

Bypass committee discusses solutions

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The Highway 63 Alternate Route Traffic Safety Commission met with Missouri Department of Transportation representatives and Kirksville area residents Nov. 22 to discuss safety concerns on the new road.

Missouri House Rep. Zachary Wyatt, R-2, said the main issues at the open forum were the absence of overpasses at the intersections of highways 6, 11 and P, inadequate signage and increased traffic on Highway P.

Wyatt organized the commission and announced its members at the highway's ribbon cutting ceremony Oct. 25.

Wyatt said there was a crash within hours of the bypass opening, bringing some safety concerns to the public and MoDOT's attention. However, with the exception of a few deer collisions the road has not seen other related accidents, he said.

The commission's activity already has led to MoDOT placing rumble strips, flashing red lights and guardrails on the highway to prevent accidents. Wyatt said the commission will meet sometime next week to send out a report listing priority issues for the road with possible solutions to area residents and MoDOT.

He said they will try to ensure additional guardrails and signs are placed, especially because winter road conditions are approaching.

Speed limits have not been recognized as an important issue, if a problem occurs the commission will address the concern, Wyatt said.

Safety Commission Chair Nate Walker said the extra traffic on Highway P has included an increased amount of truck trailers and rock trucks, which create a winter weather hazard with excess gravel spilled on the road.

"We would look at perhaps limiting some truck traffic or all truck traffic, or something along those lines," Walker said.

Residents who attended the meeting were pleased with some



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A tractor trailer drives past the Highway 63 alternate route on Highway 6 Tuesday evening. Among other safety factors, area residents have expressed concerns about the lack of overpasses at the intersections of the alternate route and highways 6, 11 and P.

aspects of the highway including the new rumble strips, flashing red lights and guardrails, he said.

MoDOT Project Engineer Kevin James said some people were confused at the meeting because they thought the now two-way highway was supposed to be four lanes. He said the current highway is in its first phase and improvements, such as additional lanes or overpasses, might come with future phases.

"None of those projects are currently in our five-year statewide transportation improvement program," James said. "On a statewide perspective we're looking to be sure that we're maintaining our

system and putting an emphasis on that on not as much as additional lanes or overpasses."

James said the fly-over on the exit to Kirksville currently lacks guardrails in some places, but the road-sides are built with a gentle slope. He said if a car went off the road on the fly-over, the design makes it unlikely for a vehicle to roll.

He said the existing guardrails at the north side of the fly-over were initiated by construction workers' concerns.

Some have expressed concern about a lack of signs alongside the new road.

"Some people thought there

might be ways to provide for better [name] signage — not only for safety concerns but also for informational concerns to make sure people know how to get in to Kirksville and to find things once they get into it," Walker said.

Reta Riley, who lives southwest of Kirksville on Highway 11 South, said her son became lost while visiting three weeks ago.

She said he needed to exit south of town onto Business 63, but continued on the bypass because he didn't see any signs for Highway 11 South. Her son had to call for directions.

"He had to go way up Highway

6 and loop back down and around, and it just seems odd to me that there isn't a sign for Highway 11 South along with the Business 63 sign," she said. "If you're not local, not familiar with it you're not going to have any idea that you're going to need to take that exit to get to Highway 11 South directly."

Walker said MoDOT has been cooperative with the concerns and requests of the commission and citizens.

"I thought it was a very positive meeting," he said. "It was democracy at its best to get input from people to work towards ways to solve problems that [motorists] receive."

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