



## PUBLIC COMMENT



***Area of concern:*** Highway 14 and Highway W

***City/County of concern:*** Ozark/Christian County

***Date received:*** 08/16/2024

***Received through:*** MoDOT Comments

***Contact Name:*** Nicole [REDACTED]

***Contact Email/Ph #:*** [REDACTED]

***Comment:***

Intersection 14 hwy and W getting very busy and increasingly dangerous to navigate. Widening will bring more traffic. Hoping our elected officials recognize the need for some controls out this way

***MoDOT Response:***

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**City/County of concern:** Ozark/Christian County

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**Contact Name:** Rick [REDACTED]

**Contact Email/Ph #:** [REDACTED]

**Comment:**

Hwy 14 East of Ozark needs widening past Hwy W, and especially need help at the intersection at 14 & W with parents taking children to East Elementary, especially trying to cross 14. In the mornings, west bound traffic on 14 can be backed up to the Dollar General store. This project needs moved up to Tier 1. In addition, people think the speed limit is 55 when is not. Need a flashing your speed limit sign when approaching Hwy W and heading toward Hwy W. I appreciate the opportunity to comment and the services you provide. Also I recommend a decoy Police vehicle on Hwy 65 construction over the Finley River, people are not slowing down for the construction.

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## PUBLIC COMMENT



***Area of concern:*** Highway 13 between Springfield and Highway 86

***City/County of concern:*** OTO MPO Area

***Date received:*** 08/16/2024

***Received through:*** MoDOT Comments

***Contact Name:*** Philip [REDACTED]

***Contact Email/Ph #:*** [REDACTED]

***Comment:***

13hwy in between Springfield and 86hwy is getting to busy and dangerous. We need 4 lane and a new safer bridge over Table Rock Lake in Kimberling City.

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# PUBLIC COMMENT



**Area of concern:** Bike Lanes on Battlefield and Plainview

**City/County of concern:** Springfield/Greene

**Date received:** 08/19/2024

**Received through:** Facebook

**Contact Name:** John White

**Contact Email/Ph #:** not available

## Facebook Comments

**John White** ▸ Ozarks Transportation Organization  
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I am terribly disappointed that the bike lanes on Battlefield and Plainview road have now become a hazard.  
The new pavement is covered in less gravel and is very rough to use. I do hope there are plans for an improvement.

👍 Ozarks Transportation Organization

👍 Like      💬 Comment      ➦ Share



# PUBLIC COMMENT



**Area of concern:** Battlefield and Blackman

**City/County of concern:** Springfield/Greene County

**Date received:** 08/20/2024

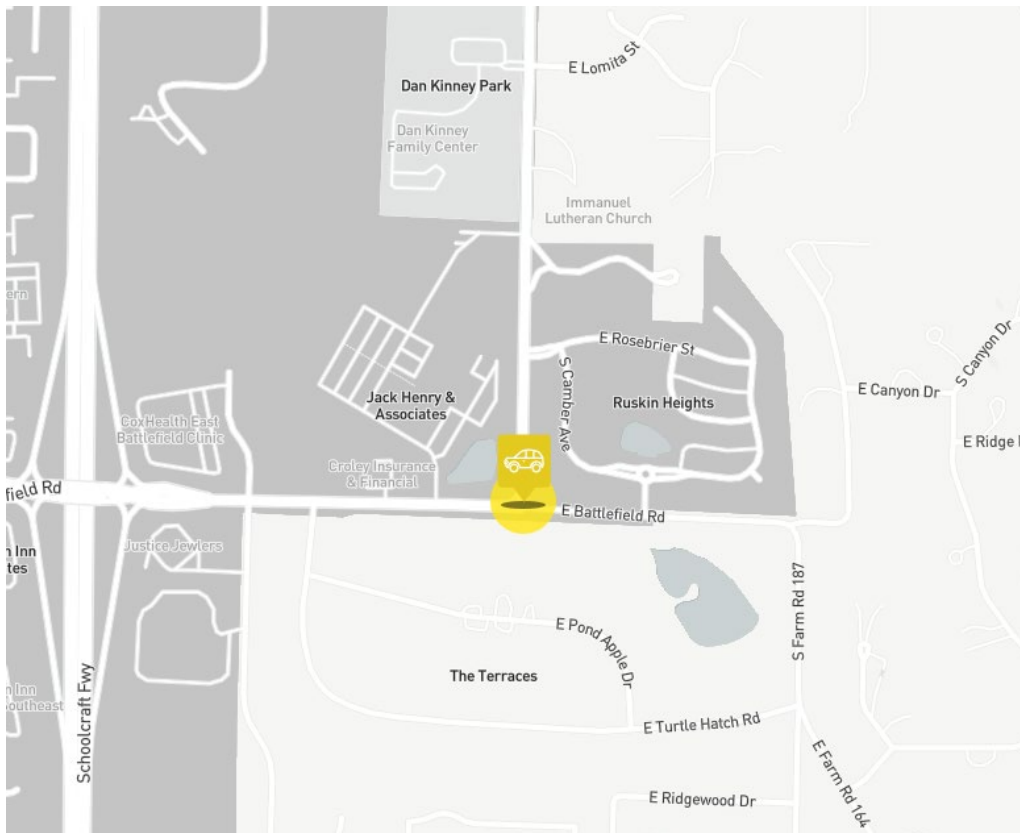
**Received through:** Map-A-Concern (OTO website)

**Contact Name:** Sheri [REDACTED]

**Contact Email/Ph #:** N/A

**Comment:** The intersection of Battlefield and Blackman has become more dangerous in the last 2 years as the amount of traffic has increased. Many times I have witnessed cars failing to stop at the 3 way stop signs. I feel that this intersection would benefit from a traffic circle which would slow traffic and decrease the amount of near accidents caused by failure to stop.

## Map



**OTO Response:** Unable to respond through the Map-A-Concern feature



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***Area of concern:*** James River Freeway Extension Study

***City/County of concern:*** Greene County

***Date received:*** 08/16/2024

***Received through:*** MoDOT Comments

***Contact Name:*** Jackie [REDACTED]

***Contact Email/Ph #:*** [REDACTED]

***Comment:***

I want to be on record saying that I live just west of Willard and I am whole heartedly against a highway looping anywhere out this way. We raised our children in our home and we are so close to paying it off only to hear that it may be ripped away from us at a fraction of its value. Please hear the community, we want this area to remain farm land and rural for generations to come.

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**Contact Name:** Rachel [REDACTED]

**Contact Email/Ph #:** [REDACTED]

**Comment:**

This comment is concerning the proposed feasibility study for a James River North Loop. I am greatly opposed to conducting a study for the James River North Loop. Our family's century farm lies very close to a possible route for the highway and we live out here in Northern Greene County to specifically be away from the traffic & noise of the city. My children plan to farm this land when we are gone, the same way their great-great grandparents did. It is in the best interest of Greene County & surrounding areas to keep Missouri heritage & farmlands intact for future generations.

The impact of a large highway running through this area would have significant negative consequences not only because it would be a land preservation loss, but with larger highways comes higher pollution & noise as well as increases in crime rates. Thank you for taking comments from concerned citizens.

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***Contact Name:*** Sally [REDACTED]

***Contact Email/Ph #:*** [REDACTED]

***Comment:***

We could not make the 10:30 am meeting yesterday regarding unfunded projects. We are very much opposed to the James River Freeway North Loop that is currently being evaluated for expansion! This will affect many families and farms in our area. We will do what it takes to ensure our property is not destroyed.

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**Contact Name:** Jenny [REDACTED]

**Contact Email/Ph #:** [REDACTED]

**Comment:**

I would like to express my extreme concern for the James River North Loop and the intentions behind it. It seems that the local input has not been sought at all and instead OTO, Greene County Commissioners, state representative Bill Owen, and State Senator Curtis Trent have gone straight to corporations (who also happen to be their campaign donors - I've looked it up - here's looking at you Jack Stack and SRC) that do not LIVE in the affected area. It is our tax dollars that will be funding the proposed \$800 million project and let's be honest with inflation we're talking over a billion easily. My greatest concern is for the farms that this project will destroy. Family farms like mine that will be wiped out. We just built our dream farmhouse on a quiet piece of land near Talbot State recreation area. We easily see up to 30+ deer per day. Putting a freeway (that is trying to become an interstate) will not only hurt agriculture it will upend the ecosystem of deer, turkeys, and wildlife from our landscape. Not to mention it would be a hazard for those driving! There are days that go by where I hardly see a car go by. The need for a study is an absolute joke. Until the widening of I44, MM, and 13 takes place this study is useless. If after widening and fixing all the other pain points there is an issue (which no doubt there won't be!) then a study would be called for. It also seems extremely out of order to allow private funds to foot the bill for a study. Of course, they are going to want to see return on their investments - enter \$\$ going to those state representatives in order to get this James River North Loop pushed through. Please reconsider this being on the tier 1 unfunded list. It should instead be removed altogether. **WE DO NOT WANT A STUDY!** Thank you, Jenny Schulze

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**Contact Name:** Lynn [REDACTED]

**Contact Email/Ph #:** [REDACTED]

**Comment:**

The proposed James River North Loop, whether the circulating map is the considered path, or close, it would cut through our property, taking out all three of our family's homes and our family's inheritance for future generations. There are MANY family farms and small businesses that would be gone with this project. With the funded, soon to be finished, improvements to I44, Hwy 13/I44 intersection, and MM Hwy it doesn't seem at all necessary to even consider taking family farms to move forward with even a study. Regardless of the path, it would ruin the rural lifestyle in Northern Greene County that many generations have chosen for their families. There are reasons we have chosen to not be near urban living....peacefulness being a big one. That would be destroyed. The opportunity to farm/earn a living with livestock would also be destroyed. I wish I could share the picture I have of the beautiful sunrise view over our pasture. That would be destroyed, also. I don't care how far "down the road/decades " it might be, it's our family's inheritance.

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***Contact Name:*** Chad [REDACTED]

***Contact Email/Ph #:*** [REDACTED]

***Comment:***

As a 3rd generation farmer on land you show a highway coming thru, I am adamantly opposed to your plans. There isn't traffic congestion in our area and we have ample routes with access to I44 and other major highways without destroying farm land and country with another highway so the developers can roll in and make lots of money buying up land and putting strip malls on it. We don't need you to expand it with our tax dollars just fix the roads you have.

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***Contact Name:*** Ty [REDACTED]

***Contact Email/Ph #:*** [REDACTED]

***Comment:***

**We are against the James River north loop through willard.**

***MoDOT Response:***

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***Contact Name:*** Lora [REDACTED]

***Contact Email/Ph #:*** [REDACTED]

***Comment:***

**Please reconsider this north loop of I44 from Willard through Fair Grove. We do not want to lose our farm land through here and it will kill the value of the properties that are next to this proposed monstrosity.**

***MoDOT Response:***

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**Contact Name:** Sara [REDACTED]

**Contact Email/Ph #:** [REDACTED]

**Comment:**

There's been a lot of talk about the James River loop. There's a lot of reasons that I'm against this. First off, Modot is the same organization that does a horrible job plowing highway CC in Fair Grove in the winter, and mowing the ditches in the summer. I was told in the past that it was due to lack of workers. Why would you implement a major infrastructure if you don't have enough workers to keep that said infrastructure up? Second, has anyone ever drove the route that is being questioned for this loop? This loop would take out hundreds of homes, one of which being my family farm. My parents worked their ass off to pay for their home, and I will be damned if Modot or any other organization tries to buy it or use eminent domain. I want my child to be able to own that property — not the government. Third, this is in joint to my first point. Highway CC is not well taken care of. We have low water crossings that are literally crumbling. We have signs missing. We have cyclist that ride and almost get hit because there is no shoulder. Trying to add more traffic to this highway would be an absolute nightmare. I know that Modot would not take care of it, let's be real, you know they wouldn't as well. I would like to request a town-hall meeting regarding this issue. You need to put citizens at ease.

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***Contact Name:*** Jacqueline [REDACTED]

***Contact Email/Ph #:*** [REDACTED]

***Comment:***

I do not want my peaceful home in the country on FR 79 to have a highway coming through. I would like updated information about meetings and how I can have my voice heard shared with me prior to decisions being made and even funds being raised. I would prefer text messages over email regarding info. I love that Springfield is a large town and have no desire to become like St. Louis. My neighbor has a century farm I look over and I do not want that disturbed. I prefer a drive to town vs having town up next to me. Please consider protecting those of us who have made our forever homes and farms here in the country, over the desires of corporations that have just moved into town. I-44 is fully available to them.

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***Contact Name:*** Melissa [REDACTED]

***Contact Email/Ph #:*** [REDACTED]

***Comment:***

**Please reconsider the NW Loop. This proposed loop will take out farms. Greene county needs to protect its agricultural industry. Many farming families and generations will be misplaced. Allow small farms to thrive and take care of our own by producing the foods that feed MO.**

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**Contact Name:** Heather [REDACTED]

**Contact Email/Ph #:** [REDACTED]

**Comment:**

I'm completely 100% against the study for the James river North Loop. My husband and I just moved our 6 kids out to north Willard right off farm rd 79 and built our dream house in the woods away from the big city. None of our neighbors support this or really anyone this far that I have talked to. I was at the meeting last week in Willard and will fight and petition for this not to be a thing. We don't want more farmland ruined and beautiful country.

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**Reply Comment:**

Also, as it was brought up at the meeting with MoDO by an attorney questioning the fact this 1.5 million dollar study would be void due to all the i44 expansions and production so there is no real reason to even do the study because it wouldnt even be valid and factual based on changes with 44.

Also, If you truly value the input of all of the people who live here and would have their homes and farms ruined by this, then take away the possibility of a study. I'm sure none of you would like having to worry about this every day, especially when you have 1.5 million dollars invested into your home and dream property. Now this will be in the back of my mind for years to come of the "what if" my home I've worked so hard and built could be taken away or ruined by a freeway expansion. It's wrong and land needs to stop being destroyed.