Local highways gain lanes

**FACt facilitates first-year adjustment**

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The Council of Representatives passed Amendment III last November to raise the sales tax rate by 0.5 percent to fund highway and bridge improvements, according to Jeff Gander, MoDOT Resident Engineer for Callaway County. The amendment will provide $31.8 million for this project.

The project includes an interchange on Highway 63, an additional lane on Highway 36, and an interchange on Interstate 70. These improvements will provide a contiguous four-lane route between Kirksville and St. Louis.

**Highway 63 improvements**

Two projects were part of the Smooth Roads Initiative, which aims to reduce traffic congestion on major highways.

- The Highway 63 project will add a lane at the interchange with Interstate 70 in Macon County. The project will cost $2.0 million and will take 8 weeks to complete.
- The second project is the $2.9 million upgrade of the interchange of Highway 63 at Interstate 70 in Moberly. The interchange improvements will include building a roundabout and extending the right of way.

**Highway 36 improvements**

The project to improve Highway 36 near Poplar Bluff is expected to cost $8.1 million. This project will include the addition of a lane in both directions, a roundabout at the exit to Highway 13, and a two-lane bridge.