



Route F at Southbound U.S. Route 61 and Westbound U.S. Route 24 Intersection Safety Improvements near Palmyra

Project Summary

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is preparing for an intersection safety improvement project located where Route F intersects southbound U.S. Route 61 and westbound U.S. Route 24 near Palmyra in Marion County. Planned improvements to this location include:

- Relocation of the existing intersection of Route F, U.S. 61 and U.S. 24 to a new location south of the current interchange
- Removal of existing U.S. 61/24 and Route F at-grade intersection
- New roadway construction to connect existing Route F to the new U.S. 24 intersection
- Modifications to connecting routes

An environmental evaluation will be conducted to determine a viable design solution for this area.

Project Purpose and Need

U.S. Route 61 in Marion County is part of the 563-mile-long Avenue of the Saints that links St. Paul, Minnesota and St. Louis, Missouri and serves as a significant corridor in the trucking industry.

Route F intersects with U.S. 61/U.S. 24 just north of where both major routes merge/diverge. This intersection is currently an at-grade median crossover that is shared with a private driveway opposite of Route F.

This merge/diverge point is also the north end of the proposed future Hannibal Expressway project, that will reroute U.S. 61 west of Hannibal as a bypass. The preferred alternative design of this project reroutes Route F south as a west outer road of the new expressway to a new interchange.

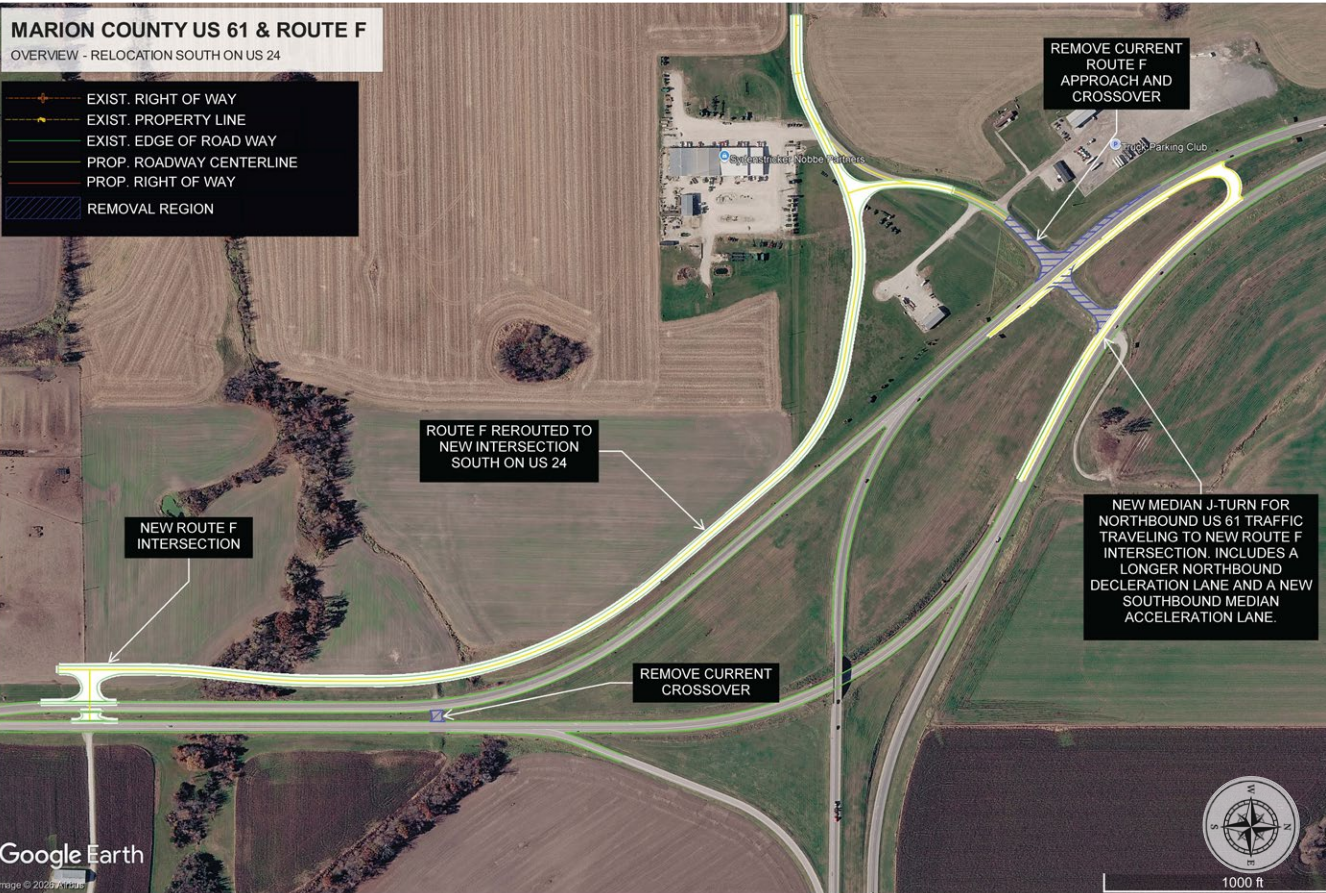
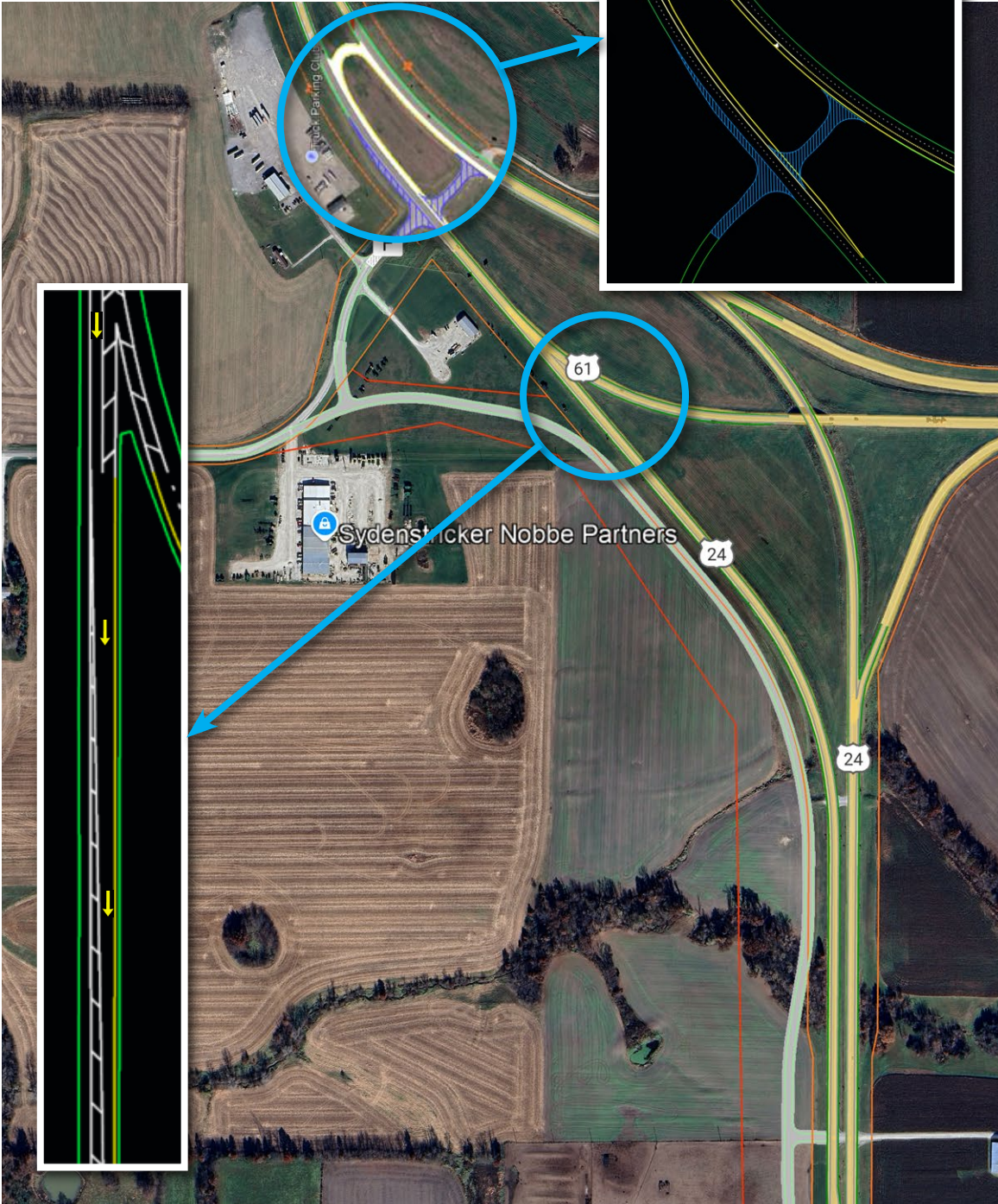
In 2020, a construction project modified the intersection configuration removing the skew from Route F and its crossover, and added an offset right turn lane. While successfully reducing severe right-angle crashes, it was observed that westbound U.S. 24 traffic was utilizing the right turn lane in error; causing vehicles to turn-around, merge back on the highway and proceed south again on U.S. 24. Other incidents at this location include vehicles taking the right turn lane at excessive speeds and traveling off the southwest corner of the intersection; resulting in singular crashes with injuries and/or property damage as well as vehicles struck while waiting at the intersection.



Visit the project website at <https://www.modot.org/projects/route-f-intersection-improvements-us-route-61-marion-county> to view display materials, submit comments and learn more about the project.



Project Displays: Route F at U.S. Route 61 and U.S. Route 24 Intersection Safety Improvements near Palmyra in Marion County



Project Goals

This Route F and U.S. 61/24 intersection safety improvement project proposes to:

- Reroute Route F along its future path as an outer road of westbound U.S. 24
- Remove the existing intersection and crossover
- Relocate access to U.S. 24 with an at-grade intersection and crossover
- Construct a median J-turn allowing northbound vehicles to turn around, proceed south on westbound U.S. 24, and access the new Route F intersection
- Relocate the intersection away from a point where two major routes overlap/diverge to the less complex location on a single major route south of the interchange

NOTICE: Plans are subject to change prior to start of the project.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How much does the project cost?

A: Approximately \$5.2 million

Q: What are the anticipated impacts?

A: Construction details have not been finalized at this time. MoDOT will work with residents and business owners to ensure access is available during construction.

Q: Will the road be closed during construction?

A: Various traffic impacts will be in place as the project progresses. MoDOT will make every reasonable effort to reduce delays due to construction. Customers can anticipate temporary traffic impacts throughout the project. More information regarding traffic impacts will be shared through news releases and social media for each stage of construction as details become available.

Q: Will MoDOT need to acquire any right of way?

A: Yes. In 2027, MoDOT's Right of Way staff and consultants will begin the process of contacting property owners for any necessary right of way needed for the project. Right of way discussions are anticipated to continue through 2027.

Q: How can I stay updated about the project?

A: Stay updated on news about roadwork in your area by signing up for emails at eUpdates at MoDOT.org

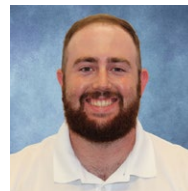
Project Schedule

Project Milestone	Time-Frame
Public Hearing	October 21, 2026
Public Comment Period	October 21 through November 20, 2026
Right of Way Acquisition	Fall 2026 through Summer 2027
Letting	November 2027
Under Contract	Winter 2027
Under Construction	Spring 2028
Project Completion	2029

Q: Who can I contact if I have further questions?

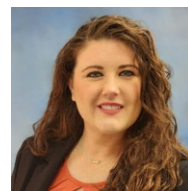
A: Questions about the project may be directed to MoDOT's Project Manager or Area Engineer listed below:

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