

MoDOT's position on a proposed new interchange on U.S. 65 north of U.S. 60 in Springfield:

A key requirement for approval by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission is that a new interchange ties into streets that connect to the larger community. Any reasonable option will be considered if connectivity is present. It is up to Springfield and Greene County and the Ozark Transportation Organization to determine a connection that makes sense within the overall major thoroughfare plan for the area. The decision should take into account the metro area's growth patterns and connectivity needs, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries. It is appropriate for the city and county to work through the OTO, whose purpose under federal law is to coordinate transportation planning for the Springfield metro area.

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