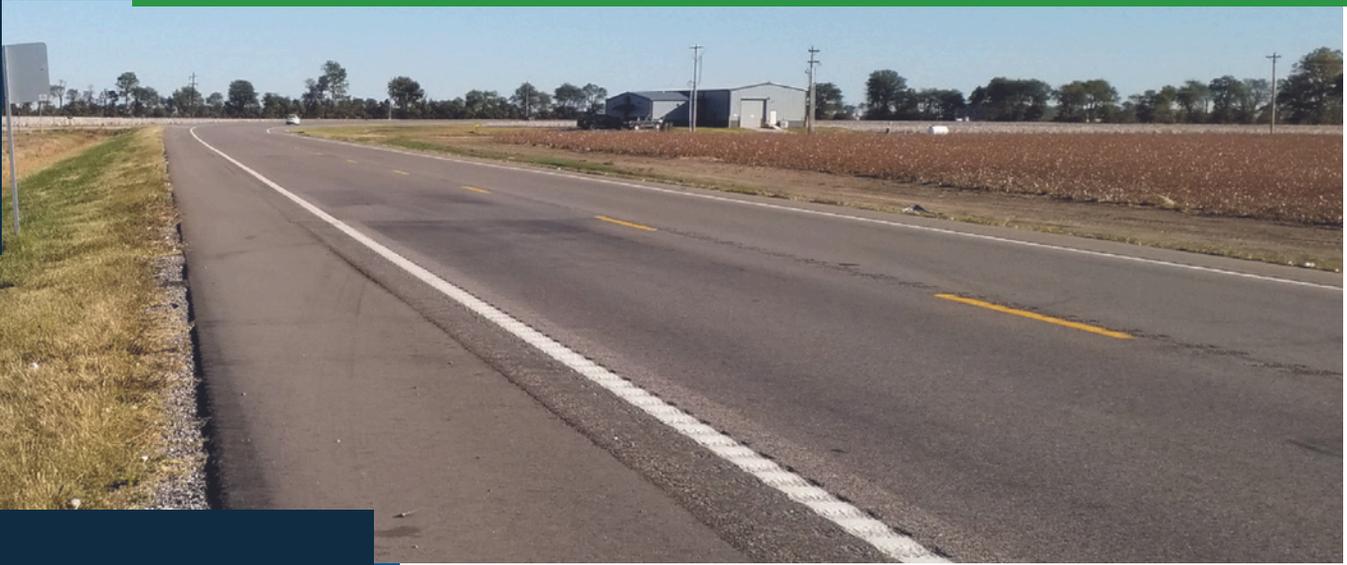


ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSEMENT U.S. 412 IN DUNKLIN COUNTY

MARCH 31, 2026
PUBLIC HEARING



ABOUT

To plan for future capacity improvements, MoDOT launched an Environmental Study for U.S. 412. The 20-mile section extends from Route AC near the Arkansas border to just east of Route Y near Kennett, Missouri. The Dunklin County Commission contributed \$500,000 toward the completion of the environmental work.

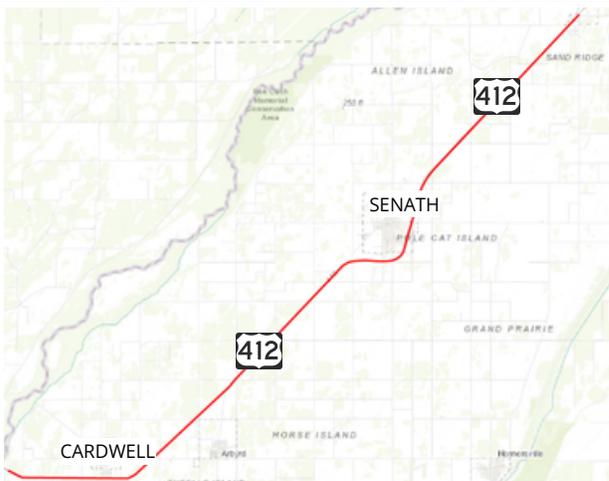
What is an Environmental Study?

An Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), evaluates potential impacts proposed transportation improvements could have on the project area's natural and manmade environment.

The study for U.S. 412 began with collecting data in fall 2022 and gathering public input, including public meetings in December 2022 and June 2023. This identified potential project challenges, assessed needs along the corridor and gauged public sentiment.

During the extensive review, two alternatives for increasing capacity on U.S. 412 were developed. MoDOT worked to ensure the study balances the need to improve the roadway with several community goals.

This public hearing marks one of the final steps of the study, with the EA including the preferred alternative now available for review at modot.org/412.



What is the NEPA Process?

- Gathers information on existing environmental conditions
- Considers alternatives/options
- Assesses potential environmental impacts and mitigations
- Documents the findings
- The NEPA process also documents potential impacts to public parks and recreational areas and historic sites under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act.

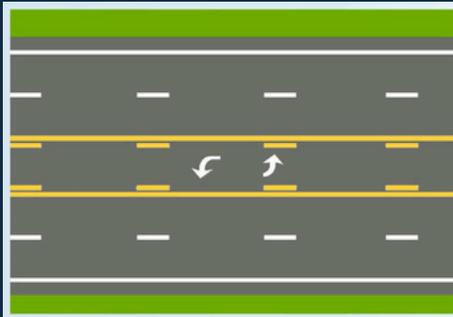
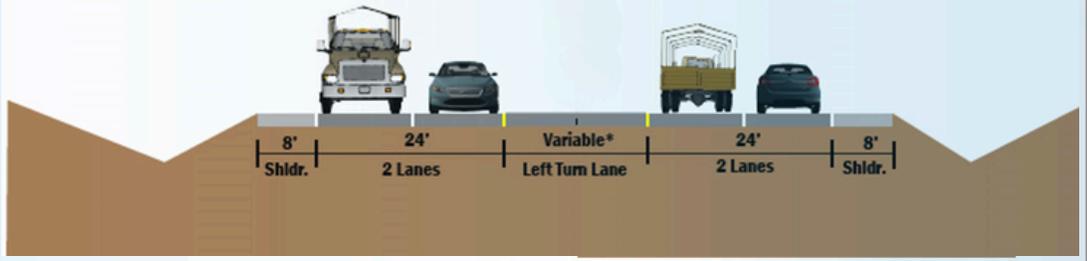


PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

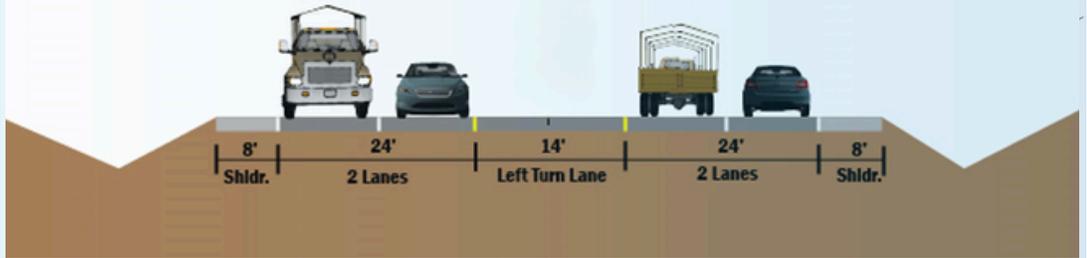
Four-Lane Undivided Highway with a Flush Median



Between Intersections Provides Buffer Space between Opposing Lanes of Travel



At Intersections Provides a Lane for Turning Vehicles at Intersections



What are the next steps?

The goal of the study was to perform an alternatives analysis and develop an environmental document. If additional funding becomes available, the completed environmental work allows MoDOT to move forward quickly instead of waiting to initiate the multi-year environmental process.

Although funding has not been secured for future construction, a section of U.S. 412 from Route AC to Kinnemore Slough is included in the draft 2027-2031 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan for scoping. Scoping includes completing preliminary engineering (including design) for this segment.

The current estimate for the preferred alternative is approximately \$100M. The Bootheel Regional Planning Commission has designated this as an unfunded transportation need.

Who do I contact for more information?

Please contact MoDOT Project Manager Seiji Shimbo at (573) 472-5389 or visit the project webpage at modot.org/412.

What is the preferred alternative?

After extensive review, the preferred alternative was determined to be a four-lane undivided highway with a flush median. The preferred alternative includes an additional lane for turning traffic at intersections (5-lane with two-way left turn lane at intersections).

Potential Benefits:

- **Traffic Efficiency & Mobility:** The mixture of agricultural traffic and passenger vehicles results in a disparity in travel speeds and creates delays. Additionally, passing opportunities are reduced when drivers have limited sight distance of opposing traffic due to large agricultural equipment.
- **Improved Intersection Geometry:** Correcting intersection skew angles will improve visibility for drivers and make turning movements easier for large vehicles. The current environmental work proposes improving geometry at 11 intersections.
- **Safety Improvement Project:** This alternative will provide some separation between opposing directions of traffic, while mobility patterns would remain very similar to today.

