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Bicycle-Pedestrian Accommodation



MoDOT supports all modes of transportation and values bicycle and pedestrian travel, and the new Christopher S. Bond Bridge is capable of accommodating a bike-ped facility in the future.

In 2006, MoDOT conducted a bike-ped feasibility study as part of the I-29/35 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The study team comprised of representatives from the cities of Kansas city and North Kansas City, Kansas City Transportation Authority (KCATA), Missouri Bicycle Federation, Bridging the Gap, Federal Highway Administration, Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and MoDOT identified the Heart of America Bridge (Route 9) as the preferred river crossing for bicyclists and pedestrians based on several factors to include safety, lowest environmental impact, construction and maintenance costs, and best use of land.

As a result, MoDOT will provide a barrier-separated bike-ped facility across the Heart of America Bridge extending from 10th Avenue in North Kansas City to 3rd Street in Kansas City. Thanks to funds provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, this retrofit will be constructed with scheduled bridgework beginning in spring 2010. Plans are also in the works to upgrade the Chouteau Bridge carrying Route 269 traffic over the Missouri River to better accommodate bicycles and pedestrians – this project is also scheduled to begin in 2010.

MoDOT's contract with Paseo Corridor Constructors does not include the cost of modifying the new bridge to accommodate a bike-ped facility as an acceptable level of connectivity is needed both north and south of the river. Once connectivity has been established, the connecting municipalities would be responsible for all costs associated with modifications to the current design-build project.

Safety and connectivity are primary concerns when adding more vulnerable travelers to a transportation corridor. MoDOT understands the unique needs of each type of bridge user and will continue to work with its planning partners/stakeholders on requests for bike-ped accommodations.

The kclCON project will reconstruct/rehabilitate 4.7 miles of Interstate 29/35 from just north of Route 210/Armour Road to the northeast corner of the downtown Kansas City, Mo. freeway loop. The project includes improving outdated interchanges and the construction of the Christopher S. Bond Bridge - a new landmark, cable-stay Missouri River Bridge.



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