

Route 61 Improvement Project

What is the problem on Route 61?

There are five intersections on Route 61 (Peine Road, Route P, Grothe Road and the two at Granville Road) that have high crash rates due to the high rate of speed and volume of traffic, which makes it difficult for cars to merge in and out of traffic.

What are the proposed improvements?

There are several proposed safety improvements along the two-and-a-half mile stretch, including:

- Removing the Route P and Peine Road crossovers and replacing with one interchange to serve both roads.
- Converting the Grothe Road crossover to a right-in/right-out intersection and extending the merge lanes on Route 61.
- Converting the western Granville Drive crossing to a right-in/right out intersection.
- Converting the eastern Granville Drive crossing to a right-in/right-out intersection and extending the southbound Route 61 right turn lane.

What kind of traffic impacts can motorists expect?

There will be off-peak lane restrictions throughout the project. In addition, lanes may be narrowed and shifted and temporary by-passes may be necessary to maintain access during construction.

When will the project start and when will it be completed?

The project is expected to begin in the summer of 2017 and be completed in the summer of 2018.

What is the cost of the project?

The estimated cost of the project is \$12.5 million.

Where can I get more information on this project?

For more information go to the project website at http://www.modot.org/stlouis/major_projects/ Route61SafetyProject.htm or contact MoDOT Project Manager Tim Schroeder at 314-453-5049 or by email at <u>Timothy.Schroeder@modot.mo.gov</u>.

