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## Sen. Loudon Challenges West Countians to Voice Their Support for Highway 141 Expansion *'The Way it is Now, it's Like Two Legs of the Arch that do not Connect'*

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. John Loudon, R-Chesterfield, is urging St. Louis County residents to voice their support for proposed plans for redesigning and extending portions of Highway 141 in St. Louis County during an upcoming public open house meeting hosted by the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

The open house meeting — scheduled for Tues., June 17, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Webster Groves Recreation Complex, 33 East Glendale Rd., Webster Groves — seeks public comment on a number of proposed regional transportation projects, including the proposed \$23.5 million funding for right of way acquisition for the portion of Highway 141 between Interstate 64 and Olive Boulevard.

The right of way acquisition project is included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) drafted by the East-West Gateway Council in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Transportation. The council is a group of elected officials from local governments that discuss and deliberate issues of regional concern. The public meeting is one of several planned throughout the region to discuss TIP projects.

“Highway 141 is a top priority for our area of the state, and I want to strongly encourage local residents to attend the meeting to show their support for funding this and other Highway 141 improvement projects planned for establishing a north-south corridor to relieve traffic congestion and provide a much-needed alternative traffic route for the region,” Sen. Loudon said. “The way it is now, it’s like two legs of the Arch that do not connect.”

The City of Maryland Heights is currently working with St. Louis County to extend two lanes of the Maryland Heights Expressway south from Page Avenue to the city limits, with St. Louis County eventually planning to extend all four lanes south to Olive Boulevard — to relieve congestion on Interstates 270 and 64 and to provide a major transportation link between Lambert-St. Louis International Airport and the Spirit of St. Louis Airport in Chesterfield.

“The completion of Highway 141 is vital and would have a tremendous economic impact for the Howard Bend Area and the City of Chesterfield,” Sen. Loudon said. “St. Louis County conducted a study that estimates by completing the highway we could produce \$20 billion in economic activity over 20 years for St. Louis County and the entire region. We cannot afford to miss an opportunity to let MoDOT and our local decision makers know that we want to make this happen.”

Those who are unable to attend the public meeting to make comments about the road plan are encouraged to email comments to [Terry.Freeland@ewgateway.org](mailto:Terry.Freeland@ewgateway.org). For other meeting sites, call (314) 421-4220.

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