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**VIRTUAL (ONLINE) PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE DESIGN AND REPLACEMENT
OF THE COMPTON AVENUE BRIDGE OVER MILL CREEK RAILYARD
ST. LOUIS, MO**

Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of St. Louis has completed the preliminary design for the replacement of the Compton Ave Bridge over the Mill Creek Railyard, located between Chouteau Avenue and Spruce Street. The existing bridge is 55 years old, built on the original Compton viaduct foundations that are 110 years old, and is in poor condition.

The new Compton Avenue Bridge will include:

- Two vehicular lanes in each direction,
- A 10' wide two-way cycle track on the bridge, protected from vehicles by a concrete barrier curb, and
- A 6' wide sidewalk on the east side of the bridge.

Other design features include:

- Shortening the bridge by approximately 900', thereby reducing both construction costs and long-term maintenance costs of the bridge,
- Connecting the bike lanes on Chouteau Ave to the shared lanes on Spruce Street, and
- ADA accessible sidewalks and crossings for the length of the project.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROCESS:

A brochure titled "Right of Way Acquisition" is available for download or by contacting the Board of Public Service for those persons that are impacted by the project. This brochure explains the various steps in acquisition of property required for a roadway project. If your property is impacted by this project, you will be contacted by a representative of the City of St. Louis at the beginning of the acquisition process and all features in this brochure will be discussed with you in detail.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

This project has an environmental classification of Categorical Exclusion (CE). The proposed improvement is expected to have no significant impact on the environment and hence is categorically excluded from the need to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

Once design approval is received, the City of St. Louis will proceed with right of way acquisition. The right of way acquisition phase is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2020. In 2021, the City will submit a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) application to the East-West Gateway Council of Governments to secure federal funding of construction. The City expects to begin construction in the latter part of 2024.

PROJECT MATERIALS:

Any time after the design public hearing and before start of construction, maps, plats, environmental documentation, and other project detail information prepared by the City of St. Louis and their consultants will be available for public inspection and copying at the Office of the President, Board of Public Service, Room 301 City Hall. This project is being processed in accordance with federal rules and regulations. Plans are subject to review by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). If federal funds are used in right of way acquisition and/or construction, the percentage of federal funds used will be in accordance with current regulations".

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Please provide comments on the replacement of the Compton Avenue Bridge over Mill Creek Railyard with reference to the economic and social effects, its impact on the environment, and its consistency with the goals and objectives of the community.

Written statements and exhibits may be submitted at today's virtual hearing. Written statements and exhibits submitted to the Board of Public Service will be made a part of the public hearing transcript if received within 10 business days after the date of the hearing (September 24, 2020). For further information on this project, or to submit a comment or question, please contact Kevin Trapp, P.E., Project Manager, Board of Public Service at (314) 589-6606 or by emailing trappk@stlouis-mo.gov.