

I-29, I-35, U.S. 169 Planning and Environmental Linkages Study



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Introduction

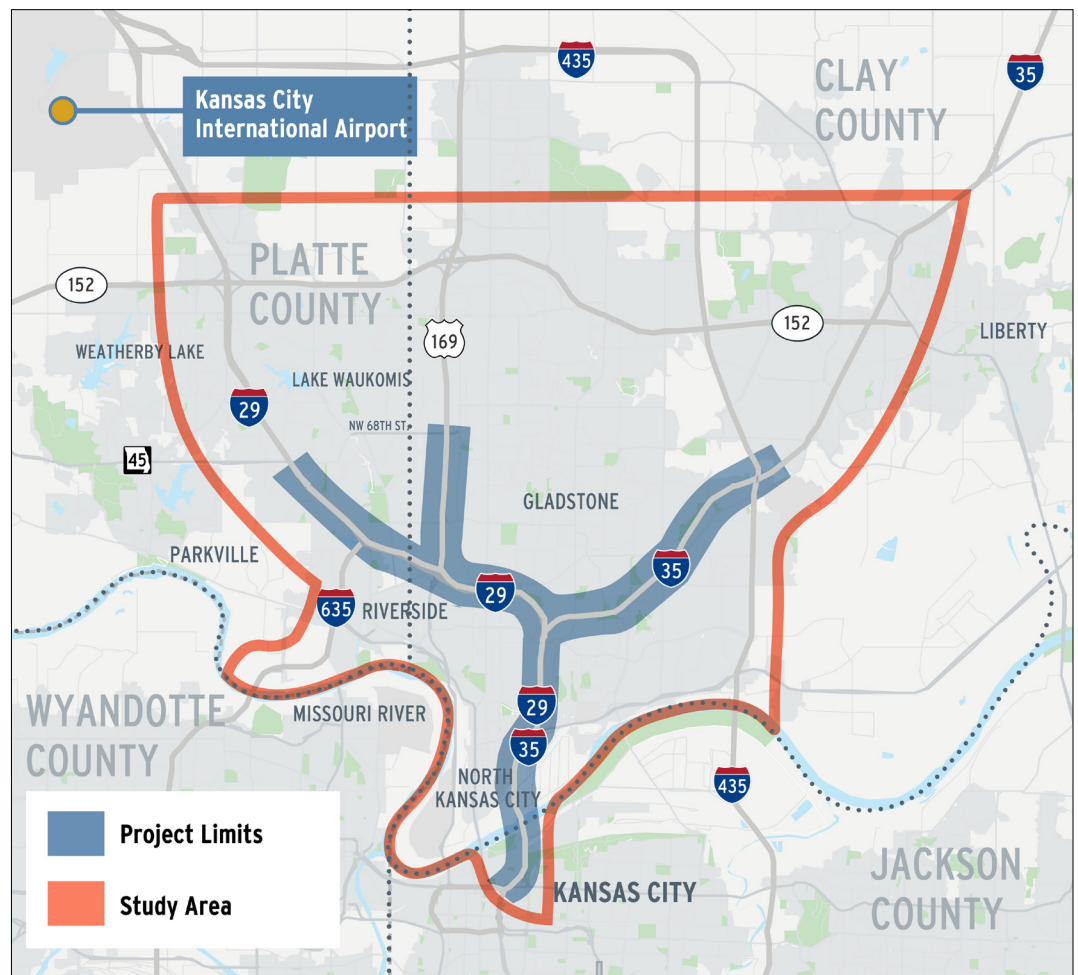
The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is beginning a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study of the I-29/I-35/U.S. 169 corridors to develop both short-term and long-term improvement alternatives for:

- Improving safety for all travelers
- Reducing congestion including heavy truck traffic
- Addressing pavement and bridge conditions
- Positioning for future transportation needs

The goal of the PEL Study is to develop a clear and supported plan of action addressing deficiencies along I-29, I-35, and U.S. 169.

Study Area

The PEL study area is shown on the map and extends through portions of Clay, Jackson, and Platte Counties. As shown in blue, the project limits extend along sections of I-29, I-35, and U.S. 169. The project limits follow I-29 from Missouri Highway 45 southeast to the I-29/I-35 merge and then continues south across the Missouri River to connect into the northeast corner of the downtown freeway loop. In addition, the project limits follow I-35 from I-435 southwest to the I-29/I-35 merge and a portion of U.S. 169 from NW 68th Street south to its merge with I-29. The study area fully encompasses the project limits and accounts for areas beyond those limits that are anticipated to influence the project limits such as traffic operations. The study area also encompasses a broad enough area to account for community resources, natural resources, and other potential environmental constraints.



What is a PEL?

The purpose of a PEL is to conduct a planning process with procedures and documentation that are aligned with and acceptable for use in future National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) studies. By following the PEL process, revisiting past decisions and duplicating analysis and documentation can be avoided during the NEPA phase. During the PEL phase, the Study Team will perform data collection and conduct preliminary analysis that will be used to inform the NEPA phase, including but not limited to:



- Establishing the Preliminary Purpose and Need Statement, including goals and objectives;
- Identifying key environmental and community resources and constraints;
- Developing and screening alternatives;
- Determining risks and preparing potential mitigation strategies; and
- Developing a plan to transition from the PEL to NEPA phase.

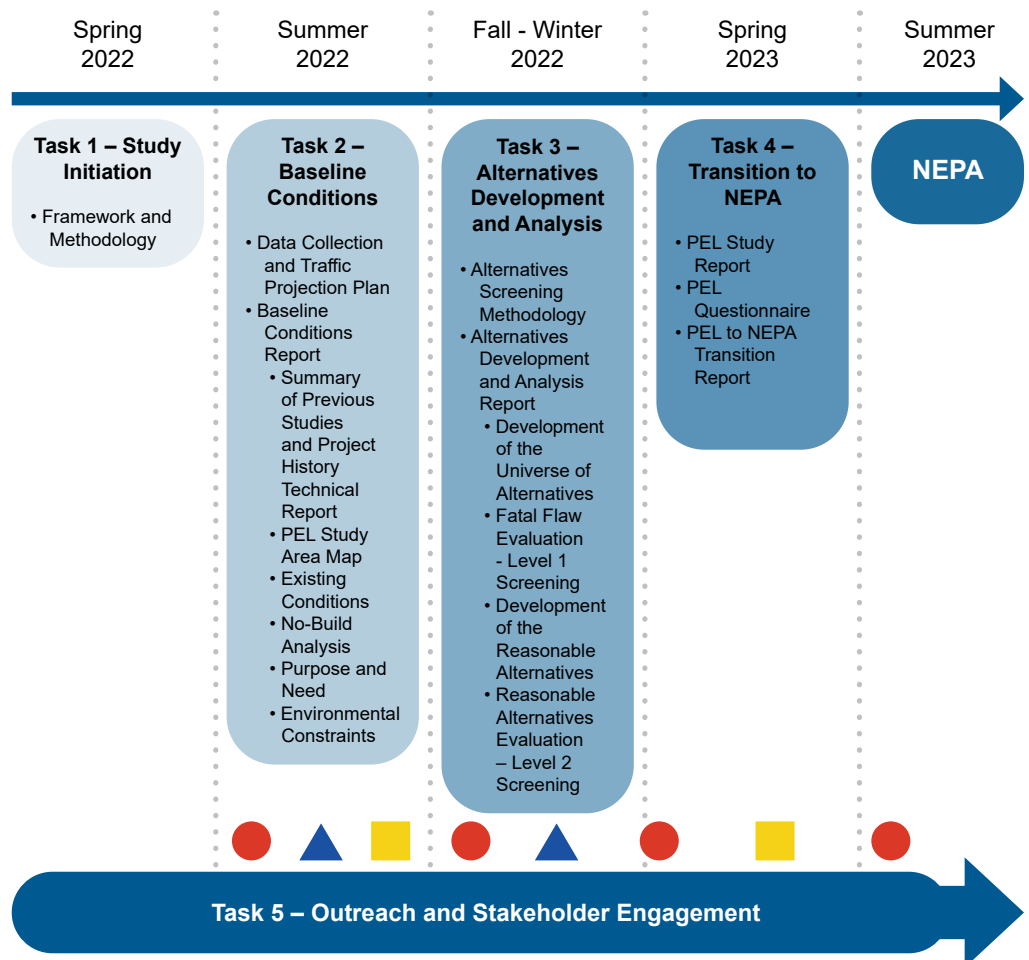
The Missouri Department of Transportation anticipates incorporating recommendations made as part of the PEL study into future NEPA studies, per Title 23 of the US Code, Part 168.

Schedule

The PEL will take a little over a year to complete because there is a lot of data to review and analysis to perform. There will also be several opportunities to engage with community stakeholders and the public about goals, needs and priorities. In addition to meetings there will be electronic newsletters and project updates during the study.

Key:

-  Public meetings
-  Community Advisory Group meetings
-  Key Stakeholder community meetings



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