

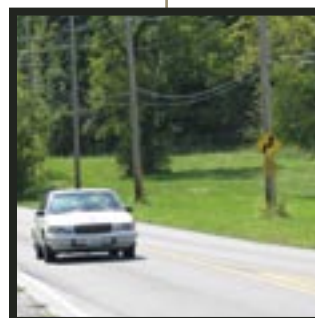
# Lee's Summit Road roadway news



## Lee's Summit Road Improvement Study Begins

**T**he City of Kansas City in partnership with Jackson County, the City of Lee's Summit, the Missouri Department of Transportation, and Mid-America Regional Council, are sponsoring a study of Lee's Summit Road between 40 Highway and I-470. In six and a half miles, Lee's Summit Road serves:

- Three cities (Kansas City, Lee's Summit, Independence)
- Two major hospitals (Truman Medical Center – Lakewood, St. Luke's East-Lee's Summit)
- An airport (Lee's Summit Municipal Airport)
- An international religious center (Unity School of Christianity, Unity Village) and several other churches
- Multiple neighborhoods
- Businesses
- Industry, including agriculture



The Little Blue River, Little Blue Trace Trail and several lakes are along the roadway's rolling topography.

The Lee's Summit Road Improvement Study started in late-summer 2006 and will continue



Lee's Summit Road  
is currently a  
two-lane road  
without shoulders.

*(from the cover)*  
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into the summer of 2007. After looking at current and projected conditions, the study team will prepare a concept for the roadway encompassing several time periods, from short-term safety upgrades to long-term capacity improvements. Newsletters, a webpage on the City of Kansas City's Public Works Department site, discussions with stakeholders and two Community Open-House Meetings will maintain dialogue among the public and the study partners.



# Steps to Build (and Rebuild) a Road: Planning Begins

The Lee's Summit Road Improvement Study is the first of many steps in a multi-year program to build/rebuild a road. Projects over time could range from short term minor safety improvements to long term capacity improvements that might be many years in the future.

The Lee's Summit Road Improvement Study all takes place in the first step—planning. There are currently no design nor construction funds available for major improvements. This study will help determine the level of funding needed—useful in identifying potential resources. The major tasks of the Lee's Summit Road Improvement Study include:

- **Analysis of Existing and Projected Conditions:** This task documents current and future land use, environmental conditions, and transportation. Conditions that the study will analyze are traffic operations, accident history, current roadway alignment,

pavement and bridge conditions, and environmental constraints such as flood plain and under-mining locations, among many others.

- **Development and Evaluation of a Corridor Concept:** The corridor concept task will:
  - o **Define the future roadway alignment** including public access points, effects of alignment modification and right-of-way needs.
  - o **Determine roadway character** including the width of the roadway, landscaping and accommodation for different modes of travel such as transit, pedestrians and bicyclists.
  - o **Include cost estimates** for programming purposes.

- **Public Coordination:** (Throughout the Study) This will include:
  - o **Newsletters** in the fall and winter of 2006, and the spring and summer of 2007
  - o A **webpage** on the City of Kansas City Public Works Department website that will include a project description, map, schedule, and links to newsletters, information about public meetings, and final results of the study:
  - o A **Community Open House Meeting** scheduled in winter 2007 to present the data analysis, and in spring 2007 to present the corridor concept.
  - o **Discussions with Stakeholder Representatives** to get perspectives on development and planning issues, quality of life issues, and technical transportation issues.

**Typical Project Schedule**  
(depending on funding)

1. **Planning Phase: Year 1**  
*We are here!*
2. **Permitting Phase (as necessary): Years 1 & 2**
3. **Design Phase: Years 3, 4 or Later**
4. **Construction Phase: Year 5 or Later**
5. **Roadway Improvements Complete: Year 6 or Later**

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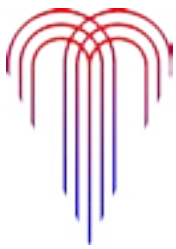
# Lee's Summit Road—The Last 15 Years

**Little Blue Valley Area Plan** - The City of Kansas City adopted the Area Plan in 1991. The Plan recommended that Lee's Summit Road eventually be improved to standards designed for good access between neighborhoods and shopping, jobs and recreation, known as a "Secondary Arterial," and that it should have a "boulevard-like character, greened and softened by significant plantings."

**Lee's Summit Road Coalition** – In January, 2001, a group of Lee's Summit Road landowners, business owners,

developers, church groups, school district representatives, representatives of elected officials, public works staff and concerned citizens concluded that public support could assist in getting Lee's Summit Road improved. They agreed to focus their attention on making that happen. After many meetings and presentations, they submitted a successful request to the City of Kansas City's Public Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) for funding for a Lee's Summit Road Improvement Study.

**Partnership for the Lee's Summit Road Improvement Study** - City of Kansas City, Jackson County, City of Lee's Summit, the Missouri Department of Transportation, and Mid-America Regional Council are working together to make this study useful both in the short and long-term. They are also listening to all who have an interest in the roadway from nearby residents and neighborhoods to property owners, businesses, employers and service providers regarding potential phasing and prioritization of improvements.



## Questions/Comments?

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