

**CHAPTER II  
PRELIMINARY DESIGN**

**PROJECT SUMMARY**

**Request for Approval of Location and Design of Highways**

**Reason for Request:** The Revised Statutes of Missouri charge the Commission with the responsibility for approving roadway locations and designs; based on that approval, property needed for the improvement is acquired by negotiation and/or condemnation.

**Location and Design**

**Information Specific to this Request:**

- Location: Route O, Sullivan County  
1.3 Miles North of Route 240 near Slater
- Job No: J2S0688
- Project Description: Replace an existing deficient bridge structure over Salt Fork Creek (see Attachment \_\_\_\_).  
Current estimated cost for this improvement is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- Project Length: 0.4 Miles
- Right of Way Type: Normal access right of way.
- Traffic: Route O will be closed for approximately ten months during construction with traffic detoured over state routes.
- Hearing Held: November 13, 2001  
Marshall Public High School
- Attendance: 13 People attended the hearing.
- Summary: In addition to the public notice for the hearing, letters describing the project were sent to the local police, sheriff, fire, ambulance and school districts asking for their comments concerning the closure of Route O during construction. These contacts resulted in one comment which was concerned with the longer response time required with use of the signed detour. District staff met with the emergency service providers and it was agreed that response time would be reduced if the county roadway system in this area was used.
- Additionally, a nearby resident expressed concern with access to an agricultural field during construction. Access will be available to this field except for three or four days while improvements to the railroad crossing are made.
- Source of Funding:** Funds to accomplish this improvement have already been committed in the FY2002-2006 State Transportation Improvement Program. No additional funds need to be committed as a result of this particular action.
- Recommendation:** **Approval of the location and design as presented at the public hearing.**