

RESOLUTION #2023-21

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILDWOOD, MISSOURI, REQUESTING THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS SUPPORT, FUND, AND IMPLEMENT IMPROVEMENTS TO OLD STATE ROAD WITHIN THE CITY OF WILDWOOD TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS AND RESTRICT LARGE TRUCKS USING OLD STATE ROAD BETWEEN STATE ROUTE 109 AND OLD FAIRWAY DRIVE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Wildwood acknowledges its responsibility to promote safety for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists on the City's roadways including Old State Road; and

WHEREAS, the portion of Old State Road from Ridge Road to State Route 109 is deficient with regard to current roadway standards, has sharp horizontal curves, insufficient sight distance, lacks adequate stormwater drainage, lacks shoulders, and does not allow for the safe passage of pedestrian and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, in order to address these concerns and determine the future improvements to Old State Road, between Ridge Road to Old Fairway Drive, the City partnered with St. Louis County and the City of Ellisville to engage an engineering firm which completed a conceptual plan of the road, which recommended reconstruction and widening, a new shared use path and intersection improvements at Old Fairway and at Ridge Road; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, to improve pedestrian safety, the City of Wildwood completed a capital improvement project to install a new sidewalk along the north (west) side of Old State Road between Ridge Road to Old State Place, which included a new crosswalk over Old State Road south of Ridge Road; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, to improve pedestrian safety, the City of Wildwood partnered with St. Louis County to install rapid flashing beacons at the crosswalk over Old State Road south of Ridge Road; and

WHEREAS, to fund the construction of a new roundabout on Old State Road at Ridge Road, in 2018 and 2021, the City partnered with St. Louis County and the City of Ellisville in unsuccessful efforts to apply for federal funding; and

WHEREAS, to improve the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists, the City has obtained federal funding in 2021 and plans to construct a new shared use path along the north (west) side of Old State Road between Old State Place and Nantucket Island Drive beginning in 2024; and

WHEREAS, local residents continue to express concerns regarding speeding traffic, and the safety of motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists on Old State Road within Wildwood; and

WHEREAS, the City, in response to resident concerns, has previously requested that the St. Louis County Department of Transportation and Public Works restrict Old State Road from large trucks between State Route 109 and Old Fairway Drive; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2023, the Administration and Public Works Committee discussed and reviewed the safety of Old State Road, and recommended that the City Council pass a resolution recommending that St. Louis County take additional actions to improve the safety of Old State Road; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the need to continue efforts and actions that will improve the safety of Old State Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILDWOOD, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. The City Council hereby recommends that the St. Louis County Department of Transportation and Public Works restrict Old State Road from large trucks between State Route 109 to Old Fairway Drive.

Section Two. The City Council hereby recommends that the St. Louis County Department of Transportation and Public Works program and implement improvements that will improve the safety of motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists on Old State Road.

Section Three. The City Council hereby recognizes that funding is limited, and therefore recommends that the St. Louis County Department of Transportation and Public Works apply for federal funding or other funding sources to implement improvements to Old State Road.

Section Four. The City Council hereby requests that these recommendations be implemented promptly to mitigate the risks and challenges presented by the current condition of Old State Road within the City of Wildwood.

Section Five. The City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this resolution to the County Executive of St. Louis County, to the members of the St. Louis County Council, and to the Director of the County Department of Transportation and Public Works for their consideration and appropriate action.

Passed and resolved by the Council of the City of Wildwood, Missouri this 13th day of November, 2023.

CITY OF WILDWOOD, MISSOURI

By: 
James R. Bowlin, Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk