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Senator John Loudon Urges Inclusion of Highway 141 Project in Possible Federal Stimulus Package

Funds for Reconstruction & Expansion of Highway 141
Would Support Road to Potential \$20 Billion Economic Growth

St. Louis County — Senator John Loudon, R-Chesterfield, is encouraging St. Louis county citizens, local government officials, and area businesses to join him in petitioning Missouri's U.S. congressional leaders to ensure funding for St. Louis County's Highway 141 project is eligible to receive funding under a proposed federal stimulus package for infrastructure expected early next year.

"The long-term job creation and economic growth that would occur in St. Louis County and throughout the entire region from the reconstruction and expansion of Highway 141 is tremendous," Sen. Loudon said. "While any highway construction project will likely create jobs, a study by St. Louis County suggests the financial impact of completing the Highway 141 project could produce \$20 billion in economic activity over 20 years. That kind of long-term economic growth and sustained job creation cannot be denied and should be a high priority when considering which Missouri projects are funded."

In addition to outstanding job creation and economic growth, the completion of Highway 141 is designed to reduce traffic suggestion on I-270 and portions of I-64 and provide more access to Page Avenue — making it easier for people and commerce to reach across both sides of the Missouri River in St. Louis and St. Charles counties.

"If the primary intent of the infrastructure stimulus package is to stimulate economic growth," Sen. Loudon said, "what better way to help achieve that goal than by providing the infrastructure to create thousands of jobs through economic development in the area where it will be of most economic benefit."

Senator Loudon is asking Missourians to contact their Congressional legislators to voice their support of including Highway 141 as part of any proposed federal economic stimulus package for infrastructure. Contact information for our state's U.S. Senators and our region's House Representatives follows.

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"I hope Congress will take the best course of action by investing in our nation's infrastructure, including the reconstruction and expansion of Highway 141," Sen. Loudon said. "If they do, the yields will be enormous — more jobs, a more robust economy, and a safer and more competitive transportation network for Missouri, and the rest of the country."

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