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Welcome to the December edition of **WESTport**, MoDOT District 4's newsletter to our Missouri General Assembly members, city and county officials, and other transportation partners from the west central region.

You will receive monthly updates of District 4 projects and activities throughout the regular General Assembly session, and periodic updates during the rest of the year. We hope you will find the information useful and enlightening.

Our District 4 staff is always available to answer your questions and address constituent concerns. See our list of contacts at the bottom of this newsletter for telephone numbers and other information.

I-470/Strother Road Public Meeting December 14

The City of Lee's Summit and MoDOT will host a public hearing Wednesday, December 14, to present a draft environmental assessment related to the proposed Interstate 470/Strother Road interchange, auxiliary lanes and local roads. The meeting is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Lee's Summit North High School, 901 NE Douglas Street, in the activities center commons.

The project includes the environmental and preliminary design for a proposed interchange on I-470 at Strother Road in Lee's Summit. The proposed facilities include the interchange, auxiliary lanes on I-470, extension of Strother Road from the west to the east side of the interstate, and a local road parallel to I-470 between Woods Chapel Road and Colbern Road.

No formal presentation will be made. Representatives from the City and MoDOT will be available to answer questions.

The draft environmental assessment/location study is available for public review and comment through Jan. 16, 2006 at the following Lee's Summit locations:

- City of Lee's Summit, Public Works, 900 SW Oldham Parkway, 64081
- Missouri Department of Transportation, 600 NE Colbern Road, 64086
- Mid-Continent Public Library, Lee's Summit Branch, 150 NW Oldham Road, 64081
- Mid-Continent Public Library, Colbern Road Branch, 1000 NE Colbern Road, 64086

Vivion Road Improvements on Display Dec. 15

MoDOT will host a public hearing Thursday, December 15, to present a proposed design for improvements to Route 69 (Vivion Road) from Route 169 to Interstate 35. The meeting is scheduled from 4 to 7 p.m. at North Cross United Methodist Church, 1321 NE Vivion Road in Kansas City, Mo.

The project consists of pavement and bridge rehabilitation from Route 169 to I-35, safety improvements at several intersections and a beautified median with access control from North Oak Trafficway to Highland Avenue. The safety improvements include realignment of the ramp terminus at I-29 and North Oak Trafficway, revisions to right turns at Antioch Road, and reconfiguration of the southbound I-35 exit ramp to Vivion Road that includes closing access to North Brighton Place from the ramp.

MoDOT encourages anyone who uses this route to view the preliminary plan, discuss the project with Department employees, and provide oral or written comments at the open-house style hearing. No formal presentations will be made.

“We are proposing nearly \$5 million worth of improvements to the area,” said Project Manager Mary Miller. “We encourage people to stop by, take a look at the proposed design and let us know what they think.”

Citizens Begin Planning State’s Transportation Future

Missouri citizens are taking lead roles around the state as planning for the state’s future transportation system gets under way.

In early December, the Missouri Department of Transportation hosted the first in a series of regional working group meetings to discuss statewide needs, transportation trends and conditions, and opportunities for improvements to Missouri’s transportation policies and strategies. The next regional meeting in the Kansas City area is scheduled at 2 p.m. January 31 at MoDOT’s district office in Lee’s Summit.

The *Missouri Advance Planning* initiative, or *MAP*, is the beginning of a statewide dialogue on what the state’s transportation system could and should do for its citizens and how best to fulfill those expectations and potential. This initiative will produce Missouri’s transportation vision and will provide the building blocks for developing a shared action plan for the transportation system.

Interested persons with questions about the meetings or comments about the *MAP* initiative should contact MoDOT’s local district offices at 1-888-ASK MODOT or the project manager, Eric Curtit, at (573) 751-6775, e-mail eric.curtit@modot.mo.gov

Meeting agendas, regional working groups’ membership lists and maps of the regions, public comment opportunities and additional information are available on the MAP Web site at www.mapourfuture.org.

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