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### WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE ROUTE N A SAFER HIGHWAY

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** - The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), and its contractor Magruder Paving, began construction this week on safety improvements along Route N to make it a more forgiving highway. County Executive Steve Ehlmann worked with MoDOT to help identify funding sources, and as a board member of the East-West Gateway Council of Governments voted to approve the project. Ehlmann was initially approached about the need by Shoulders for Safety (SOS) – Phase II, a group of citizens advocating for shoulders along this stretch of road.

“With several schools along this route and many accidents, we need to do all that we can to make it safer,” said Ehlmann. I am excited that construction is happening so quickly. I would like to thank MoDOT and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, the East-West Gateway board, and SOS-Phase II members, including Crissy Holmes, for making this happen.”

According to a release from MoDOT, the project includes resurfacing, adding shoulders and correcting curves along Route N from Route Z to Sommers Road. Motorists can expect single lane closures with flaggers during off peak hours, Monday through Friday. The project is expected to be completed in summer 2015.

The project is included in the East-West Gateway Council of Governments 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Plan and MoDOT’s 2014-2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Estimated cost is \$7,542,000.

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