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Amendment Three Money Coming To Southeast Missouri

SIKESTON – The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission approved projects today that could bring more than \$65 million worth of improvements to Southeast Missouri, making area roads smoother, safer, sooner.

The projects are a direct result of additional money from the recent passage of Amendment 3. The projects are part of the Smooth Roads Initiative, focusing on making 2,200 miles of the state’s most heavily traveled roads smoother or are projects that were already priorities on MoDOT’s five-year construction program that can now be constructed sooner.

“We really want to thank the voters,” said District Engineer Scott Meyer. “Because of your vote, you’ll see more construction work on state highways this year than ever before. We also want to remind motorists to be careful and be patient in work zones; the benefits will be well worth it.”

Southeast Missouri projects follow. For more information, contact Meyer at (573) 472-5340 or call MoDOT’s Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636).

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Editor’s note: Please visit <http://www.modot.org/southeast/> for an electronic version of the following chart and a Southeast District map.

Southeast District

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Southeast Missouri

County	Route	Project Description	Estimated Total
Butler	67	Resurface 7.6 miles of pavement and shoulders from the Route 60 interchange to the Route M interchange in Poplar Bluff	\$2,134,000
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	\$1,179,000
Cape Girardeau/Scott	I-55	Resurface 15.6 miles of pavement and shoulders on both northbound and southbound lanes from the Fruitland interchange (Exit 105) to the Scott City interchange (Exit 89)	\$8,227,000
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	\$4,419,000
Dunklin <i>Accelerated project included in STIP</i>	412	3.7 miles of grading and paving to add lanes for a four-lane divided highway from nearly a half-mile west of Route Z to the Pemiscot County line	\$5,884,000
Mississippi/Scott	I-57	Diamond grind 22 miles of pavement and seal shoulders, resurface pavement and shoulders on both northbound and southbound lanes from just west of I-55 to the Illinois state line	\$6,827,000
Mississippi <i>Accelerated project included in STIP</i>	I-57	Reconstruct a 0.3-mile section of northbound lanes west of Route 105 to Route 105 at Charleston	\$800,000
New Madrid/Pemiscot	I-55	Resurface 10.9 miles of pavement and shoulders on both northbound and southbound lanes from Route 61 south to Route EE and two miles south of the New Madrid County line to the Route A interchange (Exit 27) near Wardell	\$6,346,000
Pemiscot	I-55	Diamond grind 7.1 miles of pavement and resurface and seal shoulders on the southbound lanes from nearly two miles north of Route 84 at Hayti to the Arkansas state line	\$603,000
Pemiscot	I-55	Diamond grind 27.6 miles of pavement and resurface shoulders on the northbound lanes from the Route A interchange (Exit 27) near Wardell to the Arkansas state line	\$2,656,000
Pemiscot <i>Accelerated project included in STIP</i>	I-55	Diamond grind 9.1 miles of pavement on southbound lanes from nearly two miles south of New Madrid County line to nearly two miles north of Route 84	\$454,000
Perry/Cape Girardeau	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)	\$6,741,000

Scott	K (Main St.)	Resurface 2.6 miles of pavement and shoulders from just west of I-55 to Route N in Scott City	\$682,000
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 (Exit 89) to Route 62 at New Madrid (Exit 49)	\$7,241,000
Scott	62 (Malone St.)	Resurface 3 miles of pavement and shoulders from the Route 61/114 intersection to the I-55 interchange at Sikeston	\$737,000
St. Francois	67	Resurface 21.4 miles of pavement and shoulders from the Jefferson County line to Route W at Farmington	\$8,337,000
Ste. Genevieve <i>Accelerated project included in STIP</i>	I-55	Diamond grind 25 miles of pavement and resurface shoulders from the Jefferson County line to the Perry County line	\$2,160,000

STIP: Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (MoDOT's Five Year Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule)

What Is Diamond Grinding?

Diamond grinding is an innovative technique used to ensure a smoother ride and increased durability along the roadway. The technique involves a wet grinding process where a machine, going 20 feet per minute, with a grinding wheel attached to the bottom, moves along the route to be smoothed. Diamond dust is embedded into the grinding wheel, and the individual pieces of dust actually cut the concrete. The wheel has 172 individual blades that are continually worn off, exposing new diamond bits. The blades can smooth 100,000 square yards of concrete, which is equivalent to seven 24-foot wide miles, before being replaced. MoDOT uses this technique to get a smoother ride, more use and better value from projects.