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Public Works Transportation Survey Results

More than 1,100 Springfield-area citizens completed the City of Springfield's Public Works Transportation Survey during June and July. Citizens were asked to vote for their top choices among some 70 transportation improvement projects identified by City engineers, and write in their own ideas.

The non-scientific survey was open from June 22 to July 29 and garnered 1,138 completed responses. It was open to anyone who lives, works, shops or otherwise uses Springfield's transportation system. The results will help guide the Department of Public Works as it sets priorities for projects funded by the 1/4-Cent Sales Tax for Capital Improvements and the 1/8-Cent Sales Tax for Transportation in coming years.

The Top 10 priority projects among survey respondents were:

1. **East Battlefield Road and U.S. 65 interchange** — Widen Battlefield bridge over 65 and add additional ramp lanes. (Received 276 votes, or 5 percent of the total.)
2. **West Republic Road, from Campbell to Kansas** — Reconstruct Republic as a five-lane curb-and-gutter street with sidewalks. (Received 224 votes, or 4.1 percent of the total.)
3. **South Campbell Avenue and Republic Road intersection** — Improve intersection capacity by adding dual left turn lanes. (Received 214 votes, or 3.9 percent of the total.)
4. **Expand the existing Intelligent Transportation System** and signal connectivity for better traffic management. (Received 204 votes, or 3.7 percent of the total.)
5. **South Glenstone Avenue, from U.S. 60 to Battlefield** — Six laning and access control as needed. (Received 192 votes, or 3.5 percent of the total.)
6. **East Chestnut Expressway near U.S. 65** — Railroad grade separation via a bridge over tracks. (Received 189 votes, or 3.5 percent of the total.)
7. **South Campbell Avenue, from Battlefield to Walnut Lawn** — Six laning and access control as needed. (Received 178 votes, or 3.3 percent of the total.)
8. **East Battlefield Road and Glenstone Intersection** — Add right turn lanes. (176 votes, or 3.2 percent of the total.)
9. **East Galloway Street, from Luster to Lone Pine** — Widen Galloway to three lanes with curb and gutter, bike lanes, and sidewalks. (161 votes, or 3 percent of the total.)
10. **South Kansas Expressway and U.S. 60 (James River Freeway) Interchange** — Convert interchange to a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) and extend the ramps.

Every project on the list received votes. More than 400 respondents also wrote in their ideas for projects that weren't on the City's initial list. The ideas ranged from more highly reflective paint markings and new sidewalk locations to adjusted signal timing and additional turn lanes. Improved infrastructure for bicycles was a common request.

"We're very pleased with the number of responses to the survey and gratified that so many people took the time to complete it," said Director of Public Works Phil Broyles. "Many of the improvements suggested by citizens are smaller projects that can be done with current funding. Others would take more money and further study. Such a wide range of input could only have come from the traveling public — the people who are out driving, walking and cycling every day."

Public Works will use the survey results alongside other information to determine project lists in coming years. These other sources of information include engineering, congestion and safety data, plus input from stakeholders such as MoDOT, Greene County, local educational institutions and the City's own Police, Fire, Parks and Planning departments.

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