



Senator Scott T. Rupp Proposes Bill to Increase Route 364 Project's Chance for Federal Funding

JEFFERSON CITY — The Senate Transportation Committee will consider a bill ([Senate Bill 128](#)) on Wednesday (1/28) proposed by Senator Scott T. Rupp, R-Wentzville, that would expand the number of design-build transportation contracts currently allowed by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to include an additional design-build contract for phase II of the Route 364-Page Avenue extension project in St. Charles County.

Senator Rupp is urging the bill's passage to pave the way for the project's consideration of potential federal stimulus transportation dollars. The proposed legislation would allow the state's transportation commission, which oversees state highway and other transportation projects of the Missouri Department of Transportation, to expand the number of current design-build projects from three to four. Design-build highway project contracts allow for all materials and services necessary for state highway projects in a single contract. Currently, MoDOT has used all of its design-build authority for the Interstate 64 reconstruction project in St. Louis, the new Paseo Bridge project in Kansas City, and the Safe and Sound Bridge Improvement Program.

"Missouri is aggressively vying for its fair share of the anticipated nearly \$1 trillion federal stimulus plan, so we are quickly readying ourselves to be considered for the in-progress or fast-tracked transportation projects that will be required under an economic stimulus package," Sen. Rupp said.

Phase II of the Route 364 project is included in MoDOT's Economic Stimulus Project priorities. The \$49 million project extends Route 364 from .4 miles east of Jungermann to .3 miles west of Central School Road and is part of a three-phase plan to make the route a viable alternative route for daily commuters who travel between St. Charles and St. Louis counties.

Senator Rupp is working with St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann to advance the bill.

"I want to thank Sen. Rupp for introducing this bill, which will provide St. Charles County with an additional tool to use for implementing any federal economic stimulus dollars awarded for highway projects," Ehlmann said.

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