

February 19th Email to MPO

“You should give the MODOT J-Turns careful consideration before you endorse them.

If you do endorse them, the blood of the victims of these intersections will be on your hands the same as it will be on MODOT's hands (think about all the victims of the Highway 54 curve beneath Jefferson Street).”

Project Added to MoDOT's STIP
this March

In what ways might D5 **show; prove; startle; dazzle; impress; stun; astound**

the public that J-turns on US 54 is the right way to improve safety.

timeline

1. Fall 2009 – Discussions center around intersection safety for a corridor
2. Advisory Committee March 2010
3. Met with neighborhood groups
4. Public Meeting – January 6, 2011
5. March 2, 2011 Commission adds project to STIP

US-54 COLE COUNTY
SAFETY CORRIDOR

Public Comment Meeting
11/14/2012

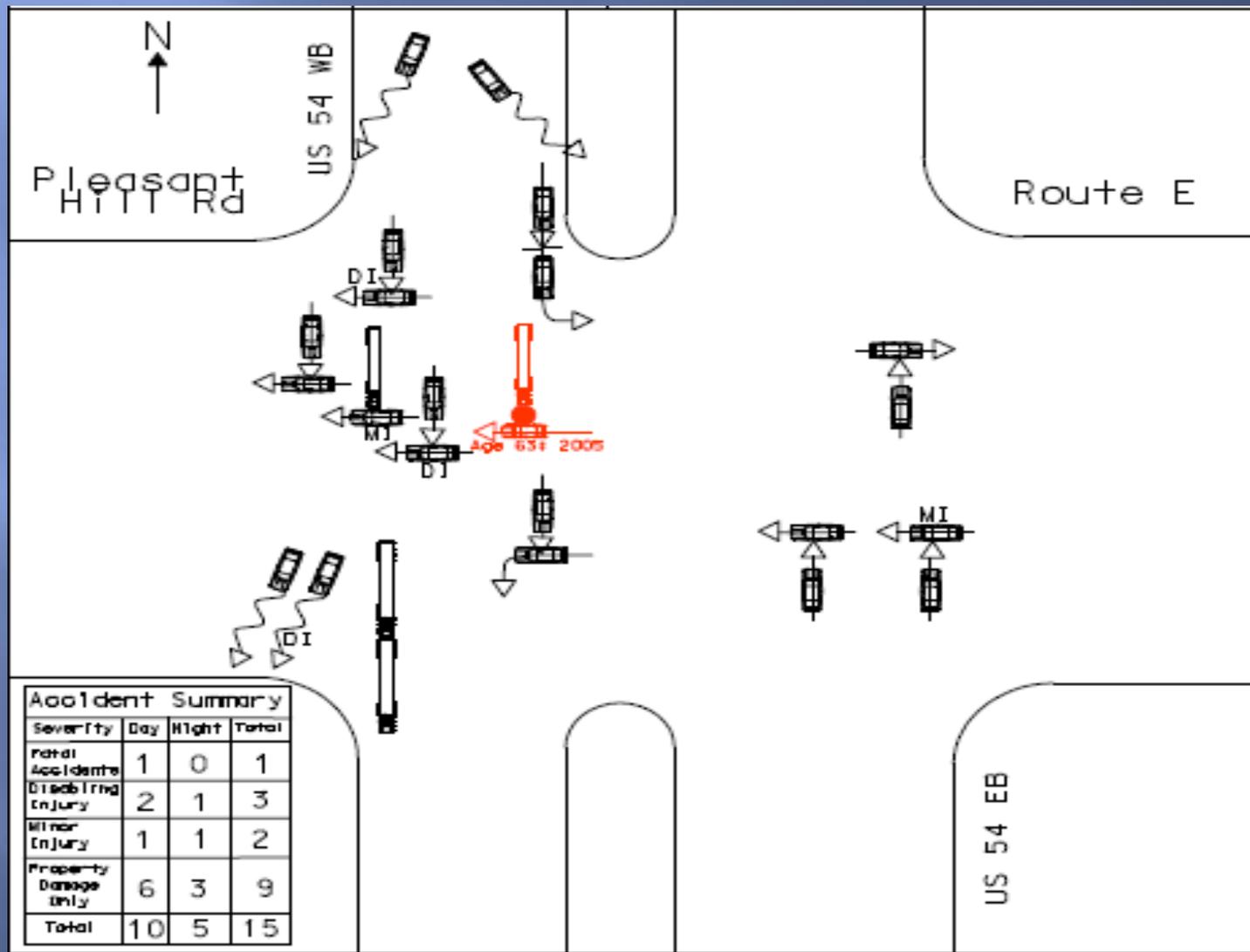
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ROUTE E/PLEASANT HILL RD



PLEASANT HILL RD.

**APPROXIMATE
AND J-TURN IS**

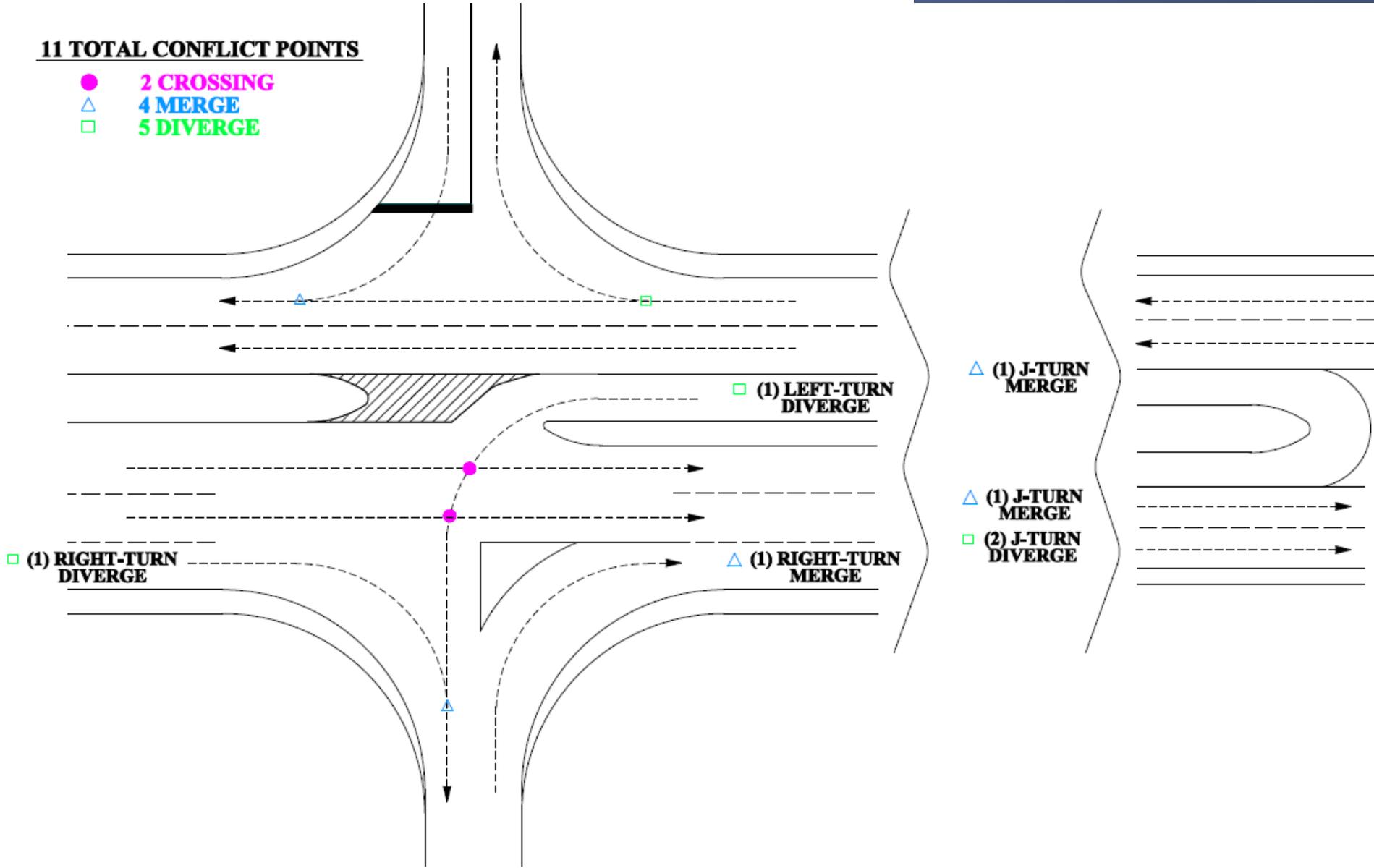
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ROUTE E/PLEASANT HILL RD

11 TOTAL CONFLICT POINTS

- 2 CROSSING
- △ 4 MERGE
- 5 DIVERGE





Neighborhood Meetings

- ▣ Still showed information for the overall corridor
- ▣ Provide Avenue to discuss their intersection

U.S. 54, COLE COUNTY SAFETY CORRIDOR



U.S. 54/Brazito Road



PUBLIC HEARING – INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP
JANUARY 6, 2011



About the Project

- ▣ Improve safety along 17-mile stretch of U.S. 54 in Cole County with 27 crossovers
- ▣ Corridor ranked among highest in state for fatal intersection crashes among similar highways
- ▣ \$5 million in safety funding available

Data
2004 -2009

Type of Accidents	Total	Fatal	Disabling Injury
Left Turn Right Angle	22	2	0
Right Angle	52	6	13
Rear End	23	0	2
Out of Control	58	4	7
Head On	2	0	0
Sideswipe	4	0	1
Misc.	1	0	0
TOTAL	162	12	23

Public Input and Comment

- ▣ Advisory committee established; met four times
- ▣ Met with residents/business owners
- ▣ Eventual proposed improvements included adjusting access at 11 intersections
- ▣ Proposed improvements included J-turns; public not familiar
- ▣ Public hearing -- Needed to find effective way to communicate intricacies of safety concerns and proposed solutions in condensed timeframe



Detailed discussions with advisory committee



Public concerned about access changes came to advisory meetings

Informational Workshop Format

- ▣ One hour workshop sessions beginning every 15 minutes
- ▣ Same materials presented each session
- ▣ Small session Q & A; public provide input/comments on proposed improvement plans
- ▣ On-line element available if could not attend or wanted to review materials

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Public Hearing



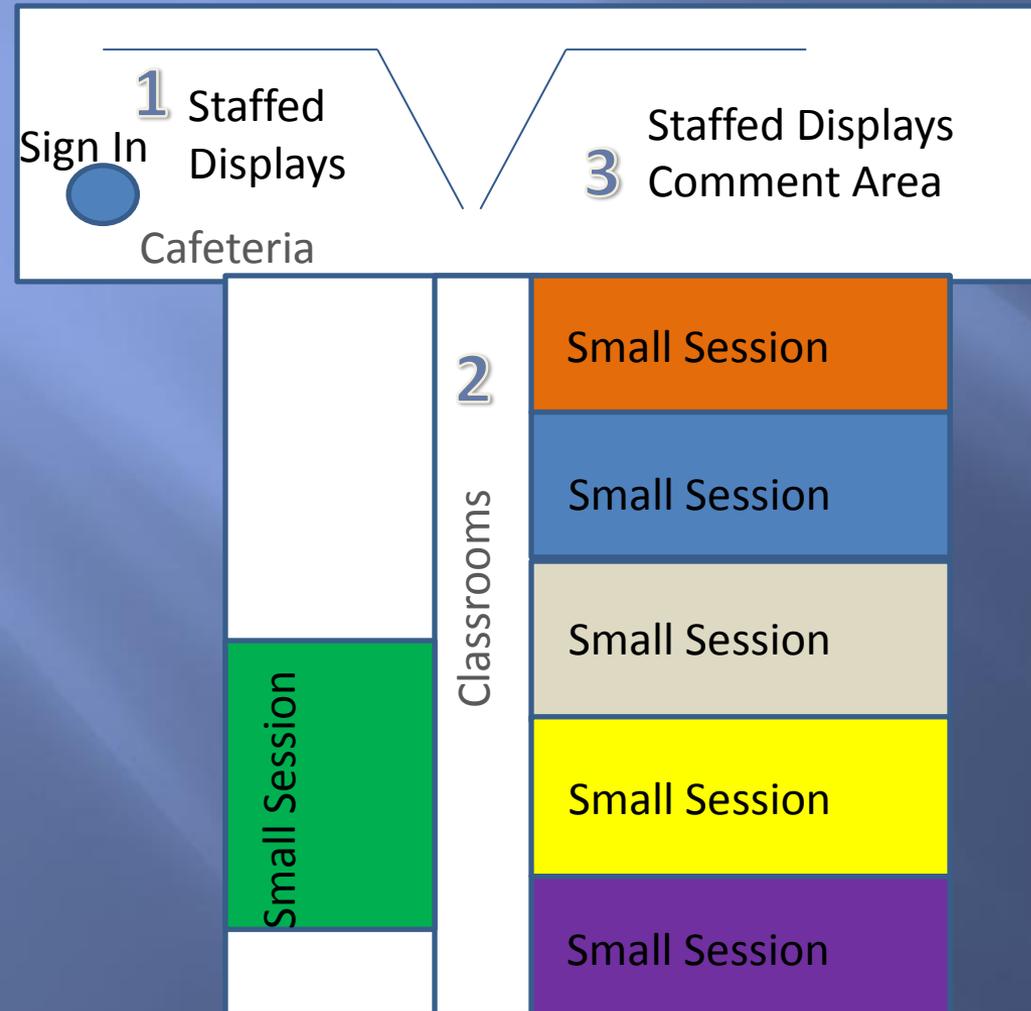
U.S. 54 Intersection Improvements in Cole County

- Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011
- Cole R-V School District in Eugene, 14803 Highway 17 (elementary school cafeteria)
- One hour workshop sessions begin every 15 min. starting at 3:30 p.m. The last workshop session begins at 6 p.m. The same materials will be presented during each session.

A public hearing consisting of informational workshops will be held to discuss possible safety improvements to eleven intersections along U.S. 54 in Cole County. U.S. 54, between Route 17 and Route 179, has experienced a high number of intersection crashes that resulted in fatalities and severe injuries. MoDOT has \$5 million in federal funding available for intersection modifications to reduce those crashes and is seeking public comment. The hearing location is accessible to the physically disabled. For more information call 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (275-6636) or TTY 1-800-735-2966 for the hearing impaired. The public may also log onto www.modot.org/central.

Informational Workshop Format

How It Was Managed



- ▣ Held at local school to utilize cafeteria and classrooms; handicapped accessible
- ▣ Each participant provided with color sticker on handout materials corresponding to small session room color
- ▣ About 20 per session; some more/less
- ▣ Notes taken in each session

Sample of presentation

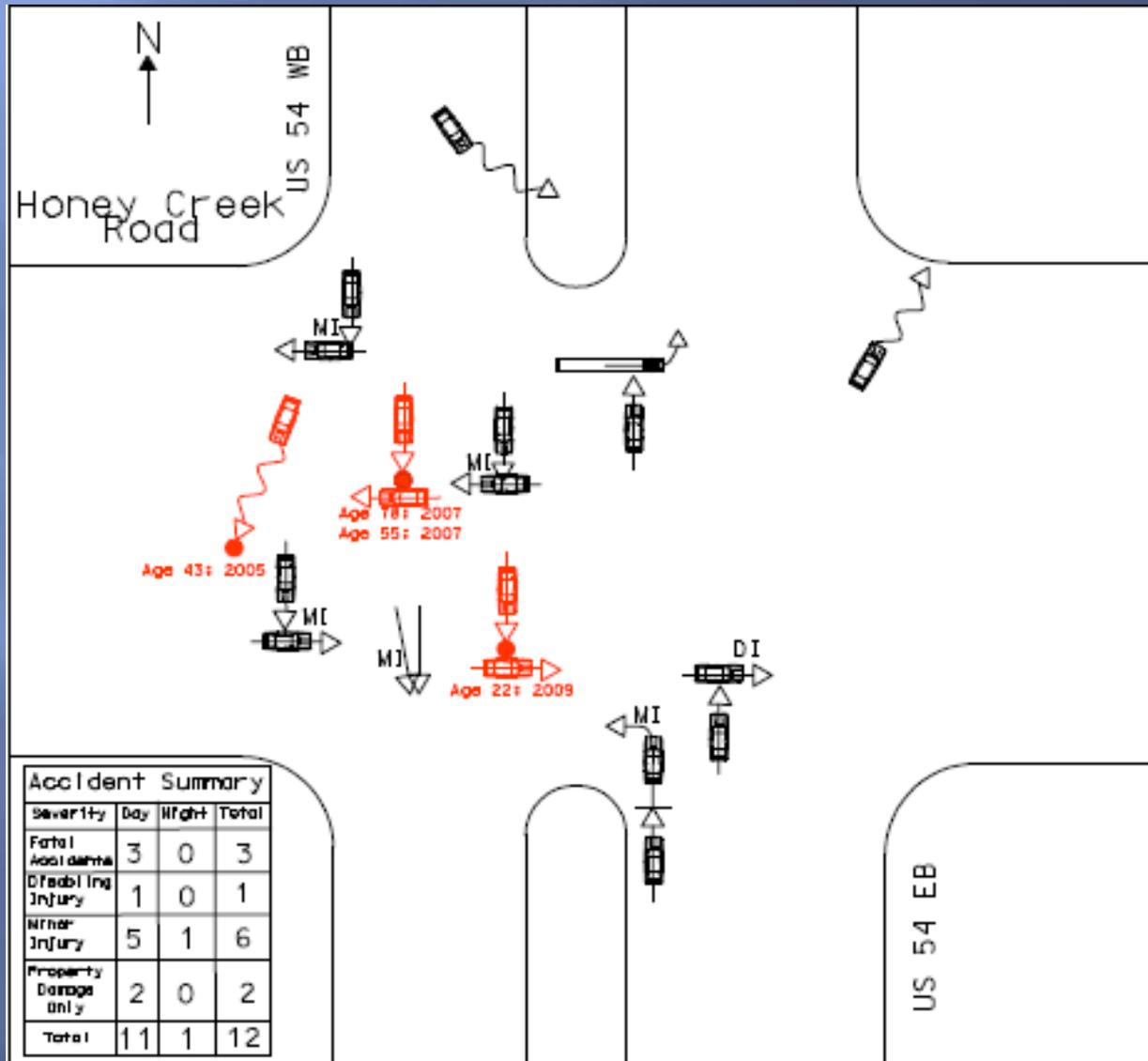
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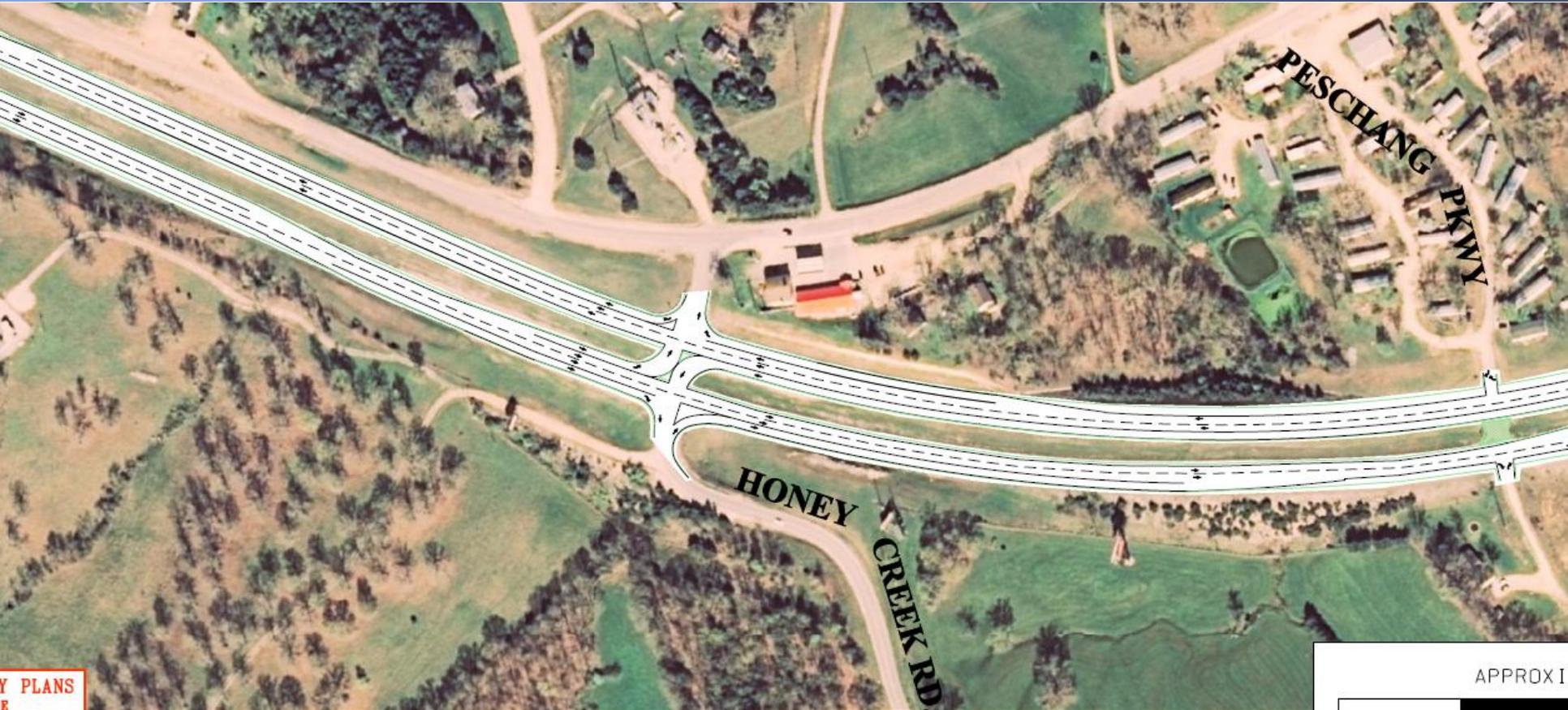


Improvement Locations

- Route E/Pleasant Hill Rd/ W. Brazito Rd
- Monticello Rd/Goller Rd/Marble Graphics
- Buffalo Rd/Heritage Hwy
- Honey Creek Rd/Heritage Hwy/Peschang Pkwy
- Route CC/Shepherd Hills Rd
- Route D
- Cassidy Rd

HONEY CREEK RD





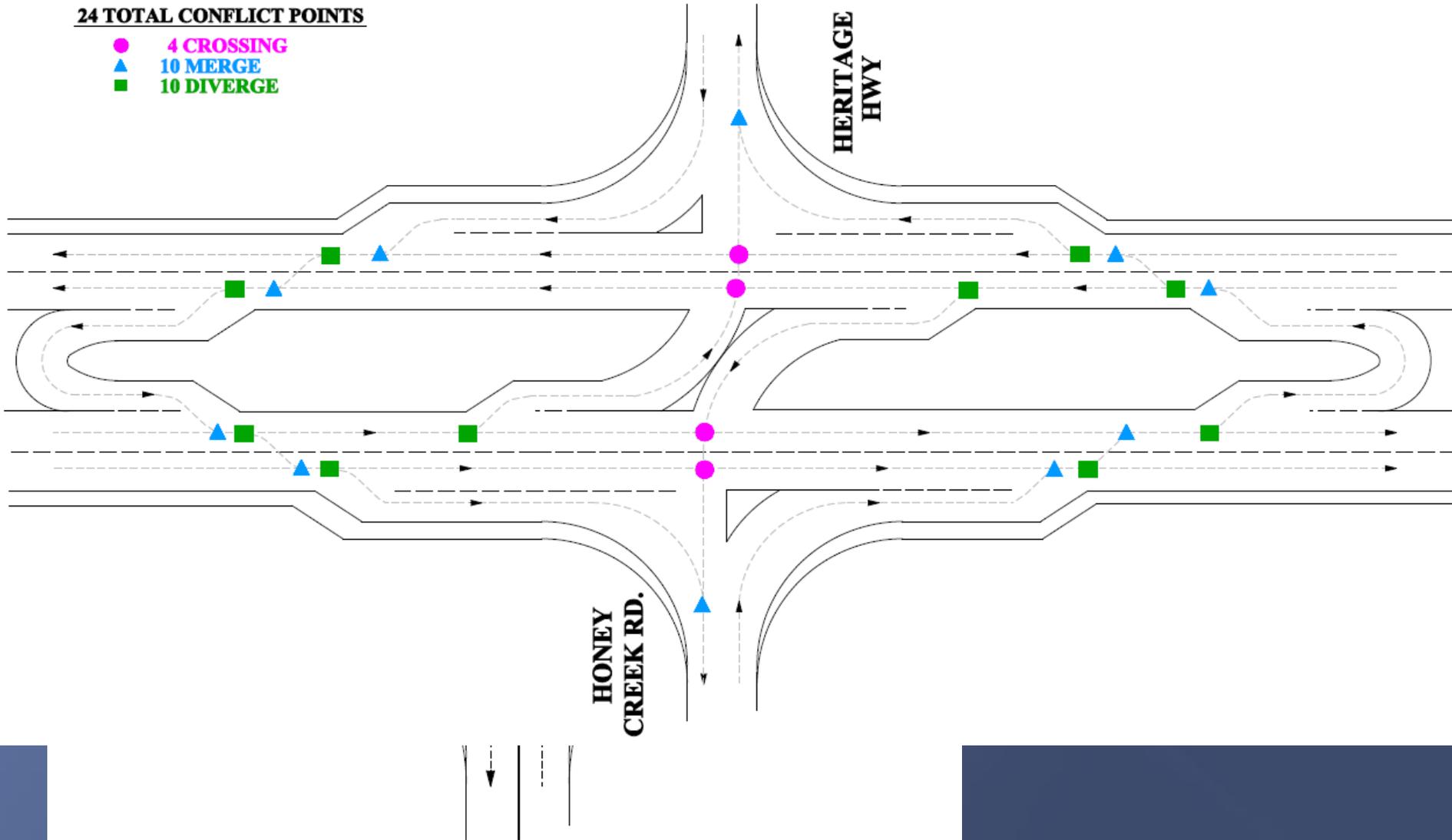
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HONEY CREEK RD

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MoDOT

Most comments received were detailed and thought out

Heritage Hwy JC MO
 Telephone 573-635-9819 E-Mail bstroess@emborgmash.co
 534 Corridor in Cole County. Your comments will be incorporated into the project record.

Tell Us What You Think!
U.S. 54 Intersection Improvements in Cole County, Public Hearing - January 6, 2011

Please let us know what you think about the proposed safety improvements along the U.S. 54 Corridor in Cole County. Your feedback is important to us and will be reviewed by the study team and incorporated into the project record. Please print or write clearly.

Keeping in mind that each intersection works in combination with others along the corridor, please share your comments about the proposed improvements to the following intersections. Please be specific:

- Route E, Pleasant Hill Road and West Brazito Road
- Monticello Road and Goller Road
- Heritage Highway and Buffalo Road

Name Per Koetting Address Henley Mo 65040
 Telephone 573-490-6240 E-Mail _____

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Good project. Will reduce a

Remove any rock the blocks sight a from Harleys Hwy

Honey Creek Road?

Very much needed

Shepherd Hills Road and Route CC

Route D

Cassidy Road

Need a excel some going EB to JC

Summer is a very busy time and Thursday evening and for entering or exiting US 54 because she has friends the she will have to cross on done by

What additional comments do you have regarding the information presented during tonight's hearing?

- Need to have long term goal of upgrading 54 to I Standards. Should start location study now or within a time in the future
- In general, make sure RI/RD's have the physical b
- Consider off set right @ Old Bass

(Please use the back of this form if you need additional space to write your comments.)

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All comments must be received by Friday, January 21, 2011.

Thankyou! This is very much needed.

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Heritage Highway and Buffalo Road
 Much better

• Mom

• Rem rock cut @ County Maintenance yard would help w/ sight distance. Please consider this.

• make sure RI/RD @ Monticello North is physically impossible to cross over to median or people will try to cross

• Heritage Highway and Buffalo Road

• Good change from previous conceptual plan

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Public Response



- ▣ Arrived at informed consent
- ▣ Listened/incorporated ideas from public
- ▣ Discussions transformed from skeptical/hostile to general understanding of issue/willingness toward change
- ▣ Hearing comments encourage proceeding with proposed improvements, making some minor adjustments
- ▣ J-turns accepted as one improvement strategy

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Take Away

Each meeting was an opportunity to build towards consensus