



The Future of Route 63

Finding the Preferred Alternative

How Does MoDOT Evaluate the Range of Alternatives?

The study team has narrowed the preliminary range of alternatives presented in May 2007 to a preferred alternative by evaluating public input, costs, and technical, cultural and environmental data. The following criteria were used in that evaluation.

Public Input

Comments Submitted from Public
Coordination with Local, State and Federal Agencies

Engineering Considerations

New Alignment Length Number of Bridges
Traffic Flow Local Road Access Points

Right of Way Impacts

Residential Relocations New Right of Way
Commercial Relocations Existing Right of Way
Parcels Impacted

Environmental Impacts

Impact to Communities Recreational Use Facilities, Privately Owned
Parklands Threatened and Endangered Species
Wetlands Hazardous Waste Locations
Floodplain Other Publicly Noted (Potential)
Airports Environmental Constraints

Cultural Resources Impacts

Cemeteries
Registered Historic Properties (NRHP)
Other Publicly Noted (Potential) Cultural Constraints

What Comes Next?

We will address substantive public and agency comments, complete the remaining environmental surveys and make a final recommendation on the preferred alternative. This will include documenting the conclusion of the process with a formal Record of Decision. Substantive comments received from the public hearings will help us select an alternative for eventual construction. We anticipate having a record of decision in late 2009.