

Ordinance #240518

U.S. 71 Reconnecting Neighborhoods

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Project Goals



1. Holistic Community Development



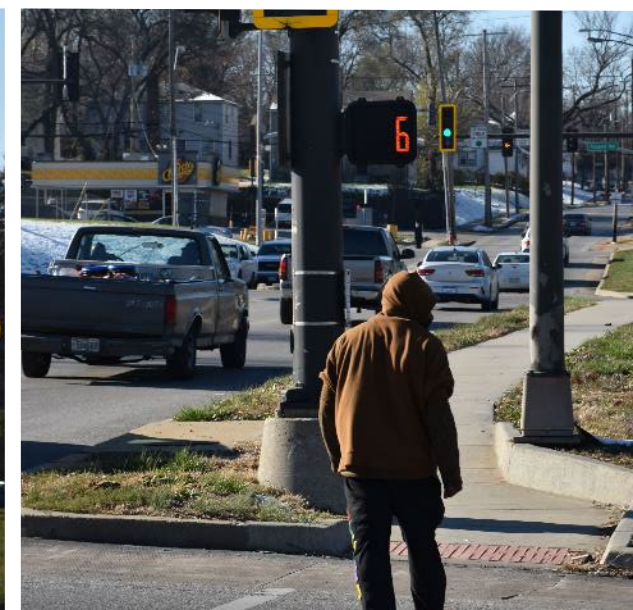
5. Increase Mobility & Connectivity for All



2. Focus on the Community



3. Feasibility & Appropriateness of Potential Approaches



4. Reduce Serious & Deadly Crashes

Schedule

Phase 1 – PEL Study

- \$4 million
- 35% of budget dedicated to Public Engagement
- 18 months (complete Winter 2025)

Phase 2 – Consent Decree

- \$200,000
- 12 months (6-month overlap; complete Summer 2026)

Phase 3 – NEPA and Conceptual Design*

- \$3 million
- Schedule TBD

**Phase 3 will commence if Consent Decree is amended*

Consent Decree & Funding

Critical phase for future US-71 improvement

Collaboration, consultation and communication with third-party legal team

PEL (Phase 1) supplies the legal team with data and documents to address the Consent Decree

Critical to “show our work”

“If it isn’t documented, it didn’t happen”

Locally-led team provides rapid response to legal team



U.S. 71 Corridor Consultant Team



47.5% DBE Participation

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Project Management Team



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Community Engagement Team



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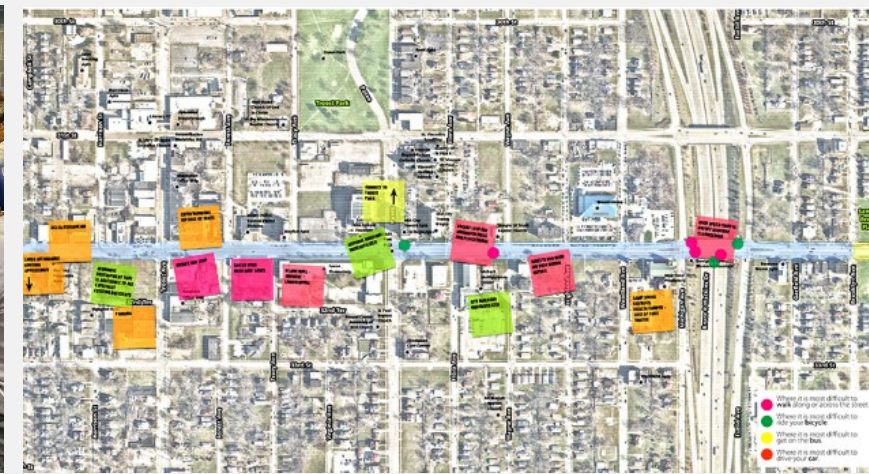
A People First Approach to Engagement

- Going to the community
- Dispelling deep roots of distrust
- Re-imagining the corridor via engagement, collaboration & empowerment
- Moving at the speed of trust
- Laying the groundwork for the future



Valuable Engagement & Communications Tools

- Project website & headquarters
- Community Advisory Group
- Neighborhood listening sessions & key person interviews
- Community Summits
- Pop-up engagement
- City councilperson "check-ins"
- Project broadcasting
- Video series
- Other





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