

Pedaling and Walking Chouteau Bridge

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This conforms to the Kansas City, Mo. Bike Plan and moves closer to completing a connection between Kansas City's Parks & Recreation Department project, which ends at the north Route 210 ramps, and the City's Public Works' Bike KC! plan, which will provide bike facilities on Riverfront Road.

In a separate project, MoDOT will upgrade the Heart of America Bridge carrying Route 9 over the Missouri River to better accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians. That project is also scheduled to start next year.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Crossings

Through these two retrofitting projects, MoDOT will improve access for non-motorized transportation across the Missouri River in the heart of Kansas City.

Safety and connectivity are primary concerns when adding more vulnerable travelers to a transportation corridor. MoDOT understands the unique needs of each type of user.

Pedestrians need protection from vehicles that cross the bridge at highway speeds. Casual cyclists are not always comfortable riding in lanes where motorists travel at a higher speed. Advanced cyclists will continue to ride in lanes following the rules of the road, but with greater exposure to traffic. With these considerations in mind, special features of the new lanes include:

- Share the Road signage for advanced cyclists
- Railing and barrier protections for safety
- Bridge design for multi-use applications

Cooperation and Collaboration

In 2006, MoDOT conducted a bicycle and pedestrian feasibility study as part of the Interstate 29/35 Environmental Impact

Statement (EIS). The study team included representatives from Kansas City, North Kansas City, Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA), Missouri Bicycle Federation, Bridging the Gap, Federal Highway Administration, Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and MoDOT.

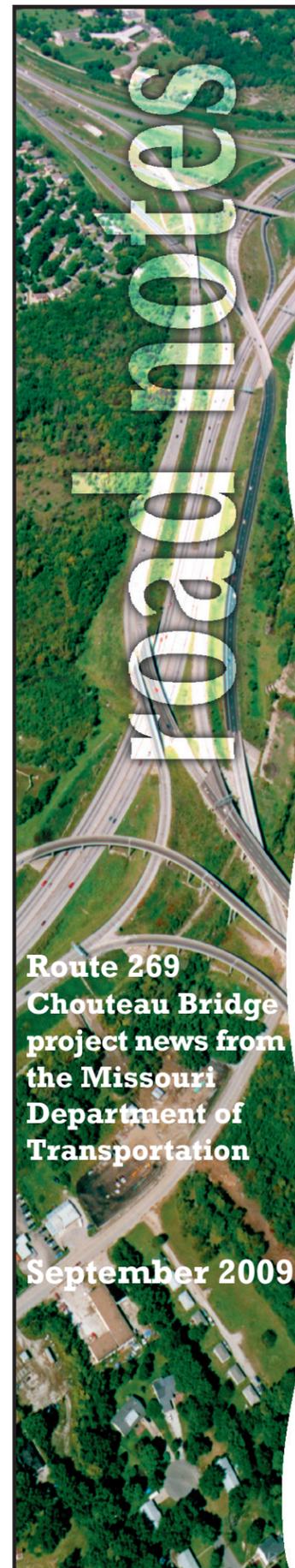
The study team identified the Heart of America Bridge (Route 9) as the preferred river crossing for bicycles and pedestrians. The Chouteau Bridge also was considered a candidate for similar retrofitting, based on safety, connectivity, condition of the structure and need. These bridges will help Kansas City achieve its goal of a phased network of 600 miles of on-street bicycle routes within the city that primarily serve a transportation purpose.

Still Have Questions?

For more information on this project, call Transportation Project Manager Mark Fisher at 622-6568, or Senior Community Relations Specialist Steve Porter at 622-6329.

For more information on other MoDOT projects, go to www.modot.org/kansascity or call 1-888-275-6636.

For more information about the Bike KC! program, visit www.kcmo.org/public-works/nsf/web/kcbike1 at the City's Website.



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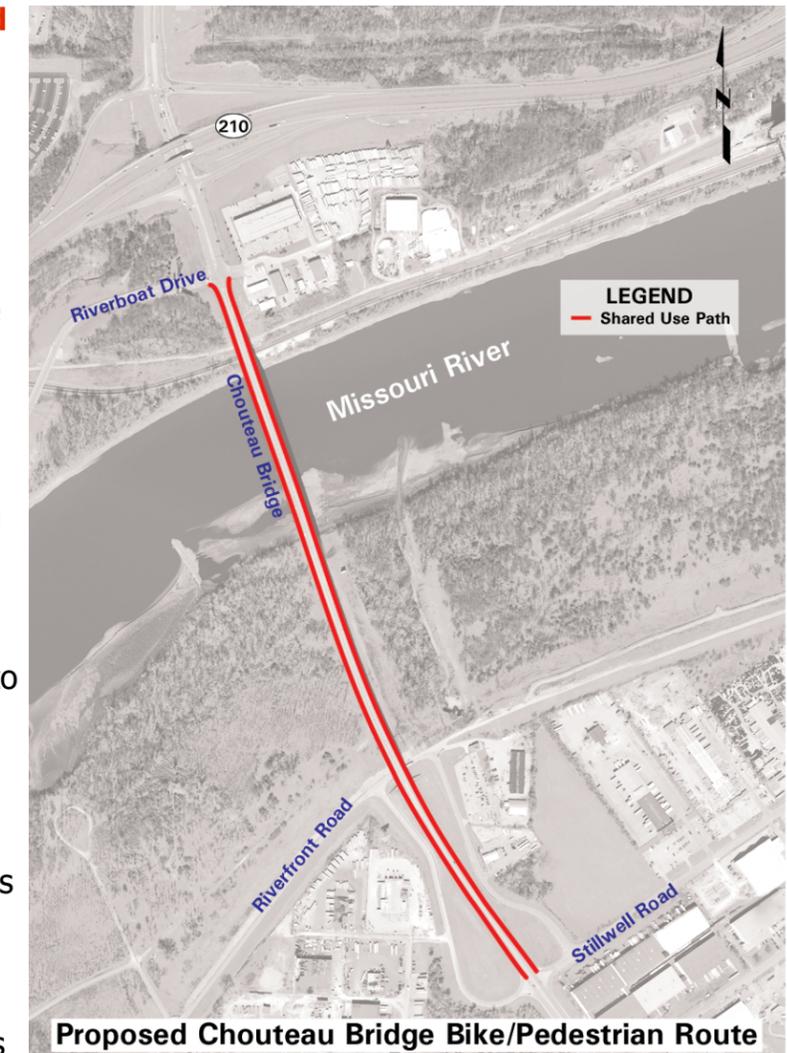
Pedaling and Walking Over Chouteau Bridge

Improving Bike/Ped Accommodations

The Chouteau Bridge over the Missouri River will be reconfigured to provide a barrier-protected multi-use path for bicycles and pedestrians, including signage for bicyclists to share the road with motorized vehicles.

MoDOT will invest about \$2.8 million to retrofit the 8-year-old bridge as part of nearly \$5 million budgeted for a project that includes already-scheduled bridge work. Your feedback helps MoDOT, consultants Harrington & Cortelyou, Inc. and the Mid-America Regional Council complete the design process.

Work begins in the spring. When the project is complete by late 2010, bicycles and pedestrians will find more ways than ever before to cross the Missouri River.



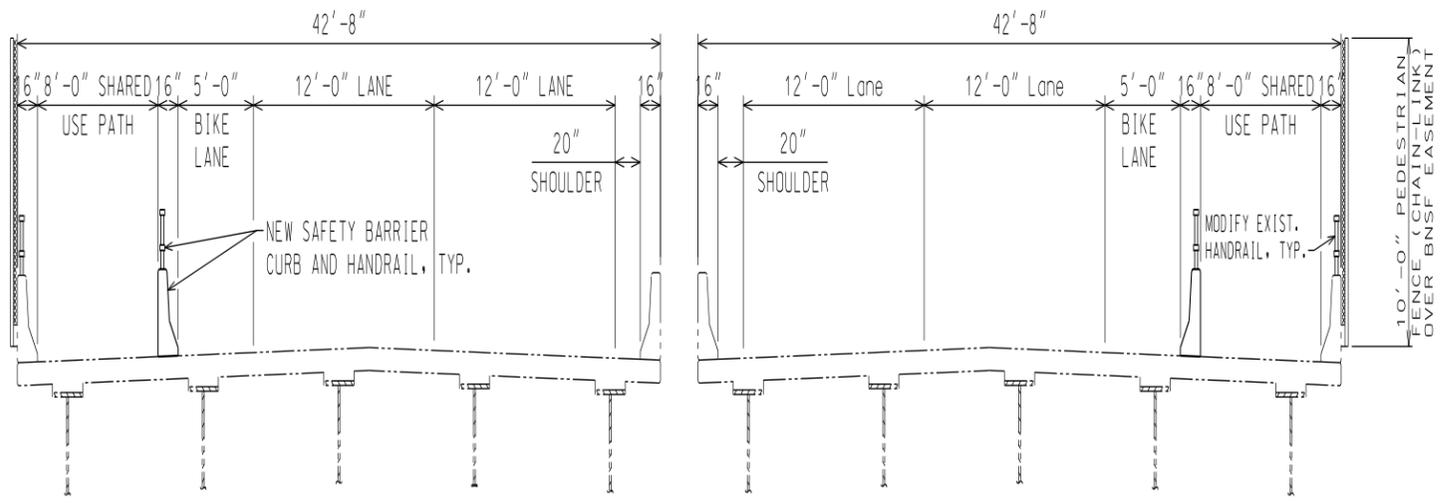
Proposed Chouteau Bridge Bike/Pedestrian Route

Existing pedestrian access on the Chouteau Bridge will be expanded to provide for bicycle/pedestrian facilities on the bridge and its approaches.



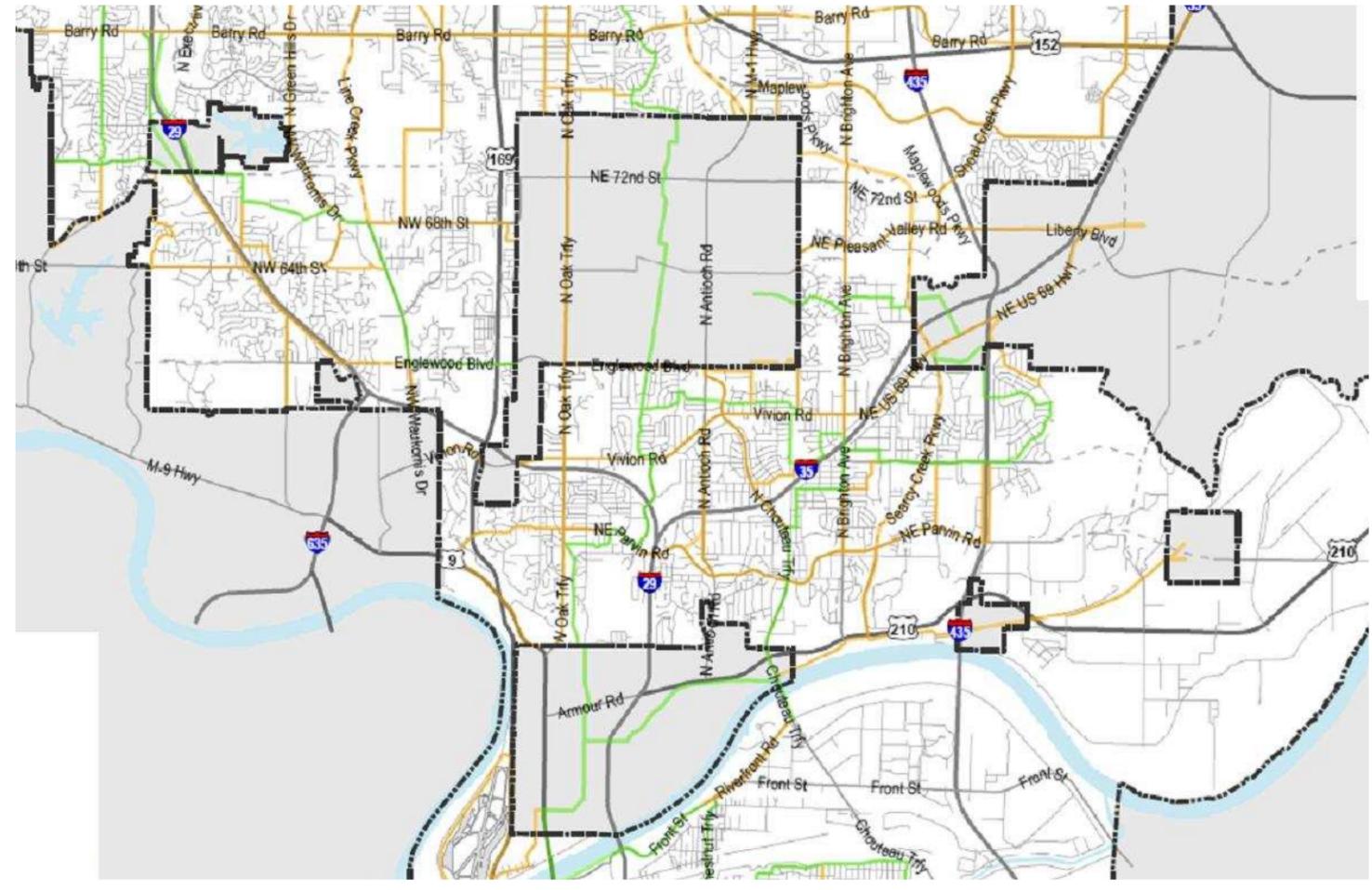
The northern limits of the project begin at Riverboat Drive. On the south side, the project will connect to Stillwell Avenue.

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TYPICAL BRIDGE SECTION

Typical Section on the bridge (above), and aerial photos with overlays of lanes and paths (exhibits 1 and 2) at various locations throughout the project. The Bike KC! map (below) shows likely connectivity to Kansas City's system.



■ Bike Routes ■ Future Bike Routes

