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The Study of US-69

What can be done to help US-69 in Crawford County safely and efficiently handle traffic in the 21st century?



If Nothing is Done*

What if the highway received only routine maintenance?

- Drivers will experience delays and frustration
 - a. Congestion will get worse
 - b. More traffic signals will have to be installed
- The number of accidents will probably increase
- Maintenance costs will rise

*Sometimes called the "no-build option"



What Prompted the Study?

- → Heavy traffic and congestion along the route (over 10,000 vehicles per day and expected to increase)
- Numerous intersections along the current route
- Vigorous development along the route
- Desire for US-69 to be a freeway within the state



A Look at the Future

Here's what the future would hold

- 1 Begin detailed design of the highway
- 2 Design to point where right-of-way needs* are known
- Local governments assist in preserving corridor for future
- If funding is identified, buy right-of-way, then construct* highway as funding allows



*There are no funds identified at this time to buy right-of-way or build any portion of the highway

Upgrading the Current Route

Upgrading the current road along its entire route was not chosen

- Would effectively handle major increases in traffic
- Effects on homes and businesses
 - a. Approximately 150-170 residents could have been displaced
 - b. Approximately 40-60 businesses could have been displaced
- Access to homes and businesses would change
- Would accommodate long-term issues



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A Brief History

Here's a brief look at what's happened so far

March 2001

Public Information Open House to show preferred corridor for a future US-69 bypecs

December 2000

referred corridor determined

August 2000

KDOT announces results of System Enhancement funding competition. US-89 projects in Crawford County not funded

December 1999

Pittsburg and Crawford County apply for System Enhancement funds to build a 21.3 mile bypess. Arma and Frontenac apply for similar funding for US-69 improvements.

November 1999

public interest in using as much of existing bypasses as possi

August 1999 Public tryolvement Open House held at Pittsburg Mei to get comments on two broad contidors being studie

January 1999

November 1998

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August 1998

June 1997

egin limited study of US-69 area from

Initial review was suggested, due to impacts to homes

May 1995

Prepare for possible reconstruction of US-69 along ourrent route from north of Arms to south of Pittsburg.



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The Options

Five stategies were ultimately studied for US-69

- ⇒ The "No-Build Option"
- Upgrade the existing route to a freeway
- Build a freeway on a new route east of the existing US-69
- ➡ Build a freeway on a new route west of the existing US-69

Added after August 1999 public involvement open house

⇒ Build a new freeway using as much of existing bypasses as possible



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