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EHLMANN, HASSINGER, ELECTED OFFICIALS TO BREAK GROUND MAY 22 ON PHASE 3 OF PAGE EXTENSION

Extension to be completed by November 2014

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann and Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) District Engineer Ed Hassinger, along with federal, state and local elected officials, will break ground for the final section of the Route 364 Page Avenue Extension on Wednesday, May 22. The ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. at the I-64 and Route N interchange in Lake Saint Louis. The site marks the location where the final nine miles of Route 364 will end at I-64.

The \$118.2 million roadway project includes construction of a four-lane divided highway from Mid Rivers Mall Drive to I-64 in St. Charles County and is expected to be completed by November 2014. The County and its municipalities teamed together to fund \$57 million of the project, with MoDOT funding \$61.2 million.

St. Charles County's ½ cent Transportation Sales Tax, reauthorized by a 77% vote in August 2012, provides \$29,150,000 for the project. O'Fallon contributed \$2.25 million to help with additional right-of-way costs, and Dardenne Prairie added \$600,000 for improvements at Hanley Road. The County and its municipalities partnered with MoDOT to secure the federal grant funds necessary to complete the project.

"This is an exciting time for St. Charles County," said Ehlmann. "Phase 3 would not be possible without cooperation of our municipalities and MoDOT, and the support of St. Charles County's citizens."

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When completed, Phase 3 will provide congestion relief for the residents of the central part of St. Charles County, make travel between St. Charles and Lake Saint Louis easier, and provide another route into St. Louis County. Phase 3 is also anticipated to improve the operation of I-64 and I-70 by reducing traffic and handling up to 50,000 cars per day.

In February, the design-build project was awarded to Page Constructors, a joint venture with Fred Weber Inc., Millstone Bangert Inc., and Kolb Grading, with Parsons Transportation serving as the lead designer. Construction work began this month.

For more information on the Route 364 project, visit www.modot.org/Route364.

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Directions to the Ceremony: Take I-64 westbound to Route N. At the signal at the exit turn left and the ceremony will be immediately on your right. Parking is limited, but MoDOT will have space for media parking. Construction staff will be on hand to flag you to park.