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Brass Construction workers already have cleared the land and built a two-lane box bridge near the exit at Baltimore Street, north of Kirksville. MoDOT estimates the total cost of the project to be \$31 million for the entire 8.5 mile section.

BYPASS | Alternate 63 reroutes traffic from Baltimore Street 8.5 miles, many businesses along Baltimore would see a decrease in traffic

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 responses that we got from businesses," she said. "Some folks were opposed to the bypass and had reservations over the road going 'round the city, but others understood that this was necessary for infrastructure development."

Kigar said some businesses were concerned about the large volumes of traffic on Baltimore, which currently serves as a thoroughfare through Kirksville and sometimes has minor congestion.

"Alternate 63 is likely to take heavy traffic off Baltimore and will make the road safer, but it will also reduce the likelihood of traffic to stop at businesses," Kigar said. "The general consensus is that businesses will figure out how they can continue to make

business in town. They are sharp enough."

Economic impact not so gloomy

Kramer is armed with figures. He said an economic impact analysis, conducted to determine the possible impact of the bypass project on Kirksville's economy, showed Kirksville would gain \$9.24 of business growth for every construction dollar invested in the project.

"This represents increased business growth and expansion," Kramer said. "The return period is 20 years."

He said business growth included in the economic impact analysis includes any person, partnership or corporation that produces goods or services.

Bypass projects normally lead to the construction

of gas stations, fast food outlets and other facilities along the highway as business owners try to reposition themselves.

MoDOT says the project is meant to reduce traffic congestion on Baltimore Street, to increase safety for road users and to further economic development within the region.

Property owners compensated

MoDOT estimates put the total cost of the project at \$31 million for the entire 8.5-mile section. This includes construction costs, utility relocation costs, engineering and compensation of property owners whose properties lie in the course of the project.

So far, MoDOT has compensated the owners of all the property that lies along the course of at least two-thirds of the bypass. Kramer

Bypassing
 the facts and figures:

Total length of Alternate 63: 8.5 miles

Total Cost Estimate: \$31 million

Business growth: A gain of \$9.24 for every dollar invested in construction

Estimated Completion date: Summer 2011

Design by Cameron Ballentine/Index

said at least one-third of the property needed to complete the bypass — mainly the area south of the corridor — is yet to be acquired.

"Property owners are compensated for the ground acquired for the highway, and they are also compensated for any negative

impact to their remaining ground resulting from our acquisition," Kramer said.

The portion of the project for which property owners have not yet been compensated will be contracted in July 2010.

For businesses concerned with the effects of

the bypass, a little solace will come from an influx of contract workers during the next two years.

Brass Construction has about six workers working on the project. MoDOT Resident Engineer Jeffrey Gander said more contract workers will come into the area.

KRUEGER | After a minor heart attack, Krueger is back at Truman waiting for his second stent placement surgery on Monday

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 sense we are always prepared. So if anyone needs to step in, in his absence, the University needs to be ready, and we have a good administrative team of upper-level administrators."

Paino said that in Krueger's absence, he completed some duties, including attending some events that could not be rescheduled, but for the most part, individual meetings could be delayed. He said he thinks Krueger is having his second surgery soon to avoid missing future events.

"I'd imagine he's doing on that time intentionally, so he can be ready at full speed for the homecoming weekend which is also a weekend with the Board of Governors," Paino said.

Paino said Krueger has always had a healthy life-

style. Even at the golf game prior to his heart attack, both walked all 18 holes.

"He was a runner, a college athlete, he eats well, takes care of himself and doesn't drink or smoke," Paino said. "He's always been extremely healthy and full of energy ... it's probably one of those genetic things that you can't control."

Board of Governors chairwomen Cheryl Cozette said that in case of emergency, the Board would work with Truman administration to see that the University remained functioning.

"I would say it's a case-by-case basis, but the underlying philosophy of the Board is that the University is being run in an effective and efficient manner, and so we will be working in whatever situation presents itself to ensure that, that is hap-

FRAUD | Local businessman Neil Jackson, 61, who pleaded guilty in June cheated investors out of \$844,000 in Ponzi scheme

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 a profiting business, and cheated investors out of \$844,000.

Jackson originally created the company to market air and water filtration systems.

Jackson's other corporation, The Money Tree, a former investment brokerage business located in Kirksville, acted as a hub for attracting investors, according to the Sept. 18 Department of Justice press release. He used certificates that assured investors security and

listed scheduled interest payments. But the documents were false, and he used individuals' payments for personal expenses to reimburse previous investors and to make unauthorized stock trades.

The scheme collapsed because Jackson lost profit from the stocks, but before this, he received \$1.4 million.

Investors involved will be reimbursed \$844,591 from Jackson's restitution payment.

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