



Key Challenges and Constraints

Roadway Design:

Some of the roads in the area started as dirt roads and were first paved or covered in gravel during the state's "Get Missouri Out of the Mud" campaign in the 1920s.

Over the years, the vehicles traveling these roads have changed significantly, but short sight distances, sharp curves and tall hills have not.



Topography:

The area's hills and valleys create challenges for roadway design. An improved roadway would need to be less steep and less curvy.

To do that, transportation improvements might need to take up more space than the existing roadways.

Minimizing Impacts:

Any improvements would need to avoid creating negative impacts as much as possible. If, in the overall evaluation of alternatives, negative impacts are necessary, the Environmental Assessment will include plans to address negative impacts.



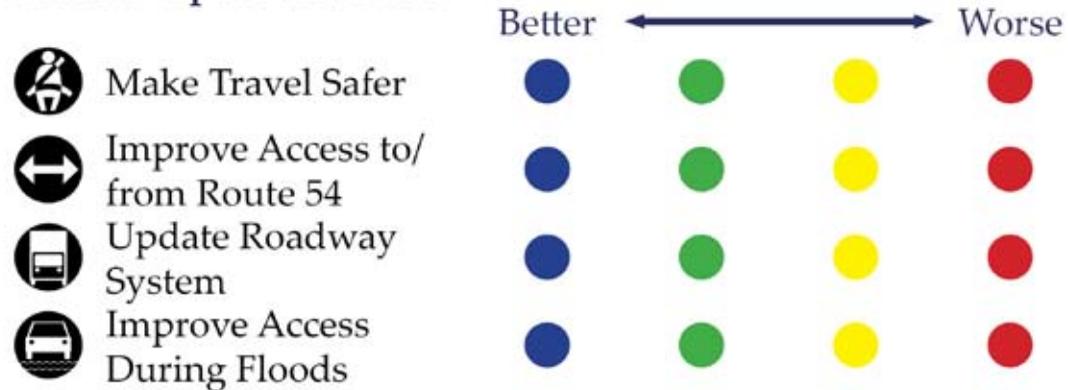


Evaluating Ideas for Improvements

The ideas being shown tonight also include an evaluation related to eight key criteria, as shown below.

Each idea is weighed against what would happen if there were no improvements, called a “no-build” option.

Meets Purpose and Need



Negative Impacts

