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# Sen. Jason Crowell Announces Major Road Construction Contract Award

### Highway Commission Contracts for Second Phase of 34/72 Expansion Project

JEFFERSON CITY— Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, today announced the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission has awarded a construction contract for the second phase of improvements to Route 34/72 in the Jackson area.

“This advancement is one of several transportation upgrade projects on the drawing board for Southeast Missouri,” Crowell said. “Our highways are the conduits for commerce, commuters and travelers and warrant this type of significant investment to speed travel and increase safety.”

This phase of the widening and resurfacing project is for a section of Route 34/72 beginning 2.2 miles west of the Route 25 intersection and running east for 1.2 miles. Traffic signals, curb and gutter and storm sewer infrastructure will also be added. The first phase of the three-mile upgrade project was completed earlier this year.

The commission awarded the \$7,995,099 million contract during the panel’s April 12 meeting to Penzel Construction Company, Inc., of Jackson. Crowell said the contractor anticipates starting the work in May and finishing in the spring of 2007. He noted some lane closures will occur to expedite the project and maintain work-zone safety.

“Getting the project done is important, and getting the project done safely is most important,” Crowell said. “More details on the project will be forthcoming once work begins.”

For more information on this or other MoDOT projects, call Senator Crowell’s office at the number listed above, or call MoDOT’s Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636).

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