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**Agency Contact List and Coordination Letter**

**Job No. J4P2279B**  
**U.S. 69 Bridges Over the Missouri River EIS**  
**Cooperating and Participating Agencies**

November 8, 2012

STATUS	Cooperating Agencies									
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decline	Federal Aviation Administration	Jim Johnson	Division Manager	Airports Division (ACE-600), Room 364	901 Locust	Kansas City	MO	64106-2325		
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Participating Agencies - Missouri (State and Local)										
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accept	Missouri Department of Natural Resources	Sara Parker Pauley	Director	State Office	P.O. Box 180	Jefferson City	MO	65102		
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Participating Agencies - Kansas (State and Local)										
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October 9, 2012

Colonel Anthony Hofmann, PMP  
District Engineer  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District  
601 East 12th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Colonel Hofmann:

**Subject:** U.S. 69 Bridges over the Missouri River EIS  
Platte County, Missouri and Wyandotte County, Kansas  
MoDOT Job No. J4P2279B  
Request to become a Cooperating and Participating Agency

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to consider impacts of replacing the Fairfax and/or Platte Purchase Bridges on U.S. 69 spanning the Missouri River between Platte County, Missouri and Wyandotte County, Kansas, Missouri (U.S. 69 Bridges EIS). The project study area is approximately one mile long, centered on the existing bridges. The Notice of Intent has been submitted to the U.S. DOT and is anticipated to be published in the Federal Register in October 2012. We have enclosed a copy of a Project Location Map for your reference.

*Project Background:* The EIS will consider the replacement/rehabilitation of the two existing bridges over the Missouri River, connecting the Fairfax Industrial District and downtown Kansas City, Kansas on the Kansas side and Platte County and the city of Riverside on the Missouri side. The existing bridges provide an important linkage in the overall highway network of the region and serves as a travel detour route when crashes or maintenance activities restrict traffic flows across the I-635 and Broadway (U.S. 169) bridges. Both the Fairfax Bridge, constructed in 1935, and the Platte Purchase Bridge, constructed in 1957, are nearing the end of their useful service lives and are considered functionally obsolete. The age and condition of both bridges creates an on-going need for maintenance. The existing bridges also lack safe accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians which will be evaluated as part of the development and evaluation of alternatives.

*Cooperating and Participating Agency Invitation:* The purpose of this letter is to initiate coordination with your agency. With this letter, FHWA and MoDOT request your agency to become a cooperating agency, in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.6 of the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provision of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), because the project may involve impacts to resources under your jurisdiction. We also invite your agency under Section 6002 of SAFETEA-LU to become a



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cooperating and participating agency with FHWA in the development of the U.S. 69 Bridges EIS. Neither designation implies that your agency supports the proposal.

Your agency has been identified as one that may have an interest in the U.S. 69 Bridges EIS, because of the following:

- Your jurisdiction over navigable waters and other waters of the United States in the project study area.
- Your expertise with water and water related resources.
- Your jurisdiction and expertise regarding flood management.

Accordingly, your agency is being extended this invitation to become a cooperating and participating agency for the project.

*Role as a Cooperating and Participating Agency:* As a cooperating and participating agency for the U.S. 69 Bridges EIS, you will be afforded the opportunity, together with the public, to be involved in defining the purpose of and need for the project, as well as in determining the range of alternatives to be considered. Your agency's involvement as a cooperating agency should include those areas under its jurisdiction and expertise, with no direct writing or analysis expected for preparation of the U.S. 69 Bridges EIS. We will take the following actions to maximize interagency cooperation:

- Invite you to coordination meetings;
- Consult with you on any relevant technical studies the project requires;
- Provide you with project information, including study results;
- Encourage you to express your agency's views on subjects within its jurisdiction or expertise; and
- Include information in the project environmental documents that your agency needs to discharge its NEPA responsibilities.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has the right to expect that the U.S. 69 Bridges EIS will enable you to discharge your jurisdictional responsibilities for this phase of the project. If at any point in the process your agency's needs are not being met, we need to be informed so steps can be taken to resolve the issue.

As a participating agency you will be asked to:

- Provide input on the impact assessment methodologies for your agency's area of expertise;
- Participate in coordination meetings, conference calls, and joint field reviews, as appropriate; and
- Review and comment on sections of the pre-draft environmental documents to communicate any concerns of your agency on the adequacy of the document, the alternatives considered, and the anticipated impacts and mitigation.

A detailed coordination plan will be provided at the first agency coordination meeting, as discussed below.

*First Project Agency Coordination Meeting:* Your agency's designated representative(s) are invited to attend the first agency coordination meeting to be held on November 14, 2012 at 10 a.m. in the MoDOT Kansas City District Office, 600 NE Colbern Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64086. The coordination meeting is expected to last two hours. At the meeting, the Study Team will provide an overview of the study process and key issues. There will also be time for agencies to provide input on key concerns regarding the projects potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts. Following the meeting, the meeting materials and notes will be sent to agency representatives who are unable to attend.

*Response Requested:* We request that your agency provide confirmation on whether you are accepting or declining the invitation to become a cooperating and/or participating agency. The acceptance or declination of this invitation may be transmitted electronically to Allan Zafft at [Allan.Zafft@modot.mo.gov](mailto:Allan.Zafft@modot.mo.gov); please include the title of the official responding or via mail to the MoDOT Kansas City District Office shown above. Responses should be transmitted to this office no later than November 9, 2012. If your agency declines to become a cooperating agency but wishes to be a participating agency, please state your reasons for doing so.

As a Federal agency, if you elect not to become a participating agency, you must decline this invitation in writing. Your letter declining the invitation must indicate that your agency has no jurisdiction or authority with respect to the project, no expertise or information relevant to the project, and does not intend to submit comments on the project.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to working with you as the study progresses. If you have questions regarding this invitation, please contact Allan Zafft at (816) 607-2258.

Sincerely,



Daniel Niec, P.E.  
District Engineer

Enclosure

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Field Supervisor  
Columbia Ecological Services Field Office  
U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service  
101 Park DeVille Drive, Suite A  
Columbia, MO 65203-0057

Dear Ms. Salveter:

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interest in the project and invite these agencies to become participating agencies in the environmental review process.

Your agency has been identified as one that may have an interest in the U.S. 69 Bridges EIS, because of the following:

- Your jurisdiction over fish and wildlife species that may occur in the study area and are protected under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and/or the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

Accordingly, your agency is being extended this invitation to become a participating agency for the project.

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October 9, 2012  
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Mr. Richard Moore-de  
Mr. Allan Zafft-kctp  
Mr. Mike LaValley-USFWS, Kansas Ecological Services Field Office

**APPENDIX B-2**  
**Tribal Contact List and Coordination Letter**

Job No. J4P2279B  
 US 69 Missouri River Bridges EIS  
 Tribal Contacts

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Tribe/Nation	States	Contact Person	Title	Address 1	Address 2	City	State	Zip
Delaware Nation	MO KS	Kerry Holton	Nation President	PO Box 825		Andarko	OK	73005
	MO KS	Tamara Francis	NAGPRA Director	PO Box 825		Andarko	OK	73005
Iowa Tribe of Kansas & Nebraska	MO KS	Tim Rhodd	Chairman	3345 Thrasher Road		White Cloud	KS	66094
	MO KS	Alan Kelley	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	3345 Thrasher Road		White Cloud	KS	66094
Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma	MO	Janice Rowe-Furak	Chairperson	RR1, Box 721		Perkins	OK	74059-9599
	MO	Joyce Miller	Historic Preservation	RR1, Box 721		Perkins	OK	74059-9599
Kaw Indian Nation of Oklahoma	MO KS	Guy Monroe	Chairman	Drawer 40		Kaw City	OK	74641
	MO KS	Crystal Douglas	NAGPRA Director	Drawer 40		Kaw City	OK	74641
Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska	MO KS	Russell Bradley	Chairman	1107 Goldfinch Road		Horton	KS	66439
	MO KS	Luke Terry	Natural Resources Director	1107 Goldfinch Road		Horton	KS	66439
Miami Tribe of Oklahoma	MO KS	Thomas Gamble	Chief	PO Box 1326		Miami	OK	74355
	MO KS	George Strack	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	PO Box 1326		Miami	OK	74355
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska and Iowa	MO KS	Amen Sheridan	Chairman	PO Box 368		Macy	NE	68039
	MO KS	Calvin H. Harian	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	PO Box 368		Macy	NE	68039
Osage Nation	MO KS	John D. Red Eagle	Principal Chief	627 Grandview	PO Box 779	Pawuska	OK	74056
	MO KS	Dr. Andrea A. Hunter	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	627 Grandview	PO Box 779	Pawuska	OK	74056
Otoe-Missouri Tribe of Indians in Oklahoma	MO MO	John R. Shotton	Chairman	8151 Highway 177		Red Rock	OK	74651
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska	MO KS	Rebecca White	Chairwoman	PO Box 288		Niobrara	NE	68760
	MO KS	Gary Ronbinette	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	PO Box 288		Niobrara	NE	68760
Prairie Band Potawatomie Nation	KS	Steve Ortiz	Chairman	16281 Q Road		Mayetta	KS	66509-8970
	KS	Virginia LeClere	Environmental Director	16281 Q Road		Mayetta	KS	66509-8970
Santee Sioux Nation	KS	Roger Trudell	Chairman	108 Spirit Lake Avenue West		Niobrara	NE	68760
	KS	Richard Thomas	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	108 Spirit Lake Avenue West		Niobrara	NE	68760
Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska	MO KS	Mike Daugherty	Chairperson	305 North Main		Reserve	KS	66434
	MO KS	Edmore Green	Cultural Resources Officer	305 North Main		Reserve	KS	66434
Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma	MO	George Thurman	Principal Chief	Route 2, Box 246		Stroud	OK	74079
	MO	Sandra Kaye Massey	Cultural Resources Officer	Route 2, Box 246		Stroud	OK	74079
Sac & Fox Nation of the Mississippi in Iowa	MO KS	Adrian Pushetonqua	Chairman	349 Meskawaki Road		Tama	IA	52339
	MO KS	Jonathan L. Buffalo	Director of Historic Preservation	349 Meskawaki Road		Tama	IA	52339
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	KS	John Blackhawk	Chairman	PO Box 687		Winnebago	NE	68071
	KS	Emily DeLeon	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	PO Box 687		Winnebago	NE	68071
Wyandotte Nation	MO KS	Leoford Bearskin	Chief	64790 East Highway 60		Wyandotte	OK	74370
	MO KS	Sherri Clemons	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	64790 East Highway 60		Wyandotte	OK	74370



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October 26, 2012

Mr. Tim Rhodd, Chairman  
Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska  
3345 Thrasher Road  
White Cloud, KS 66094

ATTN: Mr. Allan Kelley, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Subject: U.S. 69 Bridges Over the Missouri River EIS  
Platte County, Missouri and Wyandotte County, Kansas  
MoDOT Job No. J4P2279B, Missouri River Bridge  
Invitation to Agency Scoping Meeting

Dear Chairman Tim Rhodd:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), is initiating an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to consider the effects of replacing/rehabilitating the two existing bridges on U.S. 69 (Fairfax and Platte Purchase Bridges) that span the Missouri River between the Platte County, Missouri and Wyandotte County, Kansas. The FHWA is the Federal agency responsible for conducting government-to-government consultations with Federally-recognized tribes under Executive Order 13084, the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other Federal laws and statutes.

The project study area is approximately 4,000 feet long and begins near the intersection of U.S. 69 and I-635 in Platte County, Missouri on the north, crosses the Missouri River, and ends near the intersection of U.S. 69/7th Street and Kindleberger Road in Wyandotte County, Kansas on the south. A copy of the study area map is enclosed.

The existing bridges provide an important linkage in the overall highway network of the region and serve as a travel detour route when crashes or maintenance activities restrict traffic flows across the I-635 and Broadway (U.S. 169) Bridges. Both the Fairfax Bridge, constructed in 1935, and the Platte Purchase Bridge, constructed in 1957, are nearing the end of their useful service lives and are considered functionally obsolete and may be historically significant. The age and condition of both bridges creates an on-going need for maintenance. The existing bridges also lack safe accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians which will be evaluated as part of the development and evaluation of alternatives.

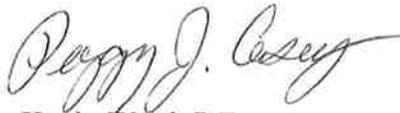
With this letter we are notifying you of the beginning of this environmental study and inviting you to participate in the NEPA process for this project. We would be happy to discuss any concerns you may have regarding confidentiality of tribal information regarding this location.

*First Project Agency Coordination Meeting:* Your tribe's designated representative(s) are invited to attend the first agency coordination meeting to be held on **November 14, 2012 at 10 a.m. in the MoDOT Kansas City District Office, 600 NE Colbern Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64086**. The coordination meeting is expected to last two hours. At the meeting, the Study Team will provide an overview of the study process and key issues. There will also be time for agencies to provide input on key concerns regarding the projects potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts. Following the meeting, the meeting materials and notes will be sent to agency representatives who are unable to attend.

Your timely response will greatly assist us in incorporating your concerns into project planning. For that purpose, we respectfully request that you complete the enclosed Tribal Consultation Options Form and return it to this office within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. We also invite you to respond in writing regarding any information you would like to provide to the project team or describing any concerns you may have with the project.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated and we look forward to working with you as the study progresses. If you have any questions regarding this invitation, please contact me at [kevin.ward@dot.gov](mailto:kevin.ward@dot.gov) or at 573-638-2600; or Allan Zafft, MoDOT Kansas City District Transportation Planning Specialist, at 816-607-2258.

Sincerely yours,

  
for Kevin Ward, P.E.  
Division Administrator

Enclosure

CC: J. Michael Bowen - FHWA Kansas  
Kris Norton - KDOT  
Allan Zafft - MoDOT KC  
Richard Moore - MoDOT DE

**Tribal Consultation Options**

**Mr. Guy Monroe, Chairman  
Kaw Indian Nation of Oklahoma  
Drawer 40  
Kaw City, OK 74641**

**Project Name: U.S. 69 Bridges over the Missouri River EIS (J4P2279B)  
Platte County, Missouri and Wyandotte County, Kansas**

**Please check the appropriate response:**

\_\_\_\_\_ There are or may be places of traditional religious or cultural importance present or within the vicinity of the proposed project.

\_\_\_\_\_ The \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe, a federally recognized tribe, would like to **consult directly with the Federal Highway Administration and Missouri Department of Transportation in a government-to-government relationship for this proposed project.**

\_\_\_\_\_ There are no known places of traditional religious or cultural importance present or within the vicinity of the proposed project and **further consultation is not requested.**

\_\_\_\_\_ The \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe has no interest associated with this proposed project and **further consultation is not required.**

Use the back of this form or additional sheets if you would like to make additional comments.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tribal Representative (Please print)

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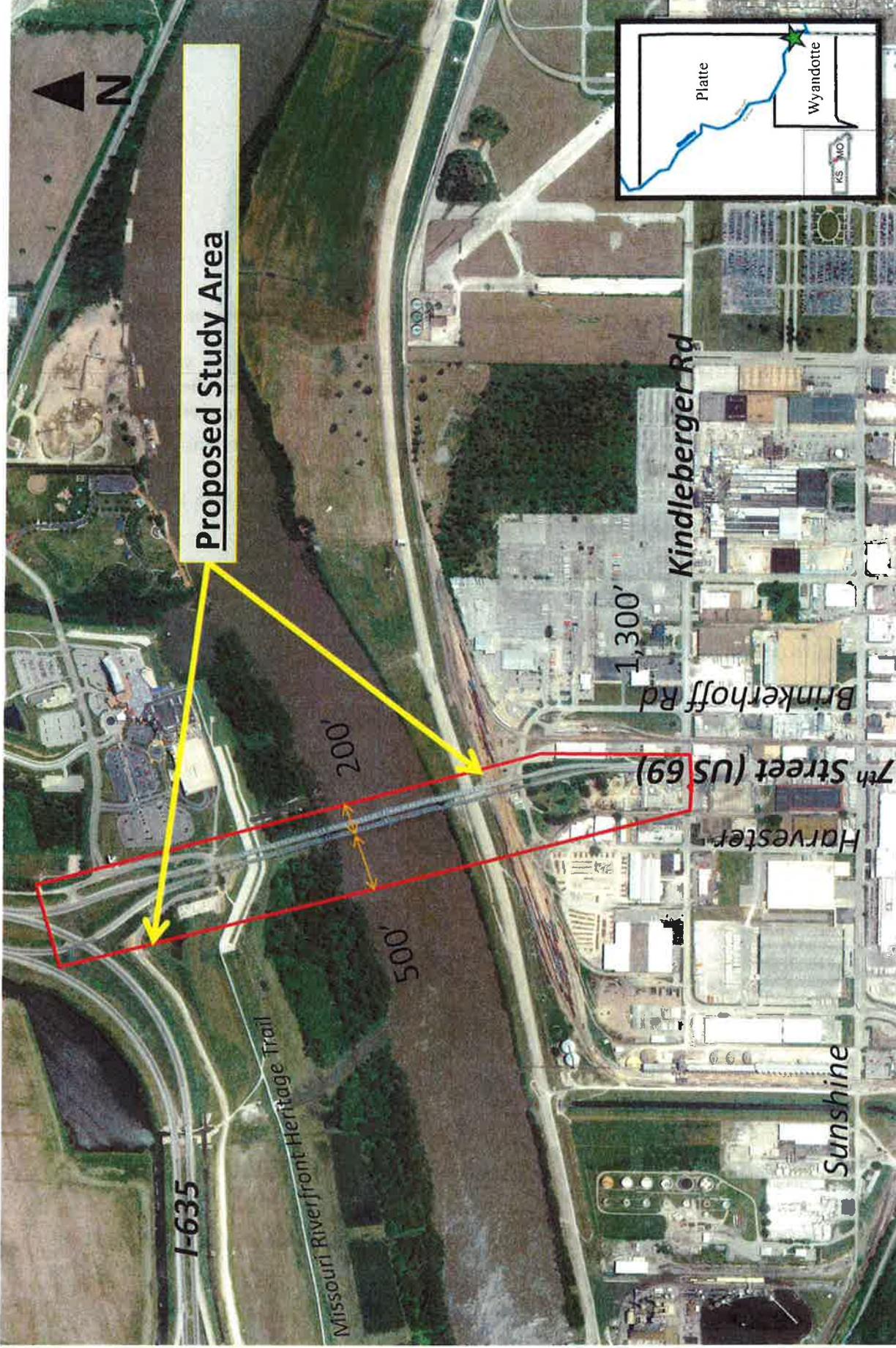
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**U.S. 69 Bridges over the Missouri River EIS – J4P2279B**  
**Study Area Limits**

**APPENDIX B-3**  
**Agency Scoping Meeting Summary**



**Platte County MO/ Wyandotte County, KS  
US 69 Bridge Over Missouri River EIS  
Job No. J4P2279B**

**AGENCY COORDINATION MEETING  
November 14, 2012**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Study Schedule**
- 3. Cooperating and Participating Agencies Recognition**
- 4. Overview of Purpose and Need**
- 5. Overview of Initial Study Concepts**
- 6. Agency Coordination Plan and Public Involvement Plan**
- 7. Collaboration Points**
- 8. Environmental Impact Assessment Methodologies Memo**
- 9. Environmental Review**
- 10. Section 106 Process**
- 11. Next Steps**
- 12. Adjournment**

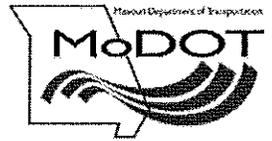


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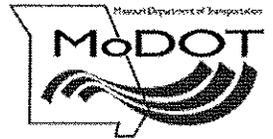


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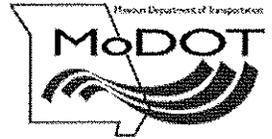


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U.S. 69  
**BRIDGES**  
OVER THE MISSOURI RIVER

Environmental Impact  
Statement

**Agency Coordination Meeting**  
**November 14, 2012**

*U.S. 69 Bridges Over the Missouri River EIS*

## Agenda

- Introductions
- Study Schedule
- Recognition of Cooperating and Participating Agencies
- Overview of Purpose and Need
- Overview of Initial Study Concepts
- Coordination/PI Plan
- Collaboration Points
- Environmental Impact Assessment Methodologies Memo
- Environmental Review
- Section 106 Process
- Questions and Comments
- Next Steps

*U.S. 69 Bridges Over the Missouri River EIS*

## U.S. 69 Missouri River Bridges

- Historic Fairfax Bridge (1935)
- Platte Purchase Bridge (1957)



*U.S. 69 Bridges Over the Missouri River EIS*

## Study Schedule

Step 1  
Planning



Step 2  
Environmental  
Process



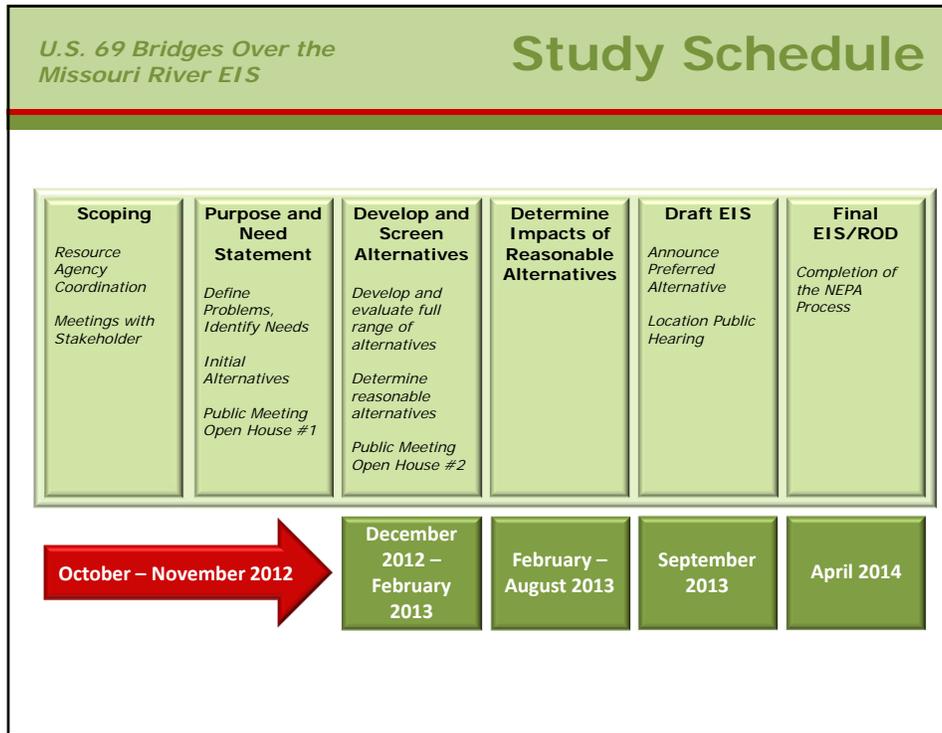
Step 3  
Design



Step 4  
Construction



**WE ARE  
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*U.S. 69 Bridges Over the Missouri River EIS* **Agency Roles**

<b>Lead Federal Agency</b>	
Federal Highway Administration, Missouri Division (FHWA)	
<b>Co-Lead Agencies</b>	
Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)	
Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT)	
<b>Cooperating Agencies</b>	<b>Participating Agencies</b>
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District (USACE)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) (KS (lead) and MO Ecological Services)
U.S. Coast Guard, District 8 Western Rivers (USCG)	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (Missouri)
	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
	Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC)
	Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)
	Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism (KDWP)
	Mid-America Regional Council (MARC)

## Purpose and Need

Provide an improved river crossing that satisfies the following transportation needs in the region.

- Maintain infrastructure
- Support movement of goods and freight
- Support accessibility for non-motorized transportation
- Support continued economic vitality on both sides of the river

***Comments are due December 14, 2012.***

## Initial Concepts

- **No Build** – Leave the existing bridges in place while doing continued bridge maintenance.
- **Alternative 1 – Remove historic Fairfax Bridge, Use Platte Purchase Bridge**  
*Northbound, Platte Purchase Bridge remains in place with two-way head-to-head traffic*
- **Alternative 2 – Remove historic Fairfax Bridge and build new companion bridge**
  - **Option 2A** – Remove Fairfax Bridge and build a new companion bridge upstream from existing location
  - **Option 2B** - Remove Fairfax Bridge and build a new companion bridge at approximate existing location
  - **Option 2C** - Remove Fairfax Bridge and build a new companion bridge downstream from existing location  
*This alternative could shut down traffic, in both directions during construction*
- **Alternative 3 – Remove historic Fairfax and Platte Purchase Bridges, build new bridge (2 or 4 lane)**
  - **Option 3A** – Build a new two or four-lane bridge upstream from the existing bridges
  - **Option 3B** - Build a new two or four-lane bridge downstream from the existing bridges  
*This alternative could shut down traffic, in both directions during construction*
  - **Option 3C** - Build a new two or four-lane bridge at the location of the existing bridges

***Comments are due December 14, 2012.***

- Plan outlines process for MoDOT/KDOT to achieve agency coordination and public participation
- Plan includes:
  - *Goals and intent of the process*
  - *Overview of agency coordination and public involvement process*
  - *Key study milestones, collaboration points, and deliverables*
  - *Contact information for the Study Team and Agencies*
- Plan will be updated throughout the study process

***Comments are due December 14, 2012.***

- Press Releases
- Fact Sheets
- Newsletters and Social Media
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Public Open Houses
  - ✓ Pre-Location Meeting - November 13, 2012
  - ✓ Reasonable Alternatives – February 2013
  - ✓ Location Public Hearing – October 2013
- On-line Public Meetings

### Following SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 Protocols

- **Collaboration Point #1**  
Purpose and Needs and Establishment of Preliminary Alternatives (November 2012)
- **Collaboration Point #2**  
Reasonable Alternatives to be Evaluated in the EIS (February 2013)
- **Collaboration Point #3**  
Adequacy of the Preliminary DEIS (August 2013)
- Coordinated Section 106 Process for Cultural Resources
- Tribal Coordination

### Review Protocols

- Study Team to distribute materials to federal agencies.
- Study Team will provide all state and local agencies with notices and materials for review.
- Study Team will submit written requests for reviews and concurrence on major documents and request that agencies complete their reviews within 30 days.
- Comments from the cooperating and participating agencies are to be provided in writing, although meetings and/or phone calls may also be held.
- Study Team will continue to keep the cooperating and participating agencies apprised of the project schedule and notify them well in advance when they can expect to receive documents for review.

**Environmental Impact Assessment Methodology Memo**

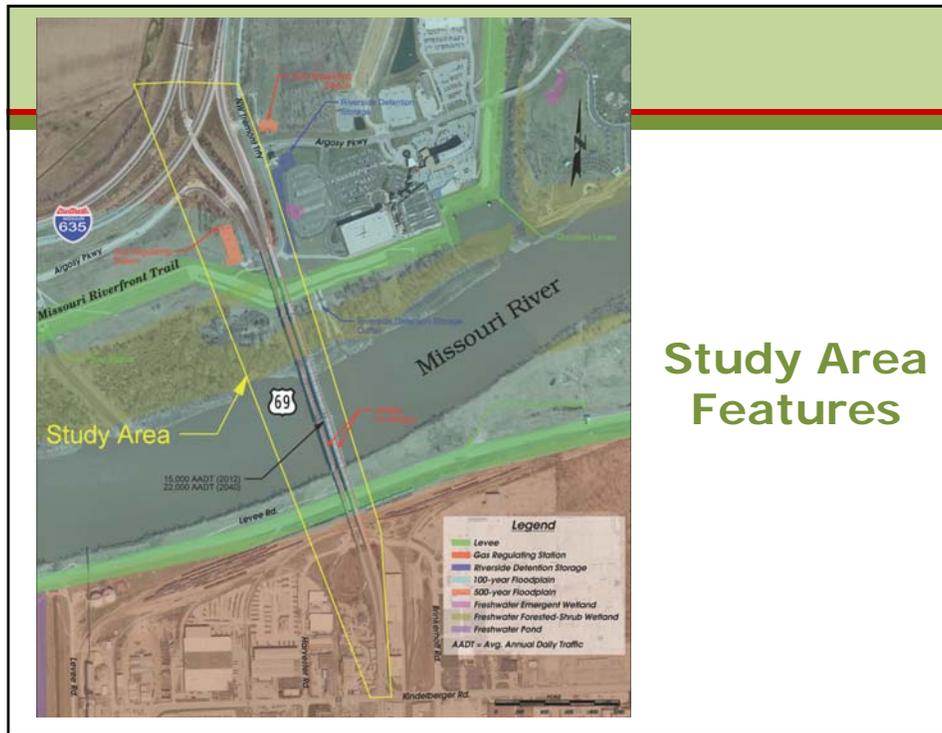
- Prepared per Section 6002 of SAFETEA-LU
- Assessment of impacts follows FHWA Technical Advisory T6640.8A

*Comments are due December 14, 2012*

**Impact Categories to be Evaluated in the EIS**

Land Use	Biotic Resources and Threatened/Endangered Species
Public Lands and Facilities	Cultural Resources
Social, Economic and Neighborhood Effects	Visual Impacts
Air Quality (qualitative)	Hazardous Materials and Waste Sites
Noise (qualitative)	Geology and Soils
Wetlands, Aquatic Resources, and Navigable Waterways	Construction Impacts
Floodplains/Floodways	Secondary and Cumulative Effects
Water Quality	

No Direct Impacts	Resources not in Study Area
Environmental Justice	Coastal Barriers/Coastal Zones
Relocations	Wild and Scenic Rivers
Farmland	
Energy and Natural Resources	
Joint Development	



**U.S. 69 Bridges Over the Missouri River EIS**

**Section 106 Process**

**Historic Fairfax Bridge**

- Constructed in 1935
- Warren through truss design spanning a total length of 2,595'
- Carries U.S. 69 traffic southbound across the Missouri River into the Fairfax Industrial District in Kansas City, Kansas.

**Platte Purchase Bridge**

- Constructed parallel to and east of the historic Fairfax Bridge in 1957
- Because it is a younger bridge, it was not included in previous historical bridge investigations

Section 106 Process	
1	Establish area of potential effects (APE)
2	Identify resources and their significance
3	Determination of Effect
4	Resolve adverse effects



## Questions and Comments

### **Next Meeting**

- Collaboration Point #2 – Reasonable Alternatives to be Evaluated in the EIS – February 2013

### **Comments requested by December 14, 2012:**

- Purpose and Need
- Initial Alternatives
- Coordination/PI Plan
- Environmental Impact Assessment Methodology Memo
  
- Public Open House #2 – Reasonable Alternatives – February 2013

**US 69 Bridges over the Missouri River EIS  
Job No. J4P2279B – Platte County MO / Wyandotte County, KS  
Agency Scoping Meeting – November 14, 2012**

**Meeting Notes**

Participants (see attached sign-in sheet):

FHWA:	USCG:
Peggy Casey	Eric Washburn
MoDOT:	USACE:
Allan Zafft, PM	Scott Loehr
Richard Moore	Michael Daehler
KDOT:	USEPA:
Kris Norton	Joe Cothorn
Burns & McDonnell:	Joe Summerlin
Ron Schikevitz, PM	USFWS:
Julie Sarson	Susan Blackford
Shari Cannon-Mackey	(teleconference)
URS:	MDC:
Dave Kocour	Alan Leary
Wilson & Company:	MARC:
Paul Plotas	Charles Gorugantula
	Marc Hansen

After introductions, Allan Zafft started the meeting with a PowerPoint presentation that covered the items listed in the agenda. He presented an overview of the U.S. 69 bridges in terms of age and condition. He continued by providing an overview of the study schedule and key milestones for agency input.

Allan Zafft then presented on the list of cooperating and participating agencies.

- At this point in the meeting the USACE representative suggested that the dredging industry should be contacted as part of the study. It was agreed that dredging industry representatives will be contacted as stakeholders. The USACE representative suggested that for further information on dredging industry contacts that Christian Olander with the USACE be contacted. Christian is also leading the USACE's Bed Degradation Study of the Missouri River.
- The USACE representative asked if MoDOT inspects the piers on the bridges when they do bridge inspections. Allan Zafft replied that MoDOT does perform pier inspections although not on as frequent of a basis as the bridge itself.

Allan Zafft then proceeded to provide an overview of the Purpose and Need for the project. There were no questions or comments with regards to the proposed Purpose and Need by any of the attendees.

Allan Zafft provided a summary of the public pre-location meetings held in Kansas City, Kansas and Riverside, Missouri on November 13, 2012. He stated that the majority of comments received were from members of the public promoting bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

- Peggy Casey asked whether any comments regarding transit were received. Ron Schikevitz stated that at the Riverside meeting city representatives asked that if a new bridge is built that it be able to accommodate future transit service.

Ron Schikevitz provided an overview of the initial study concepts using handouts provided. This generated the following points of discussion:

- The USACE representative asked if the intent of the initial study concepts was to build them on the existing alignment and use the existing substructure? Ron Schikevitz answered not necessarily as upstream and downstream alternatives are also being considered.
- The USACE representative asked if anyone had heard of any plans to build a viaduct over Jersey Creek in the Fairfax District? Nobody present was aware of any such plans. However, Ron Schikevitz stated that the study team will ask stakeholders if there are any plans to do so.
- Peggy Casey asked if both bridges are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)? Allan Zafft stated that the Fairfax Bridge (southbound) has been determined eligible for the NRHP, but no determination has been made on the Platte Purchase Bridge. Shari Cannon-Mackey pointed out that MoDOT Cultural Resource staff will be doing cultural resource evaluations of both bridges. Joe Cothorn pointed out that the study team might want to reference the Atchison Bridge EIS for discussions on replacement of a similar type of bridge, its historical significance, etc.
- Joe Cothorn then asked what the various relief routes are for the bridges? Ron Schikevitz replied that the main relief route is I-635.
- Joe Cothorn added that the study team might want to consider adding system redundancy to the project's Purpose and Need.
- Peggy Casey pointed out that there is no desire to remove/close the river crossing completely.
- The USACE representative asked if the Lewis & Clark viaduct construction would be going on at the same time as construction for the replacement of this Missouri River crossing? Ron Schikevitz stated that the plan is for the Lewis & Clark viaduct construction to occur later with the clear intent that both projects would not be concurrently impeding traffic.
- The USACE representative stated that some real thought should be given to protection of the petroleum pipelines currently on the existing bridge particularly in light of national security issues surrounding not only the bridge but the levee system as well. He stated that the USACE would much rather the pipelines be buried underground and that information regarding the pipelines presented in the EIS might need to be limited as well. Joe Cothorn suggested the study team might want to contact the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) for further information on pipeline safety and guidance.

Shari Cannon-Mackey provided a brief overview of the Draft Agency Coordination and Public Involvement Plan and handout of the plan. She requested that the agencies review and provide comments on the plan by December 14, 2012.

- The USACE representative asked if there will be FAA airspace clearance issues with the bridge similar to what was identified in association with the new Christopher S. Bond Bridge. Shari Cannon-Mackey and others stated that the FAA has declined to be a participating agency in the study at this time and that it wouldn't appear that there will be issues with a replacement of the existing bridge(s) since it will not likely be an iconic structure with height issues like the Bond Bridge.
- Joe Cothorn inquired as to whether there are any Hispanic populations within the vicinity of the project that might require special outreach? Ron Schikevitz stated that advertisements for the public meetings held on November 13 were placed in the local Hispanic newspaper and the study team has made accommodations to provide materials in Spanish, if needed.
- Richard Moore asked Peggy Casey if the recent adoption of the new federal surface transportation bill (MAP-21) required any new processes for the U.S. 69 study? She stated not really that the only real change is that you can now combine the Final EIS with the Record or Decision if so desired.
- Ron Schikevitz stated that the study team intends to present identification of a preferred alternative in the Draft EIS.

Shari Cannon-Mackey provided a brief overview and handout of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Methodologies Memorandum. She requested that the agencies review and provide comments on the memorandum by December 14, 2012.

- Joe Cothorn pointed out that Greenhouse Gas Emissions is something that should be addressed in the EIS and suggested contacting Larry Shephard of the USEPA at (913) 551-7441 for further guidance.
- The MDC representative pointed out that there is potential bald eagle nesting habitat associated with trees on the north side of the Missouri River and should be considered.
- The Joe Summerlin stated that the EIS should address what will be done in the event contaminated sediments or soils are encountered during construction.
- Marc Hanson stated that the MARC has an amendment of the TIP out now to include the U.S. 69 Bridges project and reminded that study team that MARC adopted a river crossing policy in 2006 as well as recently a Complete Streets Policy and has a Congestion Management Process that should all be addressed in the EIS as MARC will be looking for consistency with those policies.

The meeting wrapped up with additional PowerPoint slides and discussion on the Environmental Review and Section 106 Process as well as Next Steps. It was mentioned to send your review comments on the Purpose and Need, Initial Alternatives, Draft Agency Coordination and Public Involvement Plan, and Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Methodologies Memorandum to Allan Zafft by December 14, 2014.

The next Agency Coordination meeting will be scheduled for some time in February 2013.

## **Action Items**

- Ron Schikevitz to obtain list of dredging stakeholders from Cody Wheeler at USACE.
- Study team to contact PHMSA – Joe Cothorn will provide point of contact.
- Study team will discuss about a statement on system continuity to the Draft Purpose and Need.
- Study team to contact Larry Shephard of USEPA for guidance on conducting GHG analysis.

**APPENDIX B-4**  
**Agency and Tribal Responses to Scoping**



# United States Department of the Interior

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December 13, 2012

Allen Zafft  
Missouri Department of Transportation  
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RE: Coordination Plan for Agency and Public Involvement: U.S. Bridges over the Missouri River EIS

FWS Tracking # 2013-CPA-0077

Dear Mr. Zafft:

We have reviewed the Purpose and Need Statement, Initial Alternatives, Agency Coordination and Public Involvement Plan, Environmental Impact Assessment Methodologies, and the November 14, 2012 Agency Coordination Scoping Meeting Notes for the U.S. 69 Bridges over the Missouri River project.

We offer the following comments on the Environmental Impact Assessment Methodologies.

1. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should include a discussion of the use and location of borrow areas as part of the complete project assessment. The discussion should identify possible post-construction uses of the borrow areas.
2. All streams within the project area should be named (if it is an unnamed tributary it should be described as an unnamed tributary to a named stream) and classified as to stream type (i.e. ephemeral, intermittent or perennial) and include a geomorphic description (e.g. Rosgen Level 1).
3. Road maintenance and operation materials, such as those used for de-icing, as well as contaminants originating from vehicles using the bridges (e.g. oils, fluids, tire particulates) should be included in the discussion of indirect effects and cumulative impacts.
4. We suggest that the study area extend at least 300-feet from the outside edges of the bridge structure(s) when analyzing impacts to birds, bats, and other wildlife. Noise from adjacent roadways has been shown to affect the behavior and breeding success of birds and other wildlife.
5. Describe what measures will be taken to comply with Executive Order 13112 on Invasive Species. We suggest the use of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP). Tools to perform HACCP planning for invasive species control are available at <http://haccp-nrm.org/>. HACCP planning focuses attention on critical control points where non-target species can be removed.
6. Describe how the project sponsors will meet their responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). The MBTA prohibits the taking, killing, possession, transportation, and importation of migratory birds, their eggs, parts, and nests. Takings

could result from projects in prairies, wetlands, stream and woodland habitats, and those that occur on bridges and other structures if swallow or phoebe nests are present. While the provisions of MBTA are applicable year-round, most migratory bird nesting activity in Kansas occurs during the period of January (owls, and hawks) through August (goldfinches). If the proposed project appears likely to result in the take of migratory birds, we recommend a field survey during the nesting season of the affected habitats and structures to determine the presence of active nests

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. If you have any questions, please contact me or Susan Blackford of my staff at (785) 539-3474.

Sincerely,



Daniel W. Mulhern  
Acting Field Supervisor

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KDOT, Kris Norton  
U.S. FWS, Missouri Field Office, Joshua Hundley  
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**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Allan Zafft, MoDOT, Project Manager

**FROM:** Bill Heatherman, P.E., County Engineer 

**DATE:** December 14, 2012

**Re:** **US-69 Bridges over the Missouri River,  
U.G. Comments to Purpose and Need and other documents**

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the EIS process on this project. Below are our agency comments for this first round of consultation. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 913-573-5416 or by email [bheatherman@wycokck.org](mailto:bheatherman@wycokck.org) if you have any questions.

**Purpose and Need**

- We agree, including the revision issued this month.
- It would be difficult to over-emphasize how important the Fairfax Industrial District is to the economic well-being of the region, to both states, and to Kansas City, Kansas itself. The investments to maintain transportation infrastructure for the long run are critical. This facility is especially important not just for volume, but also reliability and redundancy of the major network.
- Bicycle and pedestrian uses are a key part of future regional connectivity. Placement of those facilities on this bridge is called for the U.G. Sidewalk and Trails Master Plan. We concur with MARC's policy document on regional bike/ped facilities at major bridges

**Public Involvement Plan**

- Page 4: Unif. Govt. of Wyandotte County has an "E-News" electronic newsletter that goes out to subscribers most Tuesday's. One week lead time is sufficient to get in the next newsletter. Press-release type pieces are best.
- KCK Board of Public Utilities (electric and water) is a major employer and facility owner near the bridge – they should be listed as a target stakeholder. BPU is a separate quasi-municipal organization owned by the Unified Government but with a separate elected Board. For all practical purposes, they should be consulted as an independent entity and major stakeholder, though U.G. Public Works can assist in coordination. I would recommend a stakeholder interview.
- Fairfax Drainage District is a vital stakeholder. They are separate from Fairfax Industrial District. They are a public agency with their own taxing district and board, chartered

under state law and independent of the Unified Government. They should be consulted separately with a stakeholder interview. UG Public Works can assist in coordination.

- Outreach Methods – we’ve found that simple but nicely constructed HTML emails that can be forwarded and read easily on a smart phone work best for meeting invitations. It makes it easier for us to forward, and easier for most people to quickly link with their calendars. It needs to be a self-contained email (it should make sense when forwarded to somebody not associate with the project, without the need to write additional explanation) and should have relevant text as text, but a graphic or two embedded or nice font-size and color so it looks professional. In the past, there has been a tendency to send us PDF of elaborate graphic invites, but huge file size, and basically someone has to stop and rewrite it for others, and it never looks as official.
- Online tools such as Survey Monkey seems to be an excellent way to get feedback. It has been used successfully in several other local projects.

#### **Coordination Plan for Agency Involvement**

- Please determine if the BPU and the Fairfax Drainage District need to be listed as governmental agencies and invited to participate under this heading.
- UG will provide contact information for other staff listed in Appendix A
- Some type of formal presentation to the Unified Government Public Works and Safety Standing Committee, Planning Commission, and/or full Board of Commissioners would be envisioned at one or more stages. Please advise of how and when you ask for that level of municipal government review and action.
- The overall framework appears to be robust and adequate.

#### **Environmental Impact Assessment Methods on Alternatives**

- Floodplain and Floodways – confirm also that you will be consulting with Fairfax Drainage District and taking their Levee concerns into account – including issues of the 500-year floodplain. UG can provide contact person if needed.
- Visual Impacts – see comments below about consideration of a “basic aesthetics” package.
- Ensure that the locally-adopted Master Plans for both Kansas City, Kansas and Riverside, Missouri are carefully reviewed and taken into account. An additional individual stakeholder meeting with our Director of Land Use and Urban Planning may assist in that process for the KCK master plan.

### Comments on Alternatives

We will need to wait for more detailed evaluation of traffic, engineering and constructability before offering more complete opinions on the designs, but based on initial reviews and considerations, we think the following are key issues/concerns with each alternative

#### No Build

- Not viable in the long run. Something must be done, and this crossing point cannot be abandoned.

#### Alternative 1

- Any two lane configuration only is of great concern (this comment applies to other alternatives). Existing and projected traffic we think justifies 4-lane, and compelling traffic modeling and non-modeling considerations would have to be presented if a two-lane only option were pursued. We believe Wyandotte County citizens and Industrial District will deeply oppose an option with only two-lanes, now or in the future. In addition to traffic volumes, we must consider redundancy, accident management, ability to handle maintenance under traffic, and the extra room needed for trucks, oversized loads and industrial needs.

#### Alternative 2

- While it may address short term needs, eventually the Platte Purchase Bridge will also have to be addressed to maintain ultimate 4-lane configuration (see comments to Alt 1). EIS should anticipate the eventual restoration of 4-lane traffic with all new facility, even if it is phased.
- The Decision on upstream versus downstream seems primarily an engineering one – no obvious preference (yet) for other reasons – unless it comes up in public consultation.
- This option does seem to be the easiest to build while maintaining existing traffic during construction.

#### Alternative 3

- May address short term needs, but eventually the Platte Purchase Bridge will also have to be addressed to maintain ultimate 4-lane configuration (see comments to Alt 1). EIS should anticipate the eventual restoration of 4-lane traffic with all new facility, even if it is phased.
- Decision on upstream versus downstream seems primarily an engineering one – no obvious U.G. preference (yet) for other reasons – unless it comes up in public consultation.
- As noted above, the two-lane option is of deep concern. A 4-lane bridge with also room for pedestrian/bike would ideal
- Given speeds and truck traffic, the need for a median or crash-worthy center barrier on the 4-lane configuration should be evaluated.

- Option 3B seems problematic due to complete closure of crossing during construction. We assume that would only be pursued if constructability or river hydraulics demanded it. The length of time and detour of bridge closure would need more evaluation.

General

- Please address what level of “basic aesthetics” would be envisioned for the bridge, both from the perspective of driver, the walker/biker, and any observers able to see from the bank. It is not anticipated that Unified Government would promote this for any signature level of aesthetics, but a modest consideration of basic enhancements is recommended and there should be a stage in the process were opportunities are considered. Well-conceived and visually-pleasing infrastructure tends to gain the greatest public appreciation and acceptance over time.



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October 29, 2012

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Subject: U.S. 69 Bridges over the Missouri River EIS (J4P2279B)  
Platte County, Missouri and Wyandotte County, Kansas

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for your correspondence dated October 26, 2012 concerning the subject project.

- Copy of SHPO and/or Archeologist's Report(s) Requested.
- No interest in the area geographically.
- No comments or objections to the proposed project at this time.
- No objections to the project as proposed, if cleared through the SHPO. We wish to be notified if any Sec. 106 consultations are requested, any new historical/cultural properties are discovered, and if any Adverse Effects are reported. If human skeletal remains and/or any objects falling under NAGPRA are uncovered during construction, please stop immediately and notify this office.
- An objection requires additional project information. Please submit the following:

Sincerely,

F. Martin Fee  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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**APPENDIX B-5**  
**Project Reclassification from EIS to EA - Agency and Tribal Notification Letters**

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February 5, 2013

Mr. David Orzechowski  
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Dear Mr. Orzechowski:

Subject: U.S. 69 Bridges over the Missouri River EIS  
Platte County, Missouri and Wyandotte County, Kansas  
MoDOT Job No. J4P2279B  
Project NEPA Reclassification from EIS to EA

In a letter dated October 9, 2012, the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), notified your agency of its efforts, in cooperation with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for replacement of the Fairfax and/or Platte Purchase Bridges on U.S. 69 spanning the Missouri River between Platte County, Missouri and Wyandotte County, Kansas. This letter is to inform you that FHWA, MoDOT, and KDOT agreed to reclassify the environmental study from an EIS to an Environmental Assessment (EA).

The primary reason for the reclassification is the removal from further consideration of potentially controversial alternatives that would reduce the current capacity of the U.S. 69 bridges from a four-lane crossing to a two-lane crossing. This reclassification was based on the preliminary traffic analysis and the input received from the initial round of public involvement from October 8 through November 28, 2012.

Your involvement as a Cooperating Agency, in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.6 of the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provision of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), is still requested. You will continue to be afforded the opportunity to be involved in the project, particularly providing input within those areas under your jurisdiction and expertise; participating in coordination meetings, conference calls, and joint field reviews, as appropriate; and participating in the review of and comment on the Preliminary EA document to communicate any concerns on the adequacy of the document, the alternatives considered, and the anticipated impacts and mitigation.



February 5, 2013

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With the change in classification, the study schedule has been accelerated, anticipating completion of the NEPA process by the end of 2013. An Agency Coordination is planned to occur in late spring/early summer prior to the release of the EA document for public review.

We look forward to your continued involvement in the project. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the reclassification or the project in general, please contact Allan Zafft at [Allan.Zafft@modot.mo.gov](mailto:Allan.Zafft@modot.mo.gov) or (816) 607-2258.

Sincerely,



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ATTN: Ms. Crystal Douglas, NAGPRA Director

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This reclassification of the study process and completed document type is provided for your information only. No further action is required on your part. Any response or comments you have provided to date will be incorporated into the study process.

We look forward to continuing to work with you as the study progresses. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the reclassification or the project in general, please contact me at [kevin.ward@dot.gov](mailto:kevin.ward@dot.gov) or at 573-638-2600; or Allan Zafft, MoDOT Kansas City District Transportation Planning Specialist, at 816-607-2258

Sincerely yours,

  
Kevin Ward, P.E.  
Division Administrator

Enclosure

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**APPENDIX B-6**  
**Comments on EA**  
(following the Public Hearing)