



Transportation Dollars Secured for Southeast Missouri

\$37 Million in Improvements Slated for Cape Girardeau, Mississippi, Perry and Scott counties

I am pleased to announce approved projects that will bring more than \$37 million worth of improvements to roads in Cape Girardeau, Mississippi, Perry and Scott counties. These much needed projects are on track for completion and I am happy that we secured the necessary funding to make them a reality.

These projects are a result of additional money from the passage of Amendment 3 this past November. Prior to Amendment 3, the state used half of the motor vehicles sales tax collected, about \$130 million, for purposes other than transportation. These funds will be directed to the new State Road Fund. These funds will provide a revenue stream that will allow the issuing of additional bonds for improvements in our roads and highways.

To put this new Amendment 3 revenue to work, the Missouri Department of Transportation(MoDOT) established a three-pronged plan called “Smoother, Safer, Sooner.” The first part of the plan’s initiative is called the Smooth Roads initiative, which will resurface 2,200 miles of the state’s most traveled roads by December 2007. The plan’s second element will accelerate projects already planned in MoDOT’s five-year construction program. The third element involves identifying new major projects that will be announced this summer. The projects listed on the following page include both the Smooth Roads initiative and accelerated projects, part 1 and 2 of the “Smoother, Safer, Sooner” plan. Additionally, there is a map attached to this email showing planned improvements for the entire southeast region.

Again these projects would not be possible without voters’ support of Amendment 3. The projects will immediately create thousands of jobs and the investment in infrastructure will improve the state’s economy.

County	Route	Project Description
Cape Girardeau	K	Resurface and diamond grind 6.6 miles of pavement and shoulders from Route 25 at Gordonville to Route 61 (Kingshighway) in Cape Girardeau
Cape Girardeau	61	Resurface and diamond grind 11.3 miles of pavement and shoulders from the Routes 61/25/34 intersection in Jackson to the South Kingshighway I-55 exit ramp in Cape Girardeau
Cape Girardeau/Perry	I-55	Diamond grind 34.1 miles of pavement and resurface shoulders on both the northbound and southbound lanes from the Ste. Genevieve County line to the Fruitland interchange (Exit 105)
Perry	Route 51	Resurface from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad to 1.7 miles south and 1.2 miles from Brenda Lane to the southern city limits of Perryville
Scott	Route 61	Resurface 12.6 miles from the Scott City interchange to Route 77 at Morley.
Scott	Route BB	Resurface 3.9 miles from Route ZZ to Route 114
Scott	K (Main St.)	Resurface 2.6 miles of pavement and shoulders from just west of I-55 to Route N in Scott City
Scott	62 (Malone St.)	Resurface 3 miles of pavement and shoulders from the Route 61/114 intersection to the I-55 interchange at Sikeston
Scott/New Madrid	I-55	Diamond grind 40 miles of pavement and seal shoulders on both the northbound and southbound lanes from the Scott City interchange to Route 62 at New Madrid.
Mississippi/Scott	I-57	Diamond grind 22 miles of pavement and seal shoulders, on both northbound and southbound lanes from just west of I-55 to the Illinois state line.
Mississippi	I-57	Reconstruct a 0.3-mile section of northbound lanes west of Route 105 to Route 105 at Charleston
Mississippi	Route 80	Resurface 5.5 miles from Route 75 to Route 77
Scott/New Madrid	Bus. Route 60	Resurface 1.3 miles from Route 114 to Route 60

“Diamond grinding” is new technique used to ensure a smoother ride and increased durability on the roadway.

Contact Me

As always, I appreciate hearing your comments, opinions and concerns. Please feel free to contact me in Jefferson City at (573) 751-2459 or you may write to me at Jason Crowell; Missouri Senate; State Capitol; Jefferson City, MO 65101, email me at: jcrowell@senate.mo.gov or visit me on the web at <http://www.jasoncrowell.com>.

Thank you for your time.

Senator Jason Crowell represents the people of Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Madison, Mississippi, Perry and Scott counties in the Missouri Senate