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Public Forum on Proposed National Avenue Pedestrian Bridge March 3

The City of Springfield's Department of Public Works will hold a public forum Thursday about plans for a proposed pedestrian bridge spanning National Avenue on the east side of the Missouri State University campus.

The meeting will be held from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, March 3, 2011, at the Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside St. The purpose of the open-house style meeting is to provide information on the proposed grade separation of the pedestrian crossing on National in front of the MSU "quad." Engineers will discuss the location of the bridge and the design process, and will seek input from the public on five proposed concept designs.

Public Works estimates more than 1,500 pedestrians cross National Avenue between Monroe and Grand streets each day. National Avenue is a four-lane street that carries nearly 35,000 vehicles per day at prevailing speeds between 30 and 40 mph. The existing mid-block pedestrian signal provides a controlled location to cross. However, the signal is timed for minimum vehicular traffic delay, resulting in significant delays for pedestrians using the crosswalk and signal to cross National. The City of Springfield and Missouri State University are working together to improve the safety and comfort for all modes of transportation on the streets surrounding the campus.

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