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## Staying Connected

The Missouri Department of Transportation welcomes you to **Route 412**

**Connections.** 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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## Final Phase Awarded

### ■ Finalizing \$65.6 million of Improvements

The final phase of Route 412 was awarded late last year. MoDOT recently met with the contractor to discuss the work plan.

Illinois Valley Paving Co. plans to begin setting up the operation in April with construction starting in May. The work is scheduled for completion in fall 2007.

The \$7.8 million project is the final phase of the Route 412 upgrade to four lanes and includes nearly four miles of paving from a half-mile west of Route Z in Dunklin County to the Pemiscot County line.



MoDOT & contractors discuss work on the final phase of Route 412.



Eric Krapf

## Connecting With Route 412

### ■ A Word From The Project Manager

We recently held the preconstruction conference for the final phase of the Route 412 upgrade to four lanes. That's an exciting event because it marks the beginning of the end of our mission to create a four-lane roadway between Kennett and Hayti. It has certainly been a long road in terms of the local officials and members of the community who had a desire to see this happen and the hard work by my coworkers who have really undertaken this not just as another part of the job but a personal improvement to the area in which they live. For that we are all certainly relieved and excited to see the final phase come to fruition.

There's also a little sadness every time an important project comes to a close because it has been something on which we've all worked very closely together for so long. We'll work to make the celebratory aspects of this event outweigh those as we prepare to think about a grand opening event to celebrate not only a four-lane roadway but a safer travelway and an economic development opportunity.

With 13 contracts awarded to improve

Route 412 to four lanes between Kennett and Hayti, we have invested \$65.6 million in a safer corridor.

As with all roadway projects, we must ask ourselves if that investment and effort is complete. We must look to the future. What else can we do to improve Route 412? We talk to the Department of Transportation in Arkansas in this issue. The state has plans in various stages of completion to improve the Route 412 corridor in Arkansas. We need to investigate how their plans complement our efforts. It's only natural to ask ourselves what else is important in our area. If you have ideas about where our transportation focus should be, please contact the Bootheel Regional Planning Commission. The RPCs gather local concerns to prioritize the region's transportation needs. They then work with MoDOT to prioritize all transportation projects statewide.

I thank you for all your work on the project, and I look forward to continue working with you. If you have questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636) or [eric.krapf@modot.mo.gov](mailto:eric.krapf@modot.mo.gov)

## Route 412 Gets Resurfaced

MoDOT resurfaced Route 412 from Route 84 in Kennett to just east of the Arkansas state line last year.

New asphalt was applied over the existing pavement along more than 22 miles of the roadway.

The resurfacing project was the answer to help eliminate some of the rutting along that stretch of Route 412 and give the road a new surface to help reduce yearly maintenance.

More resurfacing is expected to get underway again this year with more improvements to Route 412 in Kennett.

The project is located between the end of the Route 412 upgrade to four lanes and the Route 412 South intersection with Route 84 near Wal-Mart.

The work also includes an epoxy marking system that MoDOT has adopted to provide better visibility to roadway striping.

Bids are scheduled to be accepted for the project in February. If the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission awards the project, work could get started this spring.

Once work plans are finalized with a contractor, MoDOT will alert motorists.



*New pavement on Route 412 completed with more on the way.*



**Resurfacing could get started this spring at the end of the four-lane to Route 84**

## Stitching Does The Trick For Cracking

Cross stitching that is. MoDOT used the process to repair a portion of the westbound pavement already opened to traffic between Hayti and Bakerville that had some cracking in the pavement. A hole was drilled into the concrete at a 40-degree angle. A reinforcing

*Those aren't spots on the road. That's where the successful cross stitching process was completed.*



steel bar was then inserted into the hole and filled with grout. The bars were placed every 30 inches along the crack.

The process keeps the cracks from causing the pavement to pull apart or shift; drivers don't even know the cracks are there.

"The cross stitching was completed and everything seems to be doing just fine," Project Manager Eric Krapf says, "The repair should help the pavement to perform just fine for the rest of its design life."

Krapf says the fix is also very economical. It would cost \$2,400 per panel to replace the concrete but the cross stitching was done for a tenth of that price, and with less intrusion to traffic.





# Dalton Memorial Highway Dedicated

Route 412 was dedicated the Gov. John M. Dalton Memorial Highway last fall.

The family of Gov. Dalton hosted a ceremony on Oct. 7 in Kennett. Local and state officials as well as Missouri Lt. Governor Peter Kinder attended the ceremony to honor the late governor.

The General Assembly addressed several bills during the 2005 legislative session to honor Missourians throughout the state.

Senate Bill 233 designates a portion of Route 412 in Dunklin and Pemiscot Counties from the city limits of Kennett to the city limits of Hayti in memory of former Gov. Dalton.

Gov. Dalton served Missouri from 1961-1965 and was Missouri's first governor from the Bootheel.



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