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MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION APPROVES I-55 CORRIDOR PROJECT FOR DESIGN-BUILD

JEFFERSON COUNTY, MO – The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, at the June 2, 2022 meeting, approved in the consent agenda, the I-55 Corridor Project in Jefferson County as a design-build project and recommendation to authorize delegation.

The project area is between Route Z and Route 67 interchanges on Interstate 55, including the cities of Pevely, Herculaneum, Crystal City and Festus. Periodic traffic congestion occurs due to daily and recreational commuters with a prevalence of drivers unfamiliar with the area. That stretch of highway has a 3-year crash rate that is 26.7% above the statewide rate for interstates.

“This is a much-needed project, years in the making,” says County Executive Dennis Gannon. “Safety has been a big concern, and this project will improve traffic flow and reduce crashes, giving us safer roads in the area.”

A key north-south corridor through Missouri, Interstate 55 links Greater St. Louis to: Chicago, Illinois; Memphis, Tennessee; Jackson, Mississippi; and New Orleans, Louisiana. The I-55/Route 67 interchange provides access to popular tourist attractions like the Ozark National Scenic Riverway and the Mark Twain National Forest, as well as cities and towns like Farmington and Poplar Bluff.

To learn more about the I-55 Corridor Project and watch the June 2, 2022 Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission meeting, please visit modot.org.

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