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EAST-WEST GATEWAY APPROVES 2016-2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, PROJECTS FOR ST. CHARLES COUNTY

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO - On July 29, the East-West Gateway Council of Governments approved the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The documents will become effective October 1, 2015, pending state and federal approvals. The TIP is a schedule of transportation improvements planned by various agencies in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Projects in the TIP have been given priorities based on, and are consistent with, the region's long-range transportation plan.

St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann serves on the East-West Gateway Board and voted to approve the plan. "Expanding and improving the safety of our transportation infrastructure is a top priority for County Government, especially with the growth of our community" said Ehlmann. "I would like to thank the East-West Gateway Board, the Missouri Department of Transportation and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for their partnership and support of our goals."

Projects of note in the TIP include:

- **I-70 at Fifth Street:** Funding for a joint project between St. Charles County, the City of St. Charles, and the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) for interchange improvements at Fairgrounds Road and Fifth Street at I-70. The project includes construction of new ramps from I-70 to Fairgrounds Road and other improvements needed to move traffic and make the busy interchange safer. Construction is anticipated to start in 2016.
- **Missouri Route 61 and Peine Road:** Funding for a joint project between St. Charles County, Wentzville and MoDOT to construct an interchange to improve safety between Missouri Route P and Peine Road off of Missouri Route 61. Construction is anticipated to start in early 2018.
- **I-70 from Woodlawn Ave. to T.R. Hughes Blvd.:** Funding for a joint project between St. Charles County, O'Fallon, and MoDOT to convert outer roads to one-way and revise interchanges as part of the I-70 Traffic Flow Improvements Project. Construction is anticipated to start in late 2017.
- **Intersection of Hopewell Road and Duello Road on Route N:** Funding for safety improvements to improve sight distance and safety. The project will be constructed by the St. Charles County Highway Department and is anticipated to start in 2018.

The entire TIP can be viewed online at www.ewgateway.org.

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