

Some features of Modified Concept A:

1. Retains the "split diamond" interchange for access to and from the future freeway. Eastbound traffic would exit the freeway near the west city limits onto existing US-54 and enter the freeway at Olive St. Westbound traffic would exit the freeway at Olive St and enter the freeway at Bay St. Approximately 5,000 feet separate the exits. The freeway entrance and exit ramps will be connected by two-way connector roads in the vicinity of Ohio St. and the existing US-54 highway. Traffic that exits the freeway would have to travel one or more of these roads through town to re-enter the freeway.
2. The highway will be elevated through a portion of the city, promoting better visibility of the city.
3. With the highway elevated, Main Street and Bay Street would cross under it, improving access to areas north of the highway and preserving Main Street as a business artery. This also preserves Bay as an important north-south route.
4. The roundabouts shown in the original Concept A (at the intersections of Kansas Ave. with Bay St. and Olive St.) have been eliminated.
5. Changing the configuration of the exit ramps into Greensburg tends to funnel traffic to Main Street. This may increase the likelihood that travelers will use businesses along or near Main Street.
6. Since the highway will be elevated, the bridges over the highway on Bay and Olive Streets have been removed, which will provide the following:
 - Eliminates the need for high bridge embankments along those streets.
 - Exiting and entering truck traffic won't have to climb the grade that bridges would have required to cross over the future US-54.
 - Allows more useable land and development area along Ohio Street and in the areas around the ramps. This is especially true for the area north of the westbound exit ramp.
 - Fewer properties will be directly affected by the roadway.
 - With the bridges removed, there will not be any railroad overpasses.
 - With the elevated highway there will be an embankment or retaining walls on each side of the road through part of the city. Details of the walls or embankments have not been determined.

Right of Way Update

KDOT has started working with property owners to acquire property potentially affected by the highway section that lies between Illinois and Ohio, within the city limits. We will continue developing the project so we can identify specific right-of-way needs for other portions of Modified Concept A. This includes the areas around the entrance and exit ramps and outside the city limits. As individual properties are identified as falling within the "footprint" of the proposed highway, KDOT will coordinate with Greensburg to begin discussions with each property owner about acquiring some or all of their property.

It's been challenging to locate property owners. If you own property that may be in the footprint of the highway and haven't been contacted, please call the Bureau of Right of Way toll-free at 1-877-461-6817.

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US-54 Concept Modified

In cooperation with Greensburg community leaders and residents, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has modified Concept A to better fit Greensburg's vision for the future.

A Little History

After the May 4 tornado, community planners asked the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to reconsider the US-54 south bypass recommended in the 2002 US-54/US-400 Location Design Concept Study. They wanted KDOT to consider a new route about midway between the current highway and railroad tracks three blocks to the north. At a town hall meeting on June 7, Assistant Secretary of Transportation Jerry Younger assured the audience that KDOT is committed to helping Greensburg achieve whatever future it envisions.

Two Concepts Developed

To help KDOT and Greensburg determine feasible options to consider for US-54, KDOT contracted with the engineering firm HNTB. HNTB's work yielded two concepts (A & B) that reflected Greensburg's general desire to have US-54 remain within town. Both concepts followed the same alignment parallel to the current US-54, midway between Ohio and Illinois streets. Each concept had one interchange - they differed in where the interchange was located and designed.

Concept A Selected

After extensive involvement of Greensburg community leaders and input from city residents, KDOT announced on June 28, 2007 that it had selected Concept A as the basis for developing a project to relocate US-54 in Greensburg. Concept A was preferred by many city leaders and residents because it provided the most desirable mix of visibility, access, and economic development opportunities.

Concept A has been modified

On July 17 and 18, FEMA hosted a two-day community Design Workshop. Some of the workshop discussions focused on refining Concept A to address some lingering concerns and make it more closely fit the unfolding visions for Greensburg. As a result, KDOT and its consultants worked closely with community leaders to update Concept A and called it "Modified Concept A." More information about Modified Concept A is on the back page of this brochure.

More Information

An illustration of Modified Concept A is available on the KDOT website at www.ksdot.org, under Projects and Studies. Persons with questions can contact Martin Miller, South Central District Public Affairs Manager in Hutchinson, at 620-663-3361 or toll-free at 1-877-550-5368.

Modified Concept A

The concepts depicted are for illustrative purposes as of August 22, 2007. The exact location, design, and right-of-way requirements have not been determined and these concepts should be considered preliminary and are not suitable for planning purposes.



A view of the corridor from west of US-183 to east of Greensburg

A closer view of the corridor in Greensburg

