



# U.S. ROUTE 63 REALIGNMENT

## in Osage County



### DETAILED DESIGN PROGRESS

The project team continues designing improvements to the U.S. Route 63 corridor from U.S. Route 50 to the Maries River in Osage County. Following the approval of the location and design in December 2025 by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, the detailed design process began. This is the time when slope limits, driveway access, roadway base, and more are determined. The department will apply its engineering judgment to consider and incorporate any reasonable options to minimize or avoid the acquisition of property and property rights along the corridor.

Based on public input, the team is investigating the possibility of a northbound one-way entrance (often referred to as a slip ramp) into Westphalia at the south end of the project and reviewing the traffic flow from Missouri Route 133 to the new U.S. Route 63 alignment for potential improvements.

To review the proposed new alignment, including changes incorporated after the August 2025 public hearing, previous newsletters, and the history of the project, visit [www.modot.org/projects/MeramecRt63](http://www.modot.org/projects/MeramecRt63). On the webpage you can view:

#### 2025 HEARING MATERIALS

These are the displays as presented at the public hearing on Aug. 21, 2025.



All the materials presented at the August 2025 public hearing.

The 2009 Environmental Impact Statement.

The changes to the design as presented to the Commission.

#### COMPLETE

##### Environmental Impact Statement

In 2006, U.S. Route 63 from U.S. Route 50 in Osage County to Rolla in Phelps County was ranked second out of 40 projects for future transportation needs by MoDOT and state planning partners. Subsequently, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was conducted for this 47-mile section of U.S. Route 63.

The alternative corridors were evaluated based on public input, engineering, right-of-way requirements, environmental impacts, cultural resources, and construction costs. The EIS also considered leaving the existing corridor as is; however, that would not address the purpose and need of the study.

Public involvement opportunities through this process:

- Nov. 14 & 16, 2006 – Initial public meetings.
- May 1 & 2, 2007 – Second round of public meetings.
- Oct. 25 & 30, 2007 – Reasonable Alternatives public meetings.
- April 10, 2008 – Four locations emerging alternatives public meetings.

The EIS was completed in 2009 and identified the preferred alternative corridor for improvements to this stretch of highway, divided into several regional sections.

More information: <https://www.modot.org/projects/us-route-63-environmental-impact-study-osage-maries-and-phelps-counties>



### UPCOMING MILESTONES

- The right-of-way acquisition process could get underway as early as summer 2026. Questions about right of way can be emailed to [osage63realignment@modot.mo.gov](mailto:osage63realignment@modot.mo.gov)
- When the plans for the corridor are closer to being finalized, MoDOT will present them to the community at an informational public meeting.



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