

**Route 63 Corridor Meeting** 09/09/09 Hyatt Regency Riverfront

Attending:

Randy Allen, Missy Bonnot, Shaun Sappenfield – Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce

Bruce Hackmann – Callaway County (Fulton)

Wayne Morgan – Pulaski County

Phil Tate – Kirksville

Denise Bennett – Macon

Robert Harrington – Shelby County

Ted Day , Candace Connell, Keith Strassner, Brad Armstrong – Phelps County

Gene Oakley- Carter County

Don Shelhammer – Texas County

Jessica Eads, David Meyer, Jeff Kormann, Cheri Tune - MoDED

Katy Disinger – Senator McCaskill

Judith Dungan – Senator Bond

Presenting: Roger Schwartze (MoDOT District 5)

Hosting: Elizabeth Bax (Rolla Regional Economic Commission)

There were three objectives:

1. Present the Rolla to JC piece of Route 63
2. Gauge interest in forming a corridor coalition to support building the road
3. Discuss possible funding options

Elizabeth's follow up will be to email everyone at the meeting, as well as others expressing interest, and build a contact list for possible action.

Roger Schwartze presented the preferred alignment of the new road and provided a presentation on the economic benefit to communities with 4 lane highways. Some discussion followed regarding benefits of 4 lanes.

Elizabeth asked Denise, Phil and Randy to discuss examples of combined community action to achieve new highway construction. Roger also discussed examples of community projects on the 36 corridor as well as Poplar Bluff.

Roger highlighted the need for the more prosperous communities on the route to carry any possible project. Elizabeth expressed her curiosity about a series of possible mutually supported projects to complete the corridor.

Elizabeth also made a point of telling the group that many additional people expressed an interest in the meeting but were unable to attend. It was particularly difficult for people from Rolla to attend due to Rolla's host status for the Tour of Missouri.