



**U.S. 63 & H Interchange
Boone County, Mo.
Public Meeting
March 22, 2011**

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the purpose of the meeting tonight?

A. The purpose of the meeting is to gather input about plans to construct a diamond interchange at U.S. 63 and Route H near the Columbia Regional Airport. The project also includes constructing new southbound lanes from just north of Route 163 to Route H in Columbia. An outer roadway would be created using the current southbound lanes. This would allow for the removal of several crossovers to improve safety.

Q. Roundabouts are shown as part of the interchange design. What is a roundabout and how does it work?

A. A roundabout is an intersection that accommodates traffic flow in one direction around a central circular island. As drivers approach a roundabout, they slow down and yield to traffic already circulating. When a gap appears on the left, drivers enter the roundabout by turning right and following the circle until reaching their exits.

Q. The design includes modifying some of the existing access areas along U.S. 63 to incorporate J-turns for safer entry and exit. What is a J-turn and how does it work?

A. A J-turn allows motorists to cross traffic on busy routes more safely while helping to reduce traffic crashes, fatalities and serious injuries. Instead of crossing over four lanes of fast moving traffic on a four-lane divided highway, drivers turn right in the same direction as traffic. Once on the highway, drivers safely merge into a left turning lane and then turn left to head in the opposite direction. The J-turn will help to improve safety by reducing the number of decisions motorists must make at one location when attempting to access or exit U.S. 63.

Q. What are the two options being considered for connectivity of the outer roadway near Magellan Pipeline?

A. One option includes a possible future extension of Meyer Industrial Drive behind the Magellan Pipeline. This will require an agreement between MoDOT and Boone County to complete this work. MoDOT is currently working with the county to determine if this option is feasible based on the timing of the improvements. The second option consists of constructing the outer roadway between the Magellan Pipeline facility and the existing southbound lanes of U.S. 63. This option does require concrete barrier be placed between the southbound lanes of U.S. 63 and the outer roadway to safely separate traffic.

Questions continue on next display



**U.S. 63 & H Interchange
Boone County, Mo.
Public Meeting
March 22, 2011**

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is any additional right of way needed to construct this project?

A. No additional right of way is needed for the new interchange. The right of way for the interchange was acquired many years ago when the highway was upgraded to a four-lane divided facility. There are two options being considered for connectivity of the outer roadway near Magellan Pipeline. Minimal right of way and easements may be needed by Boone County for one option that includes the potential extension of Meyer Industrial Drive to be constructed in the future. The second option might require a small amount of additional right of way from the county.

Q. How much will it cost to construct this project?

A. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$14 million.

Q. When will work take place and how will traffic be handled during construction?

A. Construction is tentatively planned to begin in late summer 2011. Completion of the project is expected in late 2012 or early 2013. Periodic lane drops will be needed on U.S. 63 while work is underway. Route H traffic will be detoured during the construction of the interchange.

Q. Who do I contact to learn more about this highway project?

A. To learn more about this project, please contact the Missouri Department of Transportation at 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (275-6636). The day following the public meeting, displays will be available at www.modot.org/central.