

Natural Bridge Project Update

December 2010

Project Activity

Information on the land-use plan and the roadway plans were displayed at the Normandy Branch of the St. Louis County Library for public comment. We received many supportive comments on the plan, as well as constructive comments of the roadway design. The comments were incorporated into the plans.

Based on comments that were received for the conceptual roadway design, preliminary design plans were prepared and submitted to the Missouri Department of Transportation on September 30, 2010. The plan comments are being incorporated into the plan documents. The roadway plans will reconstruct Natural Bridge Road from west of West Drive, to Lucas and Hunt Road. Planning report documents are being reviewed by the Natural Bridge Advisory Committee.

Project Cost

Cost estimates that were developed for the primary planning area conceptual design is \$14,000,000. The estimate will be revised during final design as details of the project are completed.

Project Schedule

The project that began in November 2009 has fully investigated a variety of issues, problems, and opportunities in the corridor including environmental stewardship and land-use opportunities associated with improvements to the 3.8-mile stretch of roadway. The project will extend into 2011 and will provide both the planning and infrastructure documents to make Natural Bridge a Great Street.

There are a few questions that you may have on your mind:

What has been the role of the Advisory Committee?

The Study Advisory Committee (SAC) was established to serve as a two-way conduit with the communities the project may affect and to review study products and provide feedback on public meeting presentation materials. SAC members will advise the team while EWGCOG and MoDOT will have final decision-making authority related to design issues. Land use decision making will be under the authority of the villages and cities in the corridor. There has been significant participation by the communities in the corridor. Concerns and issues brought up by the community leaders have been addressed prior to moving forward with any one part of the corridor plan.

When can I see the plan and how can I comment?

In January an open house will be held with the community to provide an opportunity to see the roadway plans, as well as the land-use documents. The community, including public entities and business owners will be able to comment on the corridor plan and provide input that will go into the final design documents. Should a neighborhood group or business wish to discuss the plan further, a meeting can be scheduled by calling the project contacts listed below.

What Happens Next?

The advisory committee will review the corridor land-use plan and discuss implementation of the plan from a corridor perspective. Design guidelines, a corridor land use plan and final design plans for construction will be the final product for the primary planning area.

The final products for the secondary planning area will be a (I-170 to east of Hanley Road) conceptual level master plan guidance as well as guidelines to match the primary planning area.

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