

Route 412 CONNECTIONS

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Route 412 Completion Approaches

Progress is definitely being made on the final phase of the Route 412 upgrade to four lanes between Hayti and Kennett.

Concrete paving is currently underway, followed by shoulder work. Once the new eastbound lanes are complete, traffic will be detoured to the new lanes while the existing lanes are rehabilitated for future westbound traffic. Completion of the final phase is expected by the end of the year.

See inside for more photos of the paving, information on the completion celebration, and what else you can expect happening on Route 412.



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You'll receive **Connections** to keep you informed about what's happening on the Route 412 corridor project in Dunklin and Pemiscot Counties as well as give you an idea of the timeline for upcoming events.

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Eric Krapf

Connecting With Route 412

A Word From The Project Manager

This will likely be one of the last few times I'll get to write to you regarding the Route 412 improvements. We're getting closer to the completion of improvements. I know that's news everyone is pleased to hear.

I think about all it took to make this project possible and I'm awe struck and proud. Every project starts with a partnership with the local communities and MoDOT. This was a need identified by your local officials and citizens. They worked very hard to get the project started by focusing on why it was needed and touting the benefits improvements would bring. They are to be commended for their vision and dedication.

I think about the project team who took the idea and studied the data, visited the area, talked with the people--all so the

right solution could be realized. I work with some truly talented individuals on a daily basis and I'm very pleased you got to work with them on such an important project, too. They are a very special group who have done all they could so these safety improvements could come to fruition.

The partnerships don't end there. We've worked with legislators and contractors and property owners--each who brought enthusiasm and cooperation to Route 412.

I've enjoyed being involved in all these partnerships, meeting each of you, and I appreciate all that you've contributed. When the project is finished, I think we can all be very proud at the part we've played in making travel better, improving safety, and hopefully saving lives. Thank you.

Paving Route 412

Our cameras caught the contractor, Illinois Valley Paving, on one of the hottest days of the summer paving the new eastbound lanes of Route 412. The work is from a half-mile west of Route Z near Kennett to the Pemiscot County line.

Eastbound lane paving underway. Westbound lane work on the way.



Area Notes with Illinois Valley Paving



For more than 31 years Jerry Goins has worked construction projects with Illinois Valley Paving. And, while the Route 412 project is new and exciting to the Bootheel, it's another big project in a long career of big projects for Goins.

He is the project superintendent for Illinois Valley on the final phase of the Route 412 upgrade to four lanes between Kennett and Hayti. Basically, he says he's the man who runs the job and takes care of whatever needs to be taken care of.

When we spoke with Goins, it was a few weeks past the sunny paving days on the previous page and he told us progress was "wet and slow."

"We had about two and a half inches of rain yesterday," he says. "It was moving pretty good, but the weather is starting to mess with our schedule."

That weather coupled with this being the final phase of the project equals some pressure Goins says.

"We also have a lot of small work to do since this is the final phase, but with it being so wet, we can't do any work on the roadway," he says.

Illinois Valley anticipated wrapping the work up by late 2006—a year ahead of what was specified in the contract. Goins says that was by design.

"We can do that by working more people, more equipment, more hours," he says. "Sometimes we do that depending on what other projects we have going."

And, will the timetable hold?

"I can't answer when we'll be done right now because of the weather, but we are going to do our best," he says.

"It was moving pretty good, but the weather is starting to mess with our schedule."

Route 412 Work In Kennett This Year

MoDOT expects work to get underway for resurfacing a portion of Route 412 this fall.

Route 412 will be resurfaced from a quarter-mile east of the Route 25 intersection to the Route 412 South intersection with Route 84 near Wal-Mart. The road will undergo some milling to remove ruts prior to resurfacing. The work also includes an epoxy marking system that MoDOT has adopted to provide better visibility to roadway striping.

Work could start anytime but the contract is set up to offer some contractor flexibility and must be finished by fall 2007.

Lanes will be reduced at times during work. Most of the work will be performed at night to lessen the inconvenience to motorists.



Route 412 from near Route 25 to the Route 412 South intersection will be resurfaced similar to the bypass project last year.

Detector loops at the traffic signals will also be replaced and may cause intermittent flashing during the work.

Once work plans are finalized with the contractor, MoDOT will alert motorists so they may plan their travel accordingly.

The \$584,244 contract was awarded

to Apex Paving Co., Cape Girardeau, Mo., at the March meeting of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission.

It's Time To Celebrate

MoDOT will be working with representatives from the Kennett Chamber of Commerce, City of Kennett and City of Hayti on a celebration of the completion of the Route 412 improvements.

"We've spent more than \$65 million and seven years of construction to make these important improvements to Route 412 between Hayti and Kennett," says Project Manager Eric Krapf. "That's certainly worth celebrating."

MoDOT will work with the communities to commemorate the completion of the final phase, marking the completion of the project. We'll keep you posted.

E-updates Offer The Solution

To receive information regarding the celebration and road work in Pemiscot or Dunklin Counties, log onto our website at www.modot.org/southeast. Click e-updates and register. E-updates are e-mails alerting you to transportation news in which you are interested. You can decide which counties or which corridors you want to receive information about, and then, when MoDOT has news to tell, you'll automatically receive an e-mail keeping you up-to-date.



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