

# WHERE WE'VE BEEN AND WHERE WE'RE GOING

**MAY 24,  
2018**

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT INITIATED

MoDOT initiated an environmental assessment (EA) of the I-229 corridor. Hg Consult was brought in to facilitate the EA.

**2018-  
NOW**

## STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

Throughout the study, the EA team has met with stakeholders within and near the I-229 corridor, as well as those who use the double-decker.

**OCT. 9,  
2018**

## PUBLIC MEETING #1

Stakeholders, community leaders and the public gathered together to consider the needs and priorities of the EA and the I-229 corridor.

**NOV. 1,  
2018**

## AGENCY SCOPING MEETING

Federal, state and local governmental units and federally-recognized tribal representatives met to discuss the EA and its impacts.

**2018-19**

## INITIAL ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPED

Using the information gathered from Public Meeting #1, Stakeholder meetings, and the Agency Scoping Meeting, twenty corridor alternatives were developed and analyzed by the EA team.

**APRIL 4,  
2019**

## PUBLIC MEETING #2

The 20 Initial Alternatives were presented to the public in an open-house format at the Remington Nature Center. Public comments were taken at the meeting and via email.

**2019-  
2020**

## DEVELOPMENT OF REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES

Using the feedback from stakeholders, from Public Meeting #2 and the detailed analysis of the Initial Alternatives, the EA team developed six (6) Reasonable Alternatives.

**2020-2022**

## **DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES**

The EA team did a more extensive analysis of the six Reasonable Alternatives.

**OCTOBER 2020**

## **NEW ALTERNATIVE INTRODUCED**

The St. Joseph Area Transportation Study Organization, the local metropolitan planning organization (MPO), brought a new alternative to the EA team.

**2020-2022**

## **DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE NEW ALTERNATIVE**

The EA team incorporated the new alternative proposed by the MPO into the detailed analysis of the Reasonable Alternatives, which now number seven.

**MAY 2022**

## **NEW ALTERNATIVE INTRODUCED**

Newly-elected St. Joseph Mayor John Josendale proposed a new alternative on the same alignment of the current I-229 Double-Decker Bridge.

**MAY-JUNE 2022**

## **DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE NEW ALTERNATIVE**

The EA team put the newly proposed alternative through the same analysis as the original six Reasonable Alternatives and the alternative proposed by the MPO.

**NEXT**

## **COMING SOON: PUBLIC MEETING #3 AND WEBSITE RELAUNCH**

An open-house style public meeting and website relaunch are planned for mid- to late summer 2022. The public meeting and website will bring the community up-to-date on where the I-229 Moving Forward EA stands, which corridor alternatives are still being considered (and why) and will provide the public another opportunity to comment.

## **FUTURE STEPS IN THE EA PROCESS:**

- The EA team will finalize the EA document for presentation to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), select a preferred alternative based on analysis and feedback from stakeholders and the public, and present the Recommended Preferred Alternative at a formal public hearing.
- FHWA will consider the Recommended Preferred Alternative and issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or an Environmental Impact Statement.
- If FHWA issues a FONSI, and the St. Joseph MPO includes the recommended preferred alternative on their Transportation Improvement Plan, then the Missouri Department of Transportation may begin the design process along the corridor in the preferred alternative.
- Construction is not anticipated to begin for 5-7 years after the FONSI is issued.