



## Internal Memorandum

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**Department of Public Works**

TO: Clayton Road Task Force

FROM: Craig J. Wilde, P.E.  
Director of Public Works

DATE: December 14, 2009

RE: Town Hall Forum

Attached are the following documents prepared in relation to the Town Hall Forum held on December 9.

- 3 attendance sheets as filled out by attendees
- 4 handout pages of the presentation as given at the Town Hall Forum
- 2 page summary of the public comments
- 3 pieces of email / letter correspondence totaling 5 pages

## Clayton Road Improvements and Trail - Town Hall Meeting Attendance Sheet

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PETE EGGEBRECHT	13229 CLAYTON	
Steve Donaldson	6 Rutherford Lane	
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Thank You For Attending!

## Clayton Road Improvements and Trail - Town Hall Meeting Attendance Sheet

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Thank You For Attending!





## Clayton Road Improvements and Trail Project

Please sign the attendance sheet and fill out a card if you wish to speak after the presentation

The presentation will begin at 7:00PM

Thank you for attending

## Impact of "The New I-64" Project

- St. Louis County assumed jurisdiction of Clayton Road from the Eastern City Limits to Mason Road
- Reconfigured Clayton Road to three lanes
- Installed signals at Bopp and Topping
- City reassumed jurisdiction after opening of western end of I-64 project

## Parks and Trails Master Plan

- First drafted in 1995
- Revised in 2009
- Identified locations for pedestrian improvements throughout the City

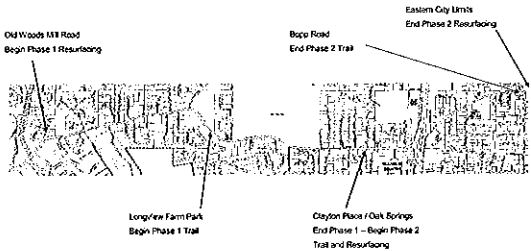
## Identified Project Scope

- The Parks & Trails and Public Works & Storm Water Commissions discussed possible project parameters
- Identified two main needs for the Clayton Road Corridor
  - Overlay of Clayton Road – 141 to Eastern City Limit
  - Multi-use Pedestrian Facility – Longview Farm Park – Bopp Road
- Multi-phase project to maximize outside funding

## Schedule

- Phase 1 – HWY 141 to Clayton Place
  - Preliminary Engineering – 2009
  - Final Engineering / Easement Acquisition – 2010
  - Construction – 2011
- Phase 2 – Clayton Place to Eastern City Limits
  - Preliminary Engineering – 2010
  - Final Engineering / Easement Acquisition – 2011
  - Construction – 2012

## Phase 1 Implementation 2011 Phase 2 Implementation 2012



Map labels:

- Old Woods Mill Road  
Begin Phase 1 Trail
- Longview Farm Park  
Begin Phase 1 Trail
- Bopp Road  
End Phase 2 Trail
- Clayton Place / Oak Springs  
End Phase 1 – Begin Phase 2 Trail and Resurfacing
- Eastern City Limits  
End Phase 2 Resurfacing

## Programmed Costs

- Phase 1
  - Engineering - \$290,000
  - Easement Acquisition - \$94,000
  - Construction - \$1,828,000
- Phase 2
  - Engineering - \$289,000
  - Easement Acquisition - \$133,000
  - Construction - \$1,820,000
- Total - \$4,454,000

## Federal Funding Source

- Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Program
  - 80% funding through Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for roadway / pedestrian projects on defined corridors - \$3,563,000

## Local Funding Sources

- 5% funding from an arrangement with St. Louis County stemming from their temporary use of Clayton Road - \$250,000
- 15% funding from the City of Town & Country Road Fund - \$641,000

## Clayton Road Task Force

- Appointed by Mayor Dalton
  - 2 Aldermen and 5 Residents
  - Gathering information and steering the project implementation process
  - All meetings are posted on the City calendar and are open to the public
- Held public meeting regarding Phase 1 on September 24
- Invited all residents to the Town Hall Meeting (tonight)
- Will mail a survey to all residents in mid-December

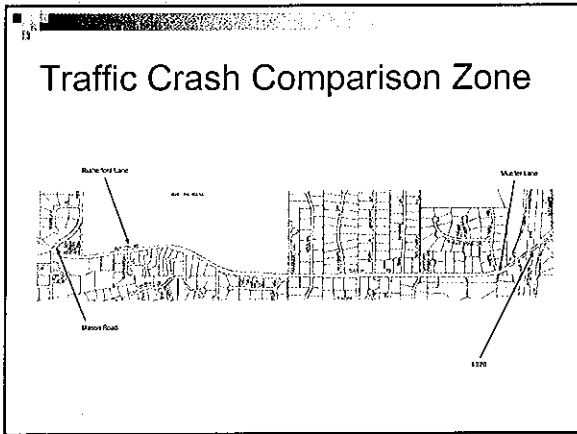
## Where We Are

- Clayton Road Task Force recommended to maintain the current three lane configuration of Clayton Road until the implementation of Improvement / Trail Project
- Consulted various engineering studies, Town & Country Police Department and the Parkway School District Transportation Office
- Board of Aldermen adopted a resolution accepting the recommendation

## Objectives of the Center Turn Lane

1. To improve traffic flow
2. To reduce rear end / left turn collisions
3. To provide a "neutral zone" for traffic entering from side streets, allowing the safe merger into the traffic flow

I-64 Connection Committee  
(MoDot, St. Louis County Department of Highways and Traffic, Municipalities impacted by I-64 closure)



### Clayton Road Traffic Crash Comparison January 1 – November 25 From Rutherford Lane to Mueller Lane

	TOTAL	Property Damage	Injury	Making Left
2004	11	7	4	6
2005	10	6	4	5
2006	8	6	2	3
2007	10	7	3	2
Installation of Center Turn Lane				
2008	8	5	3	2
2009	5	3	2	0

	With Center Turn Lane <b>ACCIDENTS:</b>
Making Left Turns	Reduced by 75%
Injury Accidents	Reduced by 23%
Total Accidents	Reduced by 33%

- ### Pedestrians and Bicyclists
- Since the addition of the center turn lane:
1. Truck mirror struck arm of Old Newsboy solicitor at Clayton and Ballas (11-08)
  2. Motorist failed to yield and turned in front of bicyclist at Clayton and Bopp (4-09)
  3. Motorist and bicyclist both eastbound on Clayton; motorist made right turn onto Cedar Valley and bicyclist struck side of vehicle (6-09)

- ### Intersection Crash Data / Electric Signals
- Reporting periods:  
 before installation: January 2006 – November 30, 2007  
 after installation: January 2008 – November 30, 2009
- Topping Road
    - 2 accidents before installation
    - 0 accidents after installation
  - Bopp Road
    - 0 accidents before installation
    - 1 accident after installation

- ### Future Configuration?
- Permanent Configuration of Clayton Road from Mason Road to Bopp Road
    - Two lanes as was before?
    - Three lanes as is current?
    - Signalization at Bopp Road?
    - Signalization at Topping Road?

## Decision Process

- Clayton Road Task Force will continue to solicit information prior to making a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen
- The Board of Aldermen will make a final determination on the lane and traffic signal configuration

## Thank You!

- We will begin the public comment portion of our meeting shortly
- Please fill out a card if you wish to speak
- Please be considerate of others' time and be brief
- Based upon time constraints, the moderator may place a limit on the length of individual comments
- Your input is appreciated

## Clayton Road Improvements and Trail – Town Hall Meeting Summary of Public Comments

Bob Watson – 5 Fordyce Manor – Mr. Watson was unable to stay for the public comment portion but instead filled out a speaker card with the following notes

- “Looks like a good plan”
- “Doesn’t look like a major impact on adjacent properties”
- “I think Clayton Rd should go back to bike lanes without turn lane – although turn lane at Bopp Rd is great”

Robert K Crutsinger – 12002 Wiltshire Place Court

- Thanked the City / Task Force for holding the open house.

Michael O’Dea – 11700 Westham Drive

- Trail width is too big
- The plan makes the area too commercialized
- The amount of pavement is excessive

David Swank – 809 Country Meadow Lane

- Bike enthusiast
- Urges the City to consult with biking organizations such as Bike St. Louis

Charles Ahorn – 12420 Cedarmoor Drive

- Favors the current 3 lane configuration due to safety
- Favors the current signals at Bopp and Topping

Domenick F. Rocco – 1 Bopp Lane

- Decision of lane configuration is minor
- Trail width is largest concern
- Traffic signals at Bopp and Topping are good

Marty Perron – 11635 Clayton Road

- Favors 2 lane configuration with shoulders
- No need for increased vehicle capacity after the opening of the “New I-64 Project”
- Safer with 2 lanes and bicycles on dedicated portion of road

Maria Perron – 11635 Clayton Road

- Should hold separate meetings for trail and lane configuration
- Generally favors arguments made favoring the 2 lane configuration

Marlene Eickhacker – 1034 Claymark Drive

- Trail is located on her and her husband’s property
- Favors the previous 2 lane configuration
- Favors keeping the traffic signals

Richard Eickhacker – 1034 Claymark Drive

- Trail will reduce property value
- Must address water drainage problems all along Clayton Road

John and Karen Krause – 14 Roclare Lane

- Questions regarding the trail location and the finality of the proposed location

Frank Petkovich – 13535 Weston Park Drive

- Agrees with the statement made previously by Mr. Marty Perron
- Should be reverted to 2 lane configuration
- Crash data presented by the City was not comprehensive enough to be statistically relevant

Stephanie Turner – 2401 Wexford Woods Court

- Lives at the corner of Wexford Woods and Clayton
- Favors the current 3 lane configuration
- Generally in favor of the trail installation

Mr. & Mrs. J. Ellwood Towle  
1100 Dry Ridge Road  
St. Louis, MO 63131

December 4, 2009

Honorable Jon Dalton  
Mayor, Town & Country  
1011 Municipal Center Drive  
Town and Country, MO 63131

Dear Mayor,

How grateful Robin and I are for the progressive steps taken by Town & Country to enhance the quality of life for its citizens. Living on the southeast corner of Clayton Road and Dry Ridge Road since 1978, we note the many improvements made to city parks as one area of great enrichment. The new stoplight at Topping/Clayton is a real winner. But the permanent restructuring of Clayton Road to 3 lanes runs counter to the progress already achieved. We adamantly oppose any proposal that suggests retention of the 3 lane format!

Listed below are 4 concerns about the 3 lanes.

1. Roadway designed for only two lanes. The current right-of-way can't be engineered to meet up-to-date 3 lane, roadway standards. It's a 2<sup>nd</sup> class road in a 1<sup>st</sup> class city. Neither Town & Country nor any municipality in the state of Missouri would propose building a new three lane road on such a narrowly configured roadbed. The seeming need for 3 lanes is most modest, roughly 3 hrs a day during the work-week rush-hour or roughly 9% of the time. Is this odd-ball configuration really needed?
2. Welcome to Town & City. Three lanes suggest commercialization, not residential living. Intersected by two interstate highways and bordered by Manchester Road, does Town & Country need another road that welcomes delivery trucks and encourages transient traffic? The three lane format also removes the green-like bike lanes. Clayton is the primary road for serious and recreational biker activity in the metropolitan area. Communities throughout the country are working hard to add bike lanes to adjacent streets. The proposed recreational path on the north side of Clayton will not likely work as an alternative for the biker community, especially for those heading east on Clayton Road.
3. Discomfort and safety. With no margin of safety (space) and 40 mph traffic coming at one from front to back, the center turning lane can be an uncomfortable spot. Of course, most drivers passing through Town &

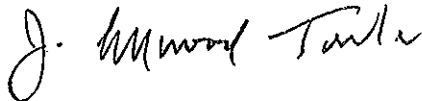
Country don't experience the "squeeze" of center lane usage. It's primarily reserved for residents bordering the 3 lane section of Clayton Road. We are reminded of the left hand turn onto Manchester from Steak-N-Shake, no driving comfort there either. Some claim accidents are lessened with the three lanes. Could be. However, our concern is not over minor accidents, but the probability of a serious head-on collision stemming from the center turning lane. And speed is logically greater in the 3 lane configuration than the traditional format. With a poorly designed configuration, could the city be open for liability litigation if a serious accident occurred?

4. Reduced property values. While this only affects a modest number of homes, 3 lanes will reduce the tax base of the city. Over time, appreciation for Clayton bound homes will not keep pace. The primary issue will be uncertainty, as the residential real estate market wonders when and if the 3 lane format will be widened to appropriately reflect a properly engineered configuration. Like the stock market, real estate markets don't like uncertainty.

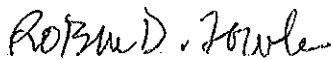
So, let's keep the Country in Town & Country. Apparently, Frontenac will set the tempo in this case returning back to 2 lanes, providing a clear, clean, consistent 2 lane design with generous shoulders and bike lanes. Fortunately, west of Mason, Clayton Road will retain its 2 lane integrity.

Mr. Mayor, return all of Clayton Road to its normal, natural condition, 2 lanes only please!

Sincerely,



J. Ellwood Towle



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Cc: Lynn Wright, Ward 1  
Nancy Avioli, Ward 1  
Tim Welby, Ward 2  
John Hoffmann, Ward 2  
Steve Fons, Ward 3  
Fred Meyland-Smith, Ward 3  
Phil Behnen, Ward 4  
David Karney, Ward 4  
Craig Wilde, Director of Public Works

**Wilde, Craig**

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**From:** Timothy Welby [tjwelby@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2009 7:20 AM  
**To:** Wilde, Craig  
**Subject:** Fw: Clayton Road Trail and Road  
Craig,

FYI

Regards,  
Tim

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**From:** Timothy Welby <tjwelby@sbcglobal.net>  
**To:** Lynn Wright <jlmswright@aol.com>  
**Cc:** Ald Nancy M Avioli <nancy.marshall.avioli@monsanto.com>; cjwilde@town-and-country.org  
**Sent:** Thu, December 10, 2009 7:18:01 AM  
**Subject:** Fw: Clayton Road Trail and Road

Lynn,

If you could pass this email along to the rest of the Clayton Road Task Force it would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,  
Tim

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**From:** Steven Donaldson <sddonaldson@gmail.com>  
**To:** John Hoffmann <johnhoffmann@charter.net>; Timothy Welby <tjwelby@sbcglobal.net>  
**Cc:** John R. Copeland <CopelandJR@town-and-country.org>; Lynn Wright <jlmswright@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wed, December 9, 2009 11:19:55 PM  
**Subject:** Clayton Road Trail and Road

I attended the Town Meeting tonight for only the preview. I briefed the Rutherford Lane residents as to the trail plan, and they are pleased with the proposed trail and are hopeful it will be approved.

I understand there is \$4.5M available to redo Clayton Road. Rutherford Lane residents would prefer three lanes, especially if the shoulder is rebuilt to handle the traffic and widened, if possible. We are concerned, however, about the drains along Clayton Road and the damage the water has done to our street. We hope that the drainage can be improved upon and the street repaired.

One last matter. I forgot to look to see if the trail provides sidewalks on the NW and NE corners of Clayton and Woodsmill Road. We have pedestrian lights but no sidewalk to go to, which is a violation of the County rules - no lights until sidewalks are built - and is dangerous in the winter. We would like those sidewalks to be included in the final trail plan if they have not already been.

12/10/2009

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## Wilde, Craig

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**From:** Skip Mange [skipmange@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 13, 2009 1:37 PM  
**To:** John Dalton; Karney, David; Fons, Stephen; Wilde, Craig; Behnen, Phil J; Copeland, John R.; Welby, Tim; Avioli, Nancy M; Rothmel, Sharon H.; Cotner, Betty K.; Meyland-Smith, Frederick; Hoffman, John; Wright, Lynn  
**Subject:** Clayton Road

Mayor, Board of Alderman, and Staff  
City of Town & Country,

For what it is worth, the following are my ideas about what should be done with Clayton Road between Mason and Bopp Road now that the Highway 40/64 construction is completed:

1. Under no circumstance should the existing pavement be widened to accommodate anything, including bicycles.
2. The pavement thickness and base depth under the former shoulder area is much less than that under the principal driving lanes and it will not sustain long term use by cars and trucks without needing expensive reconstruction. It is fine as a bicycle lane, but should not be used as a part of a permanent driving lane. I also believe that is safer for both bicyclists and motorists to have a wider dedicated bicycle lane. Therefore, re-stripe the pavement back to two driving lanes and wide shoulders that can be used by bicyclists as existed prior to the temporary take over by St. Louis County.
3. Retain the stop lights at both Topping Road and Bopp Road. They facilitate the flow of traffic and create breaks in the traffic on Clayton Road that in turn allows easier left turns out of subdivision streets.

On another matter, I fully support the construction of side walks on this stretch as was done west of Mason. They have proved successful both along Bopp Road (done when I was Mayor) and more recently along Clayton Road.

Thank you all for your willingness to seek input from the residents of our great city. Keep up the good work.

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