



Public Feedback Supports Improvements to Route 47 Corridor

Project: Missouri Route 47 Conceptual Study – Franklin County

FRANKLIN COUNTY – On Thursday, October 9, 2025, the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) hosted its second public meeting for the Missouri Route 47 Conceptual Study. The study covers the corridor from Route 100 in Washington, through Union, to Interstate 44 in St. Clair. In addition to the in-person meeting, MoDOT conducted an online survey to gather public input on proposed improvement concepts.

Key Highlights:

- **Strong Public Engagement:** 158 people attended the public meeting, and 287 participated in the online survey.
- **Community Support:** Feedback from both the meeting and survey indicates strong public support for improvements to the corridor. Many respondents emphasized the urgency of addressing safety and congestion concerns.
- **Top Concerns:** Safety and congestion were consistently identified as the most pressing issues. Prioritization between the two varied by corridor segment.
 - One respondent noted: *“It is getting more and more congested. Happy that something is finally going to be done about it.”*

Intersection Focus – U.S. 50 & MO 47:

- This intersection received the most comments related to congestion.
- Three alternative concepts were presented:
 1. **Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI)** – Most favored
 2. **Southwest Realignment**
 3. **Diverging Diamond Intersection (DDI)** – Least favored
 - A participant shared: *“The CFI option at 50/47 looks to be the best option to help increase safety but more importantly helps the traffic flow better than the other concepts. It also is the easiest to understand.”*





Roundabouts:

- Survey responses showed a 2:1 ratio in favor of roundabouts—provided they are placed at logical intersections and designed to accommodate large trucks.
 - One comment read: *“Large roundabouts will work well to allow traffic to enter and exit 47 safely... After initial confusion, the roundabouts will be safer.”*
 - Another added: *“Traffic circles all the way north to south would provide a non-stop, safe way to allow the side traffic to enter and exit seamlessly.”*

Speed Limit Considerations:

- MoDOT also asked for input on potentially reducing posted speed limits to enhance safety and allow for design flexibility (e.g., intersection, lane and shoulder changes).
- While opinions varied by segment, most respondents were either supportive or neutral toward reduced speed limits.

Next Steps:

- Public feedback will guide the refinement of alternative concepts and cost estimates.
- The **Conceptual Study Report** is expected to be completed by the end of 2025.
- Future phases include preliminary and final design, right-of-way acquisition, environmental studies, and continued public engagement.
- Construction is scheduled to begin in **Fiscal Year 2028**, supported by **\$78.1 million in funding**.

For more information or to sign up for updates, visit the Missouri Route 47 Conceptual Study page [Missouri Route 47 Conceptual Study in Franklin County | Missouri Department of Transportation](https://modot.org/Future47) (<https://modot.org/Future47>).

