

*In an effort to improve safety and traffic flow, the Missouri Department of Transportation is currently planning to reconfigure two intersections in New Madrid County with j-turns. The improvements would occur at the intersection of Route 60 and Route E, as well as Route 60 and Route FF.*

### **What are the benefits of j-turn intersections?**

J-turns are effective in reducing traffic crashes at intersections on divided highways. A typical four-lane divided highway with a crossover intersection has 42 potential conflict points. Most of these conflict points could lead to severe crashes, such as t-bone accidents. By installing a j-turn intersection, conflict points can be reduced to as few as 24. In addition, these types of conflict points do not typically lead to as severe crashes.

J-turns can actually be more efficient than traditional intersections, which require motorists to wait for a gap in traffic to cross two lanes of traffic.

### **What is the proper way to navigate a j-turn?**

Instead of crossing two lanes of traffic, drivers will turn right in the same direction as traffic and then safely merge into the left lane to turn. Then, drivers will turn left to rejoin traffic on the divided highway (now heading in the opposite direction).

### **What is the timeline for this project?**

Work could begin as early as spring 2016, with completion anticipated by fall 2016.

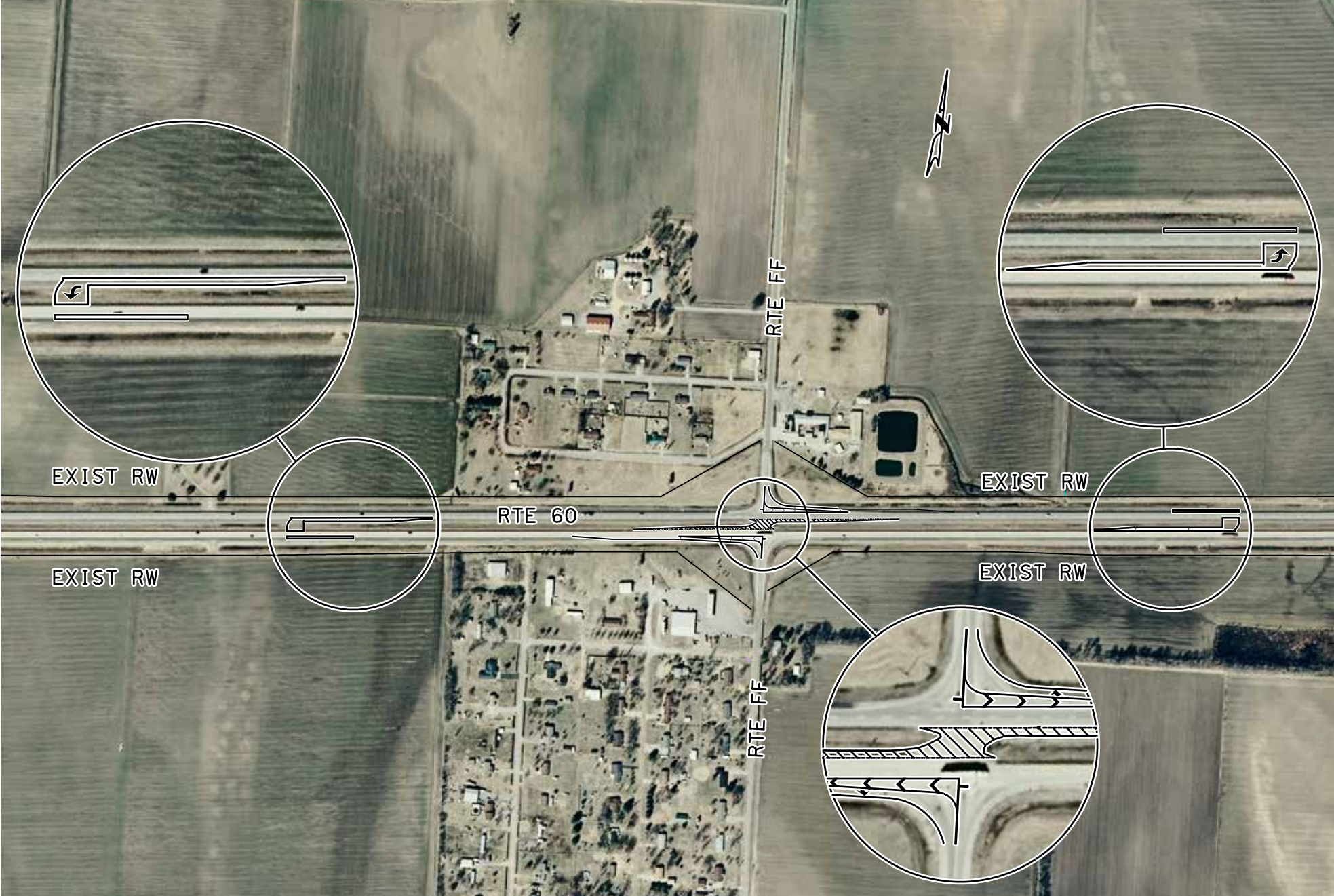
### **How will work impact traffic?**

As improvements are underway, Route 60 will be reduced to one-lane traffic at times (in each direction). In addition, short-term median closures will be necessary periodically.

### **Who do I contact for more information?**

For more information, please contact Project Manager Jason Williams at (573) 472-5290 or MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888 ASK MODOT (275-6636).

**Route 60/Route FF**



*The Route 60/Route E intersection will include the same configuration.*