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Feedback Sought on James River and Campbell Corridor

Springfield residents, businesses, commuters and stakeholders will get a chance to comment and ask questions about the planning for improvements to the James River Freeway and Campbell Avenue corridor from 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 24, at the Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell Avenue. A short presentation is scheduled for 6 p.m.

The interchange of the James River Freeway (JRF) and Campbell Avenue is one of the key economic centers for the region and is a gateway into Springfield from southern Greene and Christian counties. While the area is thriving, significant traffic congestion and travel delays are prevalent.

The project's purpose is two-fold. First, the engineering project team will develop and analyze conceptual design alternatives for the JRF interchange to address current traffic congestion and close signal spacing in the interchange of JRF and Campbell Avenue. Second, the team will develop alternatives for widening the Campbell Avenue Corridor to six lanes and will address safety issues for the approximately two-mile section of Campbell Avenue between El Camino Alto and Battlefield Road.

At this public meeting, representatives of the City of Springfield, Missouri Department of Transportation and the project consultants will be available to discuss the project, take your feedback and answer questions.

The project team would like participation from local residents, businesses and those who travel the corridor throughout the design process. To share your thoughts before the meeting, please log in at www.SpringfieldJRFCampbell.com and share your feedback. Throughout the project, city officials and members of the engineering project team will post questions, have you vote on design concepts and ask you to share your opinion on a variety of ideas to improve the corridor, so please visit frequently.

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