

Update on the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) grant process.

- City had to solicit professional engineering services.
- MoDOT had to approve engineer and contract documents.
- May 13 the City received the Notice to Proceed with Engineering Design Services from Federal Highway Administration through MoDOT. (City and engineer could do no work until this approval was given)
- Engineer began field survey work which was delayed by rain.
- Engineer reviewed first preliminary design with City mid July.
- Engineer reviewed revised preliminary design with City August 11.
- Engineer submitted preliminary design to MoDOT for review August 18.

The process going forward looks like this:

- Receive comments from MoDOT, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and any other State agency MoDOT sends plans for review.
- Engineer addresses any comments from State agencies by revising plans and resubmitting to MoDOT.
- If MoDOT and other agencies approve plans, then engineer has to submit final plans, bid specifications and contract documents for MoDOT approval.
- Once final plans are approved, MoDOT issues an authorization to advertise.
- The project must be advertised for three weeks.
- Once bids are opened (must have a minimum of three bids) MoDOT must approve contractor.
- City Council can then award bid.
- Pre-construction meeting 14 days after award. Contractor given notice to proceed.

If everything goes smoothly, a contractor could possibly begin construction early November. The engineer will poll the contractors before the bids actually go out to see if enough contractors are looking for work at that time. This will be done to ensure enough contractors will bid to meet MoDOT requirements and the City will get competitive prices. If not, the bid may have to be put off into the winter for spring construction.

The current plan calls for a 6' sidewalk beginning in front of and on the east side of Wood's grocery store and continuing just east of McDonald's where the highway shoulder widens to 10 feet where a sidewalk is no longer necessary. The base bid also includes a 6' sidewalk on the north side of 54 running from Park Street to Main Street.

A section of 6' sidewalk from Main to Meek's will be bid as an alternate. This means that if there are additional funds in the construction budget left over after the base bid, the alternate could be awarded as well.

Budget:

Revenues

Grant	250,000
Chamber Donations	31,250
City	<u>31,250</u>
	312,500

Expenses

Engineering	56,500
Construction	<u>256,000</u>
	312,500

Base Bid Est	222,988.50
Alternate #1	<u>34,185.90</u>
	257,174.40

MoDOT rules require the Base Bid and/or alternates be awarded in order with the Base Bid first and the alternates in order (1, 2, 3 etc). If the base bid comes in over the engineer's estimate of \$222,988.50 at \$240,000 for example, there would probably not be enough money left over for Alternate #1. There would be \$16,000 left over. Some would say go ahead and do however many feet of Alternate #1 you can for \$16,000. Unfortunately, MoDOT will not allow you to do this.