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EHLMANN, DEMPSEY, ZERR ADDRESS NEED FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MISSOURI ROUTE H

East-West Gateway Board of Directors approves summer 2013 resurfacing project

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO - The East-West Gateway Council of Governments' Board of Directors approved funding March 27 for a project to provide resurfacing of Missouri Route H from Route 94 to Route J this summer.

The condition of Route H concerned Sen. Tom Dempsey, R-23; Rep. Anne Zerr, R-65; St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann; and residents in the area. The substandard roadway condition creates safety issues, including hydroplaning during storms and the breaking off of asphalt in spots along the route's edge line.

"The safety of commuters on this stretch of road is of utmost concern to us," said Dempsey. "We wanted to make sure these problems are fixed before more serious safety issues develop."

At the request of elected officials, the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) identified funding allowing for the resurfacing to take place. Funding for the project was first approved by MoDOT, and then the project required a vote by the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' Board of Directors on which Ehlmann serves. Dempsey, Zerr and Ehlmann urged MoDOT to proceed with maintenance and safety improvements on the road in the meantime as needed until it is resurfaced.

"I was happy to provide my vote to approve this project," said Ehlmann. "Any project where the County can

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work with MoDOT to make improvements for our citizens to be safer on the roads is a worthwhile effort.”

Zerr is glad that the project is now on the fast track. “It is a public safety issue, and I’m very pleased that East-West Gateway was so responsive in moving this project forward.”

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