

Welcome

to the

East Columbia- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Public Meeting

Please sign in.

Tonight we are presenting the recommended Reasonable Alternatives that will be evaluated in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

Team members are available during the public meeting to take your comments, answer your questions and discuss your issues.

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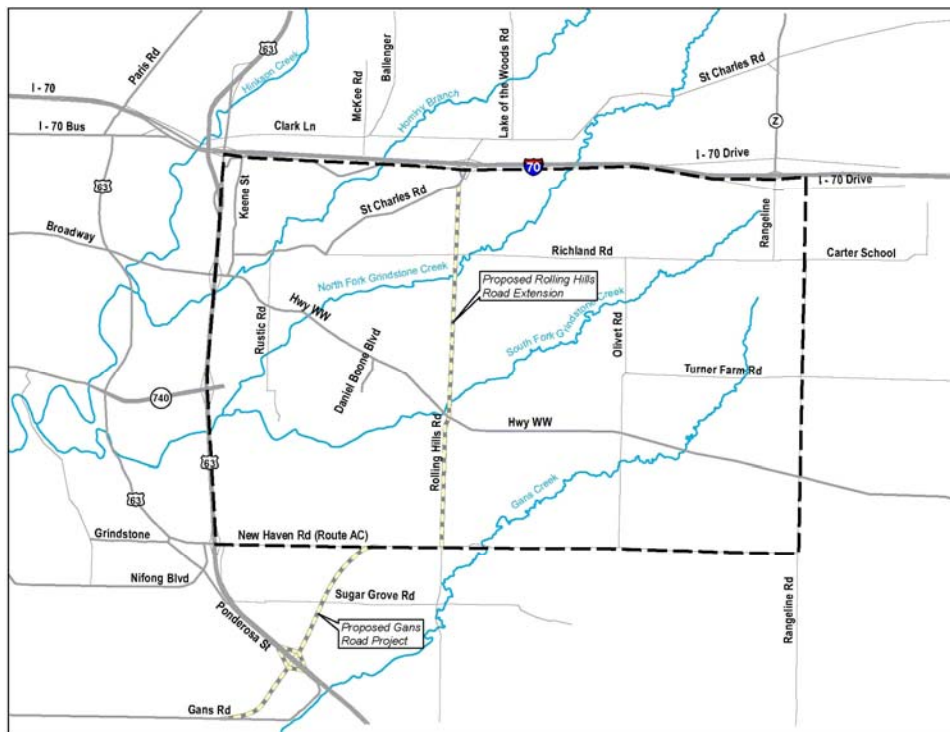
for taking the time to get involved.



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Project Overview

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT), City of Columbia and Boone County are conducting the East Columbia-Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to examine future transportation needs and recommend solutions for the East Columbia area.



East Columbia EIS Study Area



What is the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)?

The NEPA process requires that transportation decisions balance engineering and transportation needs with social, economic and natural environmental factors.

During the process, a wide range of partners, including the public, property owners, businesses, interest groups and government agencies provide input. This assists with the technical analysis and helps shape recommendations.



EIS Process and Schedule

1. Scoping

Issues and concerns are solicited from the various agencies, the community, and others.

2. Purpose and Need

Using the input from scoping, data gathering, and technical analysis, a purpose and need statement is developed. It serves as the basis for the alternative development, screening, and environmental evaluation.

3. Evaluation Criteria

Working with the community, agencies, and other stakeholders, criteria are developed to compare the numerous alternatives that will be considered.

4. Alternative Development

The initial range of alternatives, including previous and current proposals, and new ideas from the community and stakeholders are developed for consideration.

5. Alternative Screening

The alternatives are screened using the previously established criteria. The alternatives that meet the criteria, called the Reasonable Range of Alternatives, are carried forward for further consideration.

6. Draft EIS (DEIS) Evaluation

The Reasonable Range of Alternatives are more fully evaluated in the DEIS. The DEIS is an official document issued during the process and includes a detailed analysis of the social, environmental and economic impacts of the alternatives.

7. Formal Public Comment on DEIS

Following approval of the DEIS, the public will be provided the opportunity to review and comment on the DEIS at the public hearing.

8. Final EIS (FEIS)

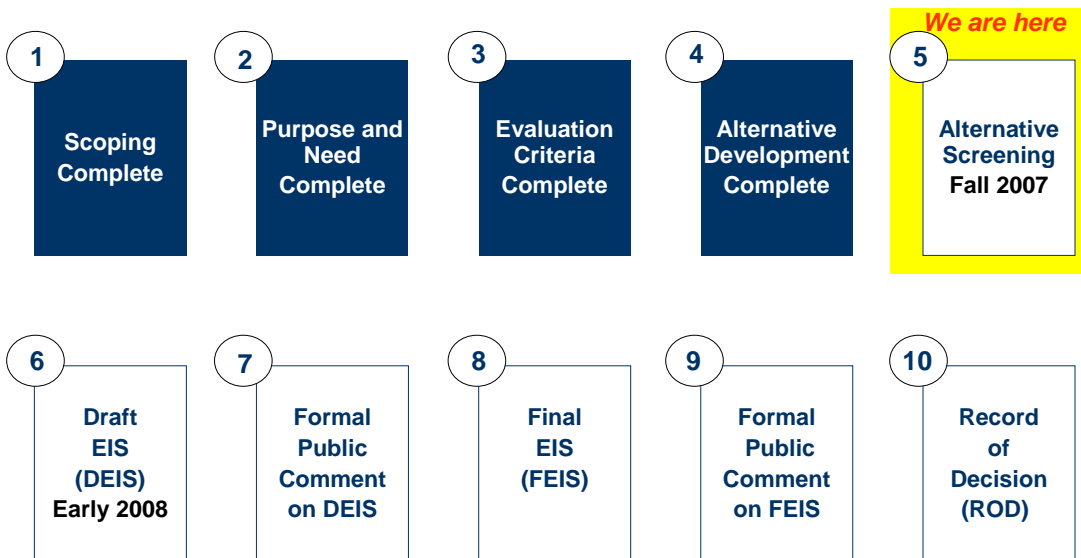
After incorporating and addressing the public and agency comments, additional analysis is conducted to develop the FEIS.

9. Formal Public Comment on FEIS

Following approval of the FEIS, the public will be provided the opportunity to review and comment on the FEIS.

10. Record of Decision (ROD)

After receiving public and agency comments and providing responses, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issues a Record of Decision (ROD) formalizing the official decision of the Preferred Alternative.



Community Outreach – A continuous community outreach process is integrated into every step of the project, to ensure that the study area residents, businesses, the traveling public, and other interested parties have an opportunity to have meaningful participation in the process.



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Meeting Purpose

- Show how the nine Conceptual Alternatives were evaluated to determine which ones meet the Purpose and Need of the project
- Present the recommended Reasonable Alternatives
- Seek public input on the evaluation process and the recommended Reasonable Alternatives
- Answer questions about the East Columbia-EIS project
- Describe the next steps in the project

