



# Appendix D: Public Comments



# PROJECTS

## Summary of I-49 Capacity Project (155th St. to North Cass Parkway)

### MoDOT

Project Number:	1430
Organization:	MoDOT
Project Name:	I-49 Capacity Project (155th St. to North Cass Parkway)
City(ies), County(ies), State:	Grandview, Belton, Raymore, Missouri
Routes, interchanges and/or intersections:	I-49 from 155th St to North Cass Parkway
Primary Project Mode:	Highway/roadway
Supplementary Project Mode(s):	* Freight * Highway/Roadway ) This project will extend the third lane south from Grandview to the North Cass Parkway. This project will help alleviate congestion points in the corridor, improving vehicular flow and safety for travelers. I-49 is also a Tier 1 roadway in the statewide freight plan. This improvement will help freight move along this interstate corridor in a more efficient manner.
Project Purpose:	* System expansion (added capacity) )
Project Description:	This project is located in a rapidly expanding suburban area in the southern metro area. The rapid expansion of residential, commercial and industrial development in northern Cass County has lead to increased traffic volumes and congestion along the I-49 corridor. This project seeks to reduce congestion by removing a key bottleneck, reducing potential for ramp back-up onto the freeway, and improving travel times in coordination with plans put forward by local and regional agencies. We believe that reducing queues that impact the freeway and a reduction in congestion will improve safety along the corridor by reducing the crash rates and crash severity. The addition of capacity should also improve Goods Movement by improving the efficiency of freight movement on the interstate and access to and from the Centerpoint/KCS Intermodal Center.
Scope:	When traveling south on I-49, the third lane is dropped just south of 155th Street. Alternately, a third lane northbound begins just south of 155th Street. I-49 has an ADT of 68,810 and a truck volume of 9,917. This section of interstate is the 12 highest in the urban area for crashes and congestion. It is clear that the system is at capacity during the peak travel times, so additional capacity is necessary to address the congestion and crashes.
Funding Source:	MODOT

Total Budget in 2019 Dollars: \$34,200,000  
 Decade: Illustrative  
 Application Score: 86  
 Constrained / Illustrative: Illustrative  
 Priority: High  
 Adds Capacity: Yes

## Share your comments

We welcome your feedback on this. Comments from the public will be shared with project sponsors and the evaluating committee. If you wish to be contacted directly about your comment, please note this in the body of the comment. Comments can be viewed by all visitors.

Full name:

E-mail:

Zip code:

Comment:

Make comment public

## Verify that you are human:



What color is this dog's nose?

## Submitted comments

### Julie Cawley Hanson said...

*This project is definitely needed! I try to avoid it at rush hours because it is so bad. No time frames were given in the description, and I would be interested to know how it will be accomplished to minimize impact on the current congestion.*

7/1/2019 10:38:49 AM

### Melissa Schafer said...

*My family moved to raymore almost 6 years ago. I commute to downtown KC and my husband to Overland Park. Since moving here we have been saying that 49 needs to be three Lanes up to North Cass Parkway. This would reduce our commute time and general traffic frustration greatly! Thank you.*

7/1/2019 10:48:49 AM

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**Amy Wisner said...**

*I dread that drive home everyday due to the congestion at 155th St. This project would definitely improve the flow of traffic and make everyones commute so much easier.*

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**Mark Steven Eaves said...**

*Overpass connecting Lucy Webb Road and Cambridge Road between Raymore and Belton is badly needed to reduce traffic on 58 Highway!*

7/1/2019 11:07:41 AM

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*Overpass connecting Lucy Webb Road and Cambridge Road between Raymore and Belton is badly needed to reduce traffic on 58 Highway!*

7/1/2019 11:07:42 AM

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**Nick Moore said...**

*This will greatly help relieve congestion between 150 hwy and 58 hwy.*

7/1/2019 11:07:47 AM

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**Rachel Snooks said...**

*Please make this happen. The bottleneck congestion Southbound at rush hour is absolutely horrible. Extending it South to North Cass would alleviate so much.*

7/1/2019 11:11:53 AM

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**Rachel Ulmer said...**

*Absolutely essential and way overdue!*

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**Dan Carver said...**

*I couldnt tell you how many crashes Ive seen at 155th in the 12 years Ive lived in this area. I was floored when they didnt include this as part of the project a few years back. If I was a city/county official, this would*

*be a no-brainer. Protect the public? Increase quality of life? Reduce congestion for my community? Lets do this one.*

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**Tyler Friedrich said...**

*Please do this as soon as possible. Extending 49 highway to North Cass Parkway would make for a more smooth traffic flow, increase the quality of life for the people who rely on this commute, and most importantly should increase safety as the congestion of the highway should be almost eliminated by this change. I cannot imagine there would be a single negative to making this change, I believe everyone would be happy if this was completed.*

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**Mirma said...**

*Whatever you do please make allowances for public parking areas for Bus, carpooling and taxi connects that facilitate pick up or drop off near the highway enterances, please.*

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**Holly Nall said...**

*Congestion on this section of road is terrible. During rush hour the road is well over capacity. I appreciate the plan goes to North Cass so that traffic would be able to flow well past 58 hwy. I truly hope this project is funded. This congestion. Is going to continue to get worse.*

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**Melissa Mills said...**

*As a new resident of the lovely city of Raymore, the idea of extending the 3rd lane is music to my ears. Working in Westport, traffic is a daily struggle. Any improvement to the transit situation on 49 Southbound would be MUCH appreciated! (Wouldnt hate to see 58 Hwy expanded, too, but one battle at a time ;-)*

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**Theresa Benus said...**

*Most of the traffic congesting at 155th street gets off at 58 Hwy. Making the third lane through until N Cass will definitely alleviate the bottleneck since traffic significantly reduces south of 58 highway*

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**Michael Davis said...**

*This project is definitely overdue. As a former Police Officer in Belton I investigated many crashes including fatalities in this stretch of roadway. This will enhance public safety and bring business to the area due to better access.*

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**Jacob Tuck said...**

*Yes, the need for this is a necessity for those of us who travel this route daily getting home from work. This project needs to start immediately and be completed ASAP*

7/1/2019 12:26:26 PM

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**TERRI COX said...**

*This is a project that is long over due. It is difficult to drive this corridor, especially south bound, after 2:00 PM on weekdays. The traffic entering south bound 49 from HEY 150 is a constant flow and so right lane interstate drivers try to move left only to be almost hit by far left lane drivers merging into the next lane by merging right because of the left lane going out. Other far left lane drivers are speeding excessively so that they can cut in front at the end of t lane Traffic back up is too common and last for about 2+ miles. Please fix this soon.*

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**Miranda Parker said...**

*This would be amazing! Traffic along this stretch is horrible! It took me over 30 min one morning to get my son to daycare because of an accident on 49. I started taking backroads just to avoid it whenever possible. My husband commutes to KC for work and this would make life easier for so many people.*

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**Joyce Sampson said...**

*Expanding i49 to North Cass Parkway is a great plan But.. for the increased traffic south expanding the highway to Harrisonville would be more reasonable and practical. Due to the increased traffic flow, development, hospital and emergence access*

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**Amy Burkholder said...**

*This is desperately needed, but Id like to request zipper merge signage.*

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**Adam Campbell said...**

*We need traffic law enforcement! Its the wild west on 71/I-49. Dont push the bottleneck down to Peculiar, solve it with actual ingenuity. Add a dedicated lane for motorcycles &/or HOV. Build a real deal 2 lane bicycle path parallel the highway and tie it into a loop around KC. Make it just wide enough for a bobcat to plow or cover it with perforated bent/domed plastic for year round use. There are so many good ideas out there, adding more lanes is not one of them. If you are really dedicated to building more roads for cars, How about you connect cast parkway to Holmes? And why is this name 2050, the stuff should have been done 10 years ago?*

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**Sherry Golden said...**

*Yes! Extending the 3rd lane belong 155th Street will help reduce congestion so much. Driving home in the evening is a nightmare as traffic becomes a standstill as you approach 115th Street (southbound on I-49/71).*

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**James Lukens said...**

*I cuss every day with the way people cut you off because that lane ends. I have been saying the whole time” Why the hell didn't they continue that lane to past 58 hwy exit?” Rush hour is dangerous through there.*

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**Sandra Rutherford said...**

*The expansion to three lanes is critical to those who live in the southern part of KC. There have been too many accidents and deaths because of the bottleneck at 155th Street.*

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**Bethanie Burandt said...**

*This project is long overdue and will substantially help with the back-ups and congestion with northbound and southbound traffic.*

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**Chance Braley said...**

*This would be a great project to benefit the surrounding area. It needs to be built by union tradesmen and women.*

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**MELISSA HOGAN said...**

*This is long over due! Desperately needed to help with traffic!*

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**Melissa Craker said...**

*This is so needed . This should have been done years ago This will greatly reduce congestion and accidents*

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**Pat Doak said...**

*This project is long overdue. I avoid this section of I-49 whenever possible due to heavy congestion and drivers waiting to the last second to merge from the ending lane. The completion of this project would make this section of I-49 much safer.*

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**Ashley Leeper said...**

*Three lane expansion to Class Pkwy exit is much needed for the residents and for the passerby. It would be best if the heavy traffic near 155 through 58 hwy could find some relief. This could decrease stress level during the drive home as much traffic drops off at 58 hwy.*

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**Jim Slocomb said...**

*2050 ? How about 2019! The backup that occurs daily is going to get someone killed.*

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**Bill Martin said...**

*It would be greatly appreciated by this large and expanding community to complete this project with urgency. As a driver for a local senior citizen facility, I am frequently impacted by these backups especially evenings before holidays.*

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**Sean Craker said...**

*Why wasnt this done a few years ago when the Y hwy bridges were replaced? Ive been rear-ended in this area during the congestion and drive home in it every day. This lane expansion will help tremendously.*

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**Gordon Fowlston said...**

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**Lucas Broers said...**

*Hello, this improvement is MUCH needed! Along with the extra lane, the interchange at 58 hwy and 49 needs to be modified and or improved! The dual lanes on the on ramps are a joke! Also the right hand "turn" lanes are a joke! Lets get this interchange back to a more universal interchange! Straight on ramps with extended area at the bottom!*

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**Shannon Weichel said...**

*Yes, expanding the third lane is a definite must.*

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**Randy Horstman said...**

*Id like to see it all the way to Haarisonville, but cass pkwy is still better than it is now.*

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**Stephen Land said...**

*I want to let you know that I have been in full support of this idea. I very much thank you for considering this part of the highway. It has been very long overdue since becoming I-49 and before. One of my first memories when my family moved into the Raymore/Belton area was the amount of traffic in the area between 155th street and 150 hwy back when that was just a two way street going into Kansas back in 2000, I can never forget the scene where even then there was traffic backed up all the way over that hill on 150 one time we stayed at the old Super 8 motel that sat in the vicinity overlooking that stretch where it goes down to 2 lanes remembering wow this is pretty busy. Now hwy 150 is very congested bringing on heavy traffic from Exit 177. Now with the trucks coming off that exit due to the new warehouses and industrial markets built up, it forces people to move over to the fast innermost lane thus causing a backup since the lane ends only a mile or so away. This causes many issues as you have 2 lanes merging in on the left side as well as 2 lanes merging on the right since I consider 150s ramp to be its own lane volume wise during rush hour causing many hazards especially with the amount of trucks and other vehicles merging on to the highway. I have seen many accidents as a result and it is one of the most dangerous routes due to this along with the fact that people have to accelerate up a hill along a curve which causes cars to slowly make their way as they merge into 2 lanes. This also leads to many near accidents daily due to the slowdowns due to the hill going up towards 163rd street exit 175. Back in 2009 I saw the bridge project at 163rd street had a glimmer of hope that the highway would be widened or at least have some room for future widening along the middle of the highway as it was done from 155th to 435, but at the time I believe the project was just for 155th street. So as I drove over the years I knew that the area would grow as the area was growing rapidly, seeing the traffic now I noticed the congestion lasting longer and now the congestion reaches up to Main street on some days causing people to take the Frontage roads and leading back onto 150 causing the backups. The ramp to 58 helped a little but because the 3rd lane did not reach there it did not help as a lot of the volume of traffic still goes along the stretch of road between 155th and 58 hwy. One thing that I have noticed is that this is one of the only spots that KCscout will report as having heavy congestion as an incident as well, giving an estimated clearance time, I usually will only see this for accidents or road construction not congestion. I just wanted to let you know thank you I appreciate you guys looking into this and I wanted to let you know my experiences. I hope you guys take this into consideration so that a lot of lives can be saved in case the worst happens. I know this has been thought about for a while but I really hope that you are able to do this. I think everyone would be very thankful for this proposal.*

7/1/2019 11:14:57 PM

**Daniel Schantz said...**

*I used to drive that stretch of road every day, and now I only have to drive it a few times a week. That being said, I think that it would be a great idea to add the lane for at least the length stated. I've seen a few*

*accidents happen because it's so congested and people try to fly by everyone and cut people off. And in the summer it seems way worse*

7/2/2019 10:51:41 AM

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**Mark Miller said...**

*Needs to be done yesterday!!!!*

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**Tara Wedemeyer said...**

*Heck ya! Extend this ASAP! This is one of the biggest bottlenecks of the city!*

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**Paul Land said...**

*I am fully in favor of MDOT completing this proposal. There are several factors that are causing the issue: - The third lane ending. - There is a hill. - There is a curve that obscures drivers view as to what is ahead. - There is a southbound on-ramp from 155th Street. All of these contribute to the traffic being backed up to 150 Hwy or as far north as Main Street in Grandview! These issues exist on a day when the weather is good. Add in poor weather conditions, an accident, or just a stalled car and you can easily have traffic back-up all the past Main Street in Grandview or even to the Grandview Triangle! There have been so many accidents in this stretch of highway, too numerous to count. MDOT added the interchange at Cass Pkwy, MDOT added a long exit lane on southbound I-49 to 58 Hwy, and they replaced the overpass at Y Hwy. None of these solve the traffic issues that have plagued the southbound I-49 for many years! Please make this project happen as soon as possible. Hopefully, the traffic flow will not be impeded for too long as the construction of these changes take place. Changing the flow of traffic patterns in this way should decrease the amount of accidents in this area of I-49 and allow traffic to flow smoother. I'll just add that I wrote to MDOT 15 years ago with this idea and they told me they had other ideas that would solve the problem. Their ideas have not worked. Extend the third lane!*

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**Vicky Anderson said...**

*Adding the 3rd lane on I49 to N. Cass would be amazing. Ending the 3rd lane where it does today is a terrible bottleneck. Our town, Peculiar, is growing, just like this entire area. Improving the commute will be a welcome addition.*

7/4/2019 8:58:26 AM

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**Paul Kreutzer said...**

*As a resident of Raymore who uses I-49 this is needed as see to many issues where 3rd lane southbound currently ends, and would improve traffic flow thru the area northbound and reduce traffic accidents*

7/4/2019 9:02:33 AM

**Brian Davis said...**

*This was needed years ago. Congestion is only growing worse at peak times. Please make this a priority.*

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**Sheryl Dunham said...**

*The new construction project at 155 putting more warehousing on the old golf course are will bring more trucks to the 155th bridge. Every day there seems to be an accident as the merge lane and a curve in the road never seems to be a good combination. I realize that the construction will be horrible while going on and make things even worse and would hope if there were any way to speed the construction to completion it would be amazing to have the third lane all the way down. Knew there were lots of crashes but 12th highest is now BEFORE this new warehouse project opens.*

7/4/2019 11:32:26 AM

**Terri Wheeler said...**

*Long overdue project needed .Dont leave Peculiar out. The third lane needs to go to Harrisonville with the Flying J and Trucks will only create more problems if not done right .*

7/4/2019 12:54:44 PM

**Jim Petermann said...**

*MUCH IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENTS CURRENTLY LIMITING GROWTH OF AREA.58 & 49 AREA IS DISASTER DURING RUSH HOURS. 58 BRIDGE OVER 49 ALWAYS HAS TRAFFIC PROBLEMS WITH ACCIDENTS.*

7/4/2019 1:56:56 PM

**Eric Smith said...**

*Please support and fund this project. With the growth this are is seeing it is needed in so many areas. It will help with the congestion as already noted, however, it will allow for continued growth and support the local economies and compete with Johnson County Kansas.*

7/4/2019 3:57:52 PM

**Donna Cummings said...**

*This project is long overdue. I travel to and from the Plaza daily for work. Not only is my southbound trip through that area congestion and a safety issue but my north bound leg is now also getting congested and prone to accidents. A solution for the congestion on 58 highway needs to be considered as well.*

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**Phoebe Cameron said...**

*Weve lived here for 30 years. The traffic has gotten worse and worse. I drive this daily and the congestion is constant. A third lane would be fabulous.*

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**Darron Woy said...**

*I was amazed that this wasnt part of the 155th overpass project. It has been needed for decades and has only gotten much worse over the last few years. For peak times, it may even make sense to take the third lane all the way to MO7 South interchange as the population will only continue growing to the south.*

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**Joshua Walden said...**

*Please fix add an additional lane from 155th to Harrisonville. Build a pathway that can withstand future expansion. It is already horrible we have had to survive with the current situation for a decade. The 58 bridge is bad enough, but it is torture to commute to/from bannister office complexes let alone most other places in the city. Reduce road ragw from left lane last second merges. Increase happiness by not having an artificially created bottleneck to multiple towns with populations over 10,000 people. Please. I moved here after suffering through I-435 construction, it is safe to say this upgrade will be worth it for all commuters and long distance semis traveling to and from Springfield.*

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**Marcia Amrine said...**

*This is a great idea! This could reduce the congestion on I-49 especially during rush hour and Friday afternoon!*

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**Allyson Lawson said...**

*I support this project! This is vital to workers coming and going from the Kansas City area. I drive to Midtown KC every day and this, along with other points along 49/71 are such a headache.*

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**Cathy Jones said...**

*This project is desperately needed. It did no good to update the Grandview triangle only to get backed up a few miles down the road.*

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**Kenn Fritts said...**

*This improvement would be very important to commuters. This area becomes a bottleneck every workday afternoon. Having the third lane continue to North Cass would improve flow and keep motorists from taking alternate routes, which potentially hurts businesses along the corridor.*

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**Brandon McIntosh said...**

*The Interstate 49/ Route 58 Interchange Enhancement Project cannot be done without the premise of the I-49 Capacity Project (155th St. to North Cass Parkway) being done. The Interstate 49/ Route 58 Interchange Enhancement Project needs to have room for the extra lanes pre built and ready for the I-49 Capacity Project (155th St. to North Cass Parkway).*

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**Andrea F said...**

*This would make commuter life so much better for those of us south of the metro coming home in the evenings. Every single day there is congestion where the 3rd lane stops, which has caused multiple accidents.*

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**Bonnie Vail said...**

*Yes this road expansion needs to happen for I49 and 155th st. There is so much congestion and daily accidents that causes backup to 140th st in Grandview, for which my son was in a collision that could of taken his life. He was lucky he had an angel with him that day. Again I say this is beyond compasity and needs immediate attention as daily accidents continue. Save lives! Thank you.*

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**Philip Erickson said...**

*The third.lane should be added all the way to 7 HWY. Traffic is bad everyday to Harrisonville and is treacherous on the weekend with all of the lake traffic.*

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**Jeremey Byfield said...**

*I 49 is the immediate area of concern. The increased traffic going south creates a traffic nightmare. Making this 3 lanes to at least North Cass would help. As for 58 Highway fixing the lights so they are times in sequence rather than 3 green lights and one red would help the flow of traffic if all lights were green or red at the same time.*

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**Rebekah Tavares said...**

*I was raised in Belton my whole life then moved away for about 10 years. When I can back times have changed traffic has increased and the gridlock on the highway has worsened. We need the 3 lanes for sure as it will make for more safety and better traffic flow. And this needs to be done before the 49/58 exchange project.*

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**Jacob Mayberry said...**

*This needs to be three lanes. I commute from Raymore to Riverside everyday taking about 45-50 minutes because of traffic here. If I leave later and kiss the traffic I can make the trip in about 35 minutes. Most days there is an accident at the merge. This should have been fixed years ago.*

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**Colin Froelich said...**

*This project is vital to our communities continued growth.*

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**Kevin Dvorak said...**

*Continue I-49 3 lanes with right lane exit to 58 highway then I-49 2 lanes from 58 southward.*

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**Robert Morton said...**

*Way past time to address this.*

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**Deb McKown said...**

*Please fix this now! Way to much congestion and possible accidents. This would alleviate a lot of problems in that area*



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**Chelsea Joseph said...**

*Raymore is one of the fastest growing cities in the area. More and more commuters are added every year as the housing increases. Extending the third lane would be a major improvement and benefit all travelers on a daily basis.*

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**Dion Reihls said...**

*Reducing the amount of backup onto the hiway would reduce backup on to the freeway and significantly increase safety. Hopefully these improvements can happen sooner rather than later. Thank you for considering these enhancements.*

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**Kerrie Michael said...**

*Have thought this was needed for a long time. Please make this happen ASAP*

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**Joshua Henderson said...**

*This project is 15 years overdue!!! Need to make it 3 lanes all the way down to Harrisonville,MO TO the HWY 7 interchange.*

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**Jason L Rogers said...**

*This needs to happen as soon as yesterday!!!! I have to go through this part everyday and the bottleneck effect backs up the Interstate back to Main St. in Grandview by 4pm everyday. The region has grown so rapidly in the past 5 years. It is past time to make this project happen.*

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**Melissa S said...**

*This is extremely necessary and needed much sooner than a 2030 deadline. The bottleneck at 150 Hwy southbound to 155th is extremely dangerous. The zipper merge does not occur here, is improperly signaled,*

*and meshed with an entry lane, making the 'smoosh' impact highly frustrating. Fix this sooner than 2030.*

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**Kim Mishmash said...**

*I believe this is necessary to reduce some of the congestion and reduce accidents. Everyone tries to push the limits in the third lane creating someone getting hurt. The 3rd lane should have been created when the new bridge over 163rd street was being built a few years back. Another area of concern is Kelly Road which goes between 150th and 155th street. This is a cut thru street and is narrow with drop off edges. If it could be made a little wider that would help a bunch. People take Kelly Road since the highway is always backed up. It is a short cut to Belton and Raymore. Not sure who would handle this change, Belton, KC or Grandview.*

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**Kevin Rusnak said...**

*I total support adding a third lane. The traffic is terrible as well as increasing accidents because of not enough lanes. Please consider advancing this project quickly*

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**Stephen Hoffman said...**

*During my evening commute I typically exit 49 south at 150 to avoid the bottleneck of traffic that is always present. Please consider addressing the issue ASAP.*

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**Brock Thompson said...**

*I have lived in Raymore for 16 yrs and recognize it is a commuter city. My wife and I commute to Overland Park KS like many others. I have seen countless wrecks, road rage and close calls at this merger and what was once an exception seems like a bi-weekly occurrence. This needs to be prioritized before the planned warehouse and distribution centers are built between 150hwy and 58hwy. This area is growing at a tremendous rate and I49 needs to be expanded to 3 lanes down to at least Clinton to accommodate not only the warehouses, lake traffic during the summer months, but all of the growing commuter cities Raymore, Belton, Peculiar and Harrisonville.*

8/8/2019 7:46:05 PM

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**Bilbo Baggins said...**

*Waste of Money! People cant drive for shit around here!*

8/9/2019 3:52:18 PM

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**Robert Mayo said...**

*The additional capacity is not only necessary to relieve congestion, but it is also a public safety issue. Please do this as soon as possible.*

8/12/2019 4:04:28 PM

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**Chet Trutzel said...**

*Additional lanes are required sooner not later. The dangerous 3 lanes merging to 2 lanes creates a driving nightmare. When work was being done on now I49, it was apparent the the traffic load was already exceeding capacity. Failure to plan ahead has created a nightmare for residents and traffic in south Kansas City, Raymore, and Grandview.*

8/12/2019 7:43:29 PM

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**Todd Krass said...**

*I make this drive daily to and from work. Traffic delays and backup stretch all the way north to Grandview Main Street exit on a daily basis. Widening the interstate between 155th st and North Cass parkway is necessary not just for convenience and efficient transport of goods, it is a public safety issue. The number of accidents in the stretch of highway has increased dramatically over the past several years.*

8/15/2019 1:41:32 PM

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**Jessica Owens said...**

*I have been saying this needs to happen for years! It is always so congested in that area with how much the Belton area is growing. It would make it much safer for drivers too.*

8/15/2019 2:03:20 PM

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**Michael M said...**

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**Liam Dai said...**

*I think we should be looking at expanding public transit to these areas before go through the much greater expense of highway widening.*

8/16/2019 10:00:09 AM

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**Linda B said...**

*I support this project as the highway bottlenecks here and causes everyone to slow down. This definitely makes since and will create a safer highway.*

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**Jacob Lowe said...**

*"Improving" (adding) capacity to "solve" congestion only "improves" (increases) the capacity of congestion. Adding lanes wont solve the problem. If a commenter states that their commute is too long or slow, they should live closer to their place of work...theyre the ones that choose to live so far away. Throwing thirty plus millions of dollars at this project would be an absolute waste of money that could have funded a much greater number of small/low budget, high impact, and high return-on-investment projects.*

8/18/2019 3:18:39 PM

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**Judy Weinkauff said...**

*I support this project. Also need traffic lights synchronized.*

8/19/2019 5:44:13 AM

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**Karen Fletcher said...**

*I support this project. Three lanes all the way to No Cass Pkwy would help alleviate congestion*

9/3/2019 8:01:18 PM

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**Tim Raney said...**

*I feel this project should happen sooner. To help with the high school traffic thru the Rock Creek community.*

3/22/2020 9:31:53 AM

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**Jon Gallion said...**

*The current roadway does not have sidewalks and is the main road through Basehor. This is a serious safety issue. This project would eliminate the problem.*

5/14/2020 10:34:33 AM

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