IN THIS
AREA. THE MONEY SAVED USING THIS
PLAN COULD THEN BE USED TO REHABILITATE
OTHER TWO BRIDGES IN THIS STRING (ROUND
OFF CURRENT RIVER). MoDOT NEEDS TO
DO WHATEVER IT CAN

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From: [Brian Rasche](#)
To: [Pete Berry](#)
Subject: Re: Sinking Creek Bridge and Road Alignment
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 6:53:21 PM

Hi Pete,

I tried to submit a comment through the web interface but after a long delay it responded with a server error message.

Here's my thoughts on the project and alignments:

With the new park, maybe the camp grounds below the bridge are not that important. I know I would not like to camp near a noisy roadway.

Please do not interpret that meaning I prefer the straight alignment.

I think it is important to preserve the scenic and rural character of the bridge and roadway and therefore prefer an alignment that includes a curve.

I also like seeing the river below when I drive over the bridge. The old bridge made that possible. Modern bridges often include high Jersey barriers and wide shoulder lanes making the creek below impossible to see.

Landscape is what makes the Ozark National Scenic Riverways beautiful. Not just the rivers, but the entire region, including the roads leading to the area.

It's been my observation that often modern roadway construction and maintenance seems to be intent on destroying scenic beauty. Road widening, broad shoulders, trees and outcroppings bulldozed into sloping aprons. It's my fear that the new bridge construction will be combined with "roadway improvements" and scenic destruction.

Please, try to preserve the character of the existing roadway: where the asphalt ends at the white line, where there are occasional rock outcroppings in the right-of-way, and where trees overhang and shade the roadway. This is the scenic character of the Ozarks and a large part of the attraction to tourists. Destroying this character will hurt tourism and the local economies.

Sincerely,

Brian Rasche
Orlando, FL

On Wed, Oct 28, 2015 at 3:29 PM, Pete Berry <Pete.Berry@modot.mo.gov> wrote:

Brian,

Thanks for your inquiry. Please see the following link for more information. Please give me a call if you have any questions. We have not selected a preferred alternate yet but are still in the process of going through the study.

Thanks!

http://www.modot.org/southeast/news_and_information/public_meetings./Route19_SinkingCreek_Shannon_Oct2015.htm

Pete Berry, P.E.

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From: Brian Rasche [mailto:brasche@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 2:21 PM
To: Pete Berry
Subject: Sinking Creek Bridge and Road Alignment

Hi Pete,

We own property in the area but live in Florida and are unable to attend the meetings. If available, will you please send us information on the proposed alignments.

Thanks,

Brian Rasche

Orlando, FL

BTW, a quick comment on recent road right-of-way tree trimming. It is a disaster for the scenic beauty of the region. Specifically, the stretch of Hwy. 160 from Eminence to H. It was once a delightful canopied and shaded drive with light flickering through the leaves. Today it is a barren alleyway and will take decades re-grow. 8-(

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Comments: Alternative 1 or 1a (if feasible) are the only alternatives that do not involve major destruction in the form of roadway creation. Otherwise, enlarged or new roadways will impact species of conservation concern residing in Ditch Cave, plus have impacts on the visual integrity of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways.

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Comments: The present footprint for Hwy 19 should be utilized and no new path should be created. A temporary bridge is currently constructed which would allow for the construction of a new bridge at the site of the old one. There are significant caves nearby, one of which, Ditch Cave, is biologically significant. One of the proposed routes, the Brown, ALT 5 would go over this significant cave and would likely have adverse effects. Any of the other proposed routes, aside from ALT 1, which uses the current route would contribute to erosion and necessitate the clearing of forest in addition to greater costs associated with changing the landscape. I urge you to follow the current footprint for the Highway 19 bridge over Sinking Creek. It is the only responsible course, both fiscally and environmentally.

From: [Marissa V. Robey](#)
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Comments: I prefer alternative 2, the nearest downstream site, and keeping the historic bridge for pedestrians. Fixing the historic bridge for pedestrians and bicycles only will not require as much work as restoring it for heavy vehicles. The historic bridge should NOT be removed or replaced. This is a beautiful and historic bridge. The upstream sites will be more environmentally harmful, as they require more tree removal, etc. Also, closer proximity to the new park will negatively affect park experience as more noise from bridge traffic will be audible from the upstream sites. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.