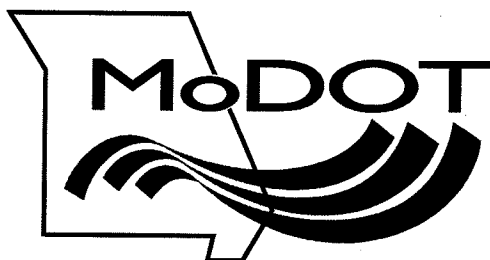


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The Honorable Steve Ehlmann
County Executive
100 North 3rd Street
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Dear County Executive Ehlmann:

On behalf of the commission, I'm responding to your letter dated October 8, 2009 concerning safety on State Route DD. I am pleased to inform you that we will accelerate the project to improve the stretch of road from Highway 40 to the Frontier Middle School. The project will now be under contract next spring, and the improvements will be completed before the end of 2010. We still have a few details to work out concerning utilities and right of way, and we will take care of those matters.

In regard to further lowering the speed limit in the area of Route DD near Highway 40 and the middle school, I am willing to consider your request. After driving the road, my initial reaction was that the 50 mph speed limit is appropriate. However, we will certainly work with you and the county if you decide to pass a resolution to further lower the speed limit.

We share your commitment to safety and are proud of the efforts we've made in the past four years to reduce fatalities on Missouri highways. Please don't hesitate to contact me (573-751-3692) or Ed Hassinger (314-453-1805) if we can ever be of help.

Sincerely,

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Chief Engineer

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