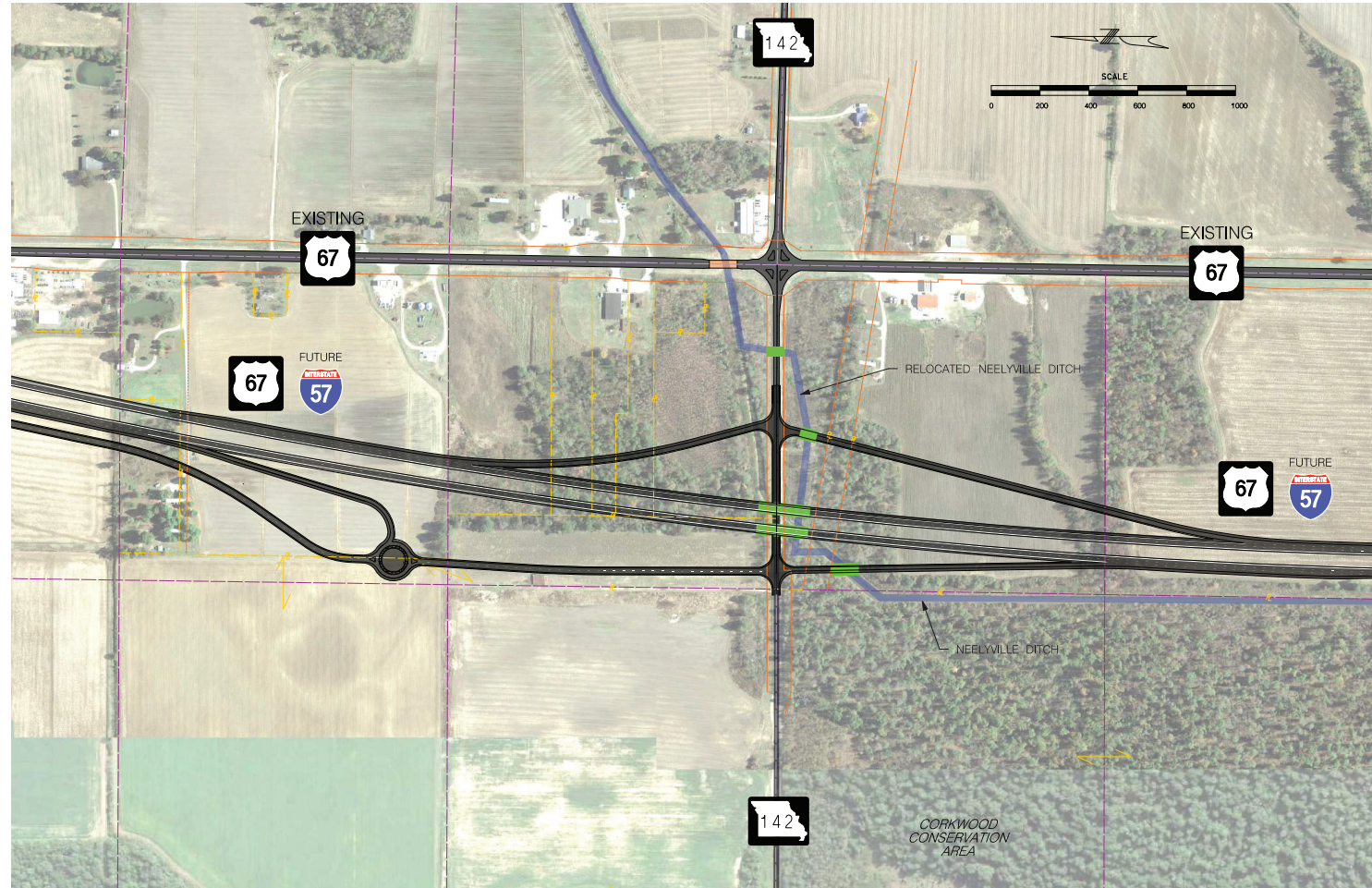


ACCESS OPTIONS AT NEELYVILLE, MISSOURI



Alternative 3 – Southbound Folded Diamond Interchange - West Alignment

- Southbound off-ramp ties into west outer road
- U.S. 67 bridges over Route 142
- U.S. 67 shifted west

Advantages

- Eliminates landlocked ground between new highway and Corkwood Conservation Area
- Improves intersection spacing along Route 142 between interchange and existing U.S. 67
- Similar to conventional interchange layout

Disadvantages

- Interchange is on curve in highway

UPCOMING IMPROVEMENTS TO U.S. 67 IN BUTLER COUNTY

In September 2022, the Missouri Highways and Transportation awarded a contract for pavement resurfacing on Route 67 from Route 160 in Butler County to the Arkansas state line. Tentatively, these improvements will get underway in spring 2023. Additional details will be released prior to the start of construction. This project will improve existing U.S. 67, as it will be part of the outer road network.

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PROJECT SUMMARY

The Future I-57 project in Butler County will include upgrading U.S. Route 67 to interstate standards from the Route 160/158 interchange south of Poplar Bluff, Missouri to the MO/AR state line. This will primarily be accomplished by constructing four new lanes west of the existing U.S. 67 pavement and converting the existing pavement into an east outer road. The entire project limits are broken down into five phases: Phases 1A and 1B, as well as Phases 2-4.

Phases 1A, 1B and 2 are currently funded. Funding is not yet secured for Phases 3 and 4; schedules will be determined as funding becomes available.

This informational public meeting will focus on options for future access at Neelyville, Missouri and Phase 3, which includes upgrading a five-mile section of Route 67 to four lanes from County Road 352 to near County Road 272.

Currently, design work is underway for Phase 3, and MoDOT plans to begin the necessary environmental work for Phase 4. Construction is not funded for Phases 3 and 4.

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Please contact MoDOT Project Manager Tim Pickett at (573) 472-9003 or MoDOT Area Engineer Matt Wilkerson at (573) 472-5235. Interested persons can also sign-up for project updates at www.modot.org/futureI57.



IMPROVE SAFETY

With separate lanes of traffic, upgrading to interstate standards is considered a safety improvement. In fact, the FHWA found that in 2019, the fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled was 0.55 on interstates compared with 1.3 on all other roads. In addition, it is necessary to remove at-grade crossings to upgrade U.S. 67 to interstate standards. Traffic will no longer cross fast-moving lanes of traffic to get to the opposing lanes, which reduces the risk of right-angle crashes. These crashes are considered the crash type most responsible for fatalities and serious injuries at intersections.



INCREASE EFFICIENCY

With projected traffic demands, reducing congestion and increasing efficiency is vital. Over the next two decades, traffic is expected to double along the entire corridor.



ENHANCE CONNECTIVITY

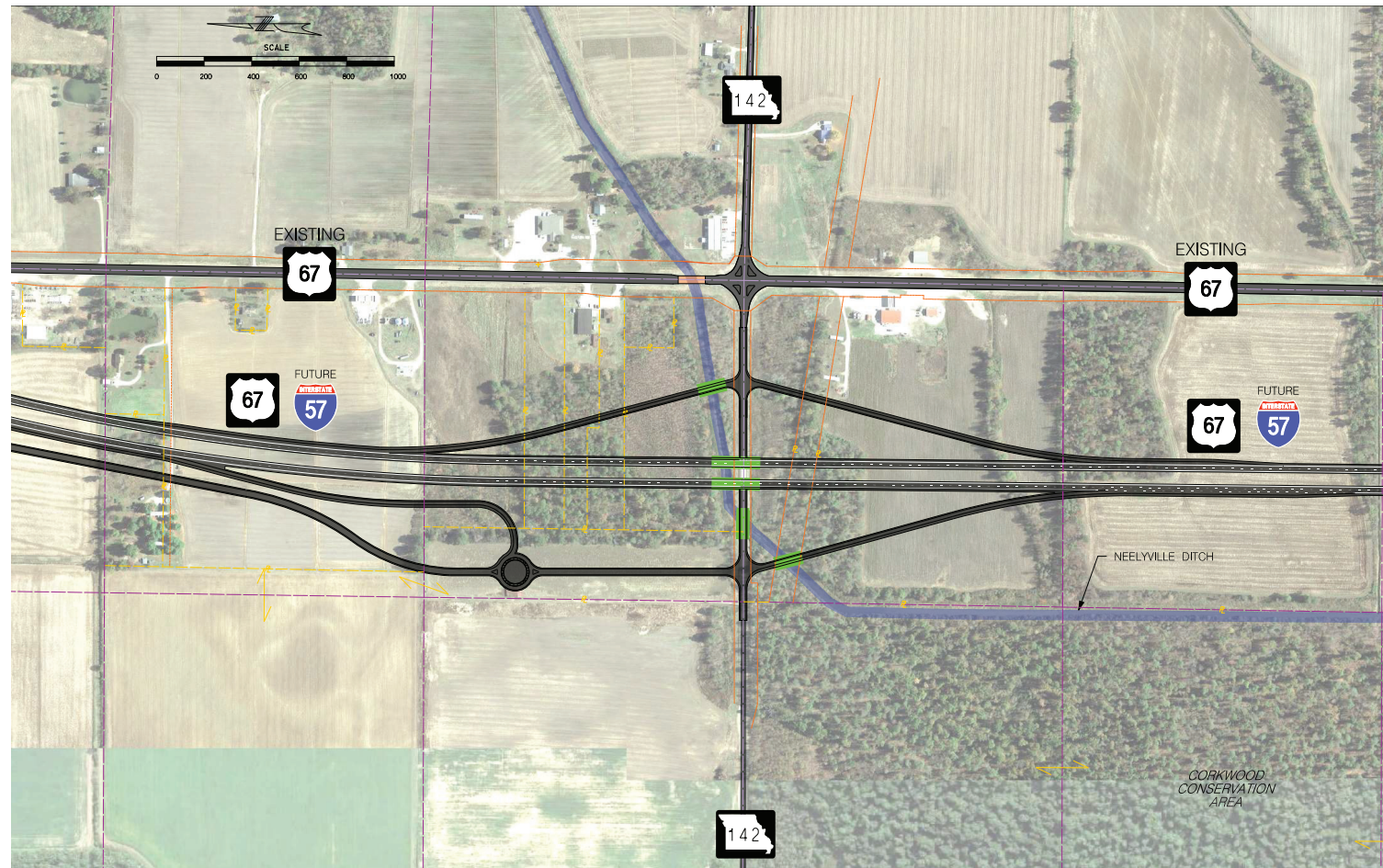
Upgrading U.S. 67 to interstate standards will improve connectivity along the corridor between I-55 in Jefferson County to the MO/AR state line, as well as continuity of the National Highway System. The Arkansas Department of Transportation is currently conducting an environmental study to examine three potential alignments for U.S. 67/Future I-57, as well as the connection at the state line. This will be key once MoDOT moves forward with Phase 4 at the MO/AR state line. Upgrading this section of U.S. 67 to enhance connectivity is also part of MoDOT honoring its commitments. This project has been a priority for Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission, Butler County and the City of Poplar Bluff.



POTENTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Investment in transportation improvements has long been held as a major economic engine that drives growth in job creation, personal income and new value added to Missouri's economy.

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Alternative 1 – Southbound Folded Diamond Interchange

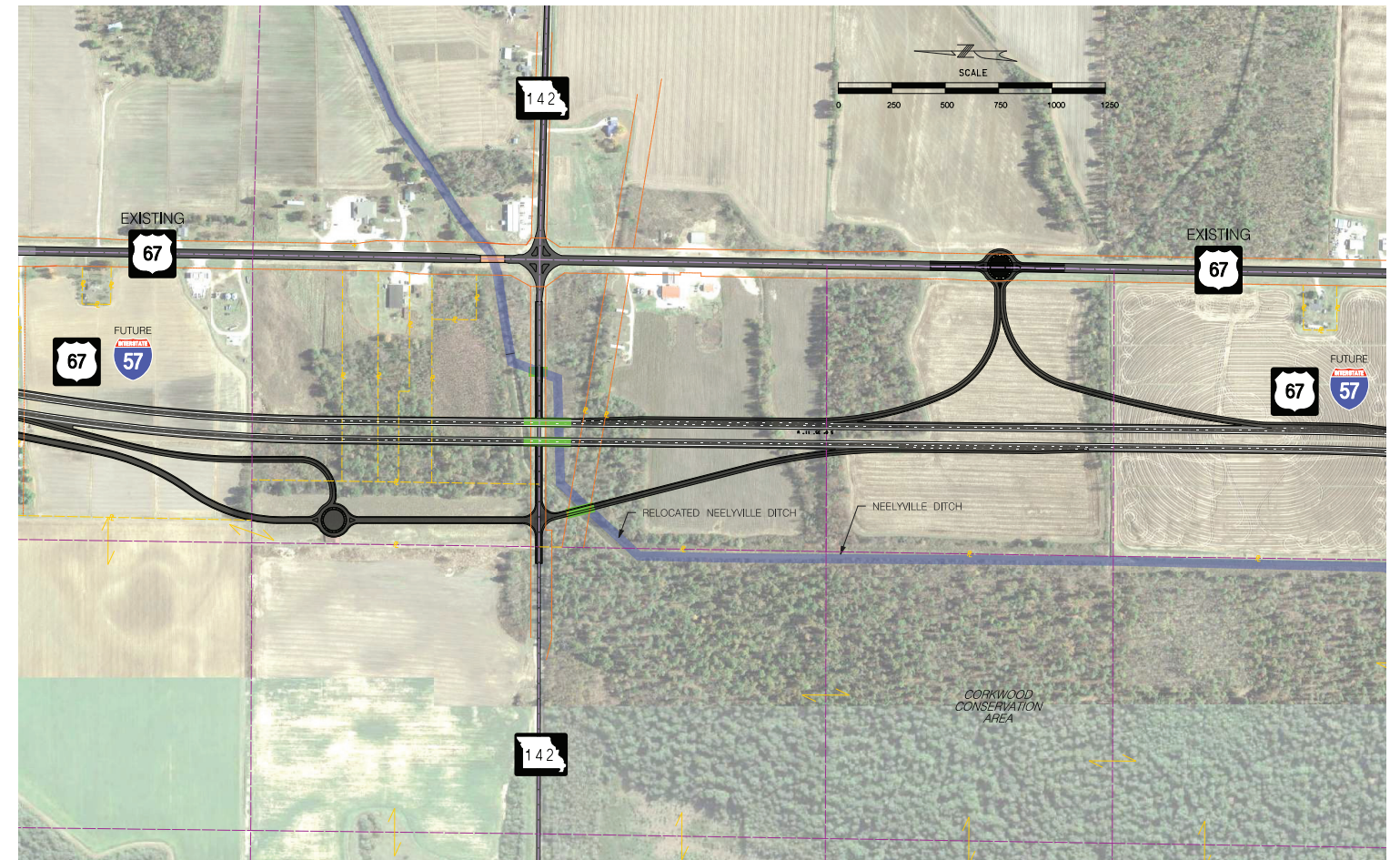
- Southbound off-ramp ties into west outer road
- U.S. 67 bridges over Route 142

Advantages

- Small footprint
- All ramps tie to Route 142, improves wayfinding
- Similar to conventional interchange layout

Disadvantages

- Northbound ramp terminal is close to existing U.S. 67/Route 142 intersection, could cause backups in future
- Leaves landlocked ground between new highway and Corkwood Conservation Area



Alternative 2 – Folded Diamond Interchange

- Southbound off-ramp ties into west outer road
- U.S. 67 bridges over Route 142
- Northbound ramps tie into existing U.S. 67

Advantages

- Good intersection spacing between ramp terminal intersections and adjacent intersections
- Northbound highway access closer to developed land near County Road 270

Disadvantages

- Non-standard ramp layout
- Leaves landlocked ground between new highway and Corkwood Conservation Area



ABOUT THE FUTURE I-57 DESIGNATION

Congress passed S.1655, the federal appropriations bill for the Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. Within this bill, on page 50, Sec 126, Section 1105(c)(89) of Public Law 102-240, is amended to read as follows: “(89) *I-57 Corridor Extension as follows: In Arkansas, the corridor shall follow United States Route 67 in North Little Rock, Arkansas, from I-40 to United States Route 412, then continuing generally northeast to the State line, and in Missouri, the corridor shall continue generally north from the Arkansas State line to Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and then follow United States Route 60 to I-57.*” In 2019, MoDOT formally requested the Federal Highway Administration’s approval of the statutory designation of the corridor extending from the Missouri/Arkansas state line north to Poplar Bluff, then east along Route 60 to I-57 at Sikeston as I-57.