

West Alignment (Preferred):

Description: The existing crossover will be closed, and Hedgeapple Lane will be extended to meet Northwood Drive.

Pro: Most of the improvements will fall within MoDOT's existing right-of-way. It would require the least amount of right-of-way to be purchased, making this the least expensive possible alignment. While MoDOT will be glad to investigate any additional suggestions received from the public, the west alignment represents a project that can be programmed without undue delay and without local cost participation.

Estimated Cost: \$1.15 million*

East Alignment:

Description: The existing crossover will be closed, and similar to the west alignment, Hedgeapple Lane will be extended to meet Northwood Drive. But with this design, the newly constructed road will curve to utilize a previously graded area across the old mine tailings pond.

The curve will extend past MoDOT's existing right-of-way. Due to potential right-of-way acquisition needs, the estimated cost of this project exceeds the estimated cost of the west alignment. However, if the cost difference could be addressed, MoDOT would then consider this the preferred alignment.

Pro: The east alignment will allow commercial properties to be placed on either side of the proposed road, providing an opportunity for development on both sides of the road.

Con: There is a possibility for a higher right-of-way cost associated with this alignment.

Estimated Cost: \$1.4 million*

After Completion:

Regardless of alignment, after the project is completed, the portions of the newly constructed road that are within city limits will be turned over to the city to maintain. Portions of the realignment that are outside city limits, will be turned over to the county. Also, all access to Route 67 will be removed at the current crossover location.

**Note: All costs are estimates based on November 2008 pricing. The costs are conceptual in nature and do NOT include the added improvements to Route 47/K.*

This construction project was added to MoDOT's draft STIP (Statewide Transportation Improvement Program) earlier this year. The draft 2010-2014 STIP lists all transportation projects planned by state and regional planning agencies for fiscal years 2010 through 2014 (July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2014). Citizens interested in seeing the 2010-2014 transportation program or offering comments can contact MoDOT's customer service centers at 1-888 ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636). The program is also available on MoDOT's website - www.modot.org - and at MoDOT's district offices around the state. Following public review, the comments will be presented to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission. The formal public comment period for the draft STIP ends June 5. The commission will review the comments and the final transportation program before considering it for approval July 8.

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HEDGEAPPLE LANE

Timeline:

The Hedgeapple Lane project could be awarded by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission early 2010, with work beginning that spring. Completion is anticipated in fall 2010.

Updates:

A Route 47/K turn lane has been added to the project in response to the public input received at the February 19 meeting.

