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## City of Rolla makes progress with Move Rolla Transportation Development District and launches new website

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The City of Rolla, in partnership with Missouri University of Science and Technology, Phelps County Regional Medical Center, and the Missouri Department of Transportation, has kicked off the Move Rolla Transportation Development District (TDD) program. A majority of the property owners within the Move Rolla Transportation District voted in January 2017 to impose a 1 cent transportation sales tax that is estimated to generate approximately \$35 million for transportation infrastructure investment. The vision established for the TDD is to develop a transportation system that meets the needs of all people and modes and promotes a safe, healthy community and economic opportunities for the next 20 years.

A website has been set up at [www.moverollatdd.com](http://www.moverollatdd.com) to keep the public up to date on information about the five-year transportation program. The website serves as a source of information for program background, project status, schedules and a place to leave comments or questions for the project team. Individuals can sign up for project newsletters on the website that will be sent via email through the course of the program. The City of Rolla may also use Facebook and Twitter for immediate communication updates.

Since the vote has passed, the City of Rolla and core team of partners and contractors have started planning, design and construction of projects. Already underway is the Highway 72 extension between US 63 and I-44. Construction began in December 2017 and is expected to be complete by the end of 2018. Other projects in the planning and design phase include:

- Kingshighway from I-44 to US 63 to improve access management, mobility, safety and aesthetics.

- I-44 Pedestrian Bridge at University Ave to design and build a new pedestrian bridge across I-44.
- Bishop Avenue and University Drive are in the planning phase for improvements. Potential improvements include University Drive realignment and Bishop Avenue updates to improve traffic flow, enhance pedestrian access and upgrade safety.

A public meeting will be scheduled in the summer to gather input, and discuss the program with the project team.

The Move Rolla TDD is focused on implementing the projects, over a five-year period. Projects were initially identified in the 2015 Move Rolla Strategy. Goals of the project include:

- Develop a safe and convenient transportation environment
- Promote alternative mobility choices
- Develop a transportation system that promotes economic opportunities
- Creates a sense of place

For more information on the Move Rolla TDD, please contact Steve Hargis, PE, Public Works Director at (573) 364-8659 or [shargis@rollacity.org](mailto:shargis@rollacity.org). Additional project background can be found on the project website: [www.moverollatdd.com](http://www.moverollatdd.com).



