



Highway MM: Corridor of Opportunity

RAISE Grant Application Fact Sheet



The Ozarks Transportation Organization, in cooperation with the City of Republic and MoDOT, is preparing an application for funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Program. The Highway MM Corridor project consists of three sections:

Section 1: Project A – Route MM from Route 360/James River Freeway to Farm Road 160

- Widening of Route MM to 5-lanes from 3-lanes.
- Widening of Bridge over Route 360/James River Freeway to accommodate 5-lane.
- Estimated section cost is \$18 million.

Section 2: Project B – Route MM from I-44 to US 360/James River Freeway

- Widening of Route MM to 5-lanes from 2-lanes.
- Estimated section construction cost is \$10.3 million.
- Funded through cost share with the City of Republic and the State of Missouri Cost Share Program.
- Construction tentatively scheduled to begin in 2024.

Section 3: Project D – Route MM from Farm Road 160 to US 60 (new proposed alignment)

- Possible two-lane roundabout on Route MM (Brookline Avenue) at Farm Road 160.
- Build overpass over BNSF Railroad south of Haile Street.
- Remove US Route 60 intersection at Commercial Avenue/Farm Road 103.
- Build intersection connecting new Route MM with Route 60 just west of Route 60 intersection at Commercial Avenue/Farm Road 103.
- Close BNSF Railroad crossings at Route 60 and Farm Roads 93/172, Route 60 and Farm Road 170, Route MM and Farm Road 168, and East Haile Street/Orr Street.
- Addition of pedestrian trail between Route MM (Brookline Avenue)/Farm Road 160 and Route 60 (unfunded).
- Estimated section construction cost is \$33.8 million.
- Construction tentatively scheduled to begin in 2025.





Project Tentative Schedule



Highway MM Proposed Tentative Project Schedule



*Depending on construction method, Engineering and Construction could overlap. Timing is dependent on a grant award being made in 2022.

Project schedule is dependent on grant award in 2022 and construction method selected after final engineering.



Project Funding

The proposed budget is approximately **\$58 million** in projected cost. The RAISE Grant application is requesting **\$25 million** in project funds. There is no guarantee of funding. It is a competitive grant based on selection criteria. Members of the community and local government can help the project be more competitive. Items that can be done to help include writing letters of support and reaching out to state and local representatives. The projects included in the grant application are phase I of a larger Highway MM/ZZ Corridor project. Section C is phase II and does not have a funding source. The Project map is attached.



Application Deadline

The RAISE Discretionary Grant application deadline is April 14, 2022. Parties interested in submitting project support letters should have those returned to the Ozarks Transportation Organization by **Monday, March 28, 2022**. Questions and/or letters can be directed to Debbie Parks at Dparks@ozarkstransportation.org or 417-865-3047 ext. 106.

