

CHAPTER II  
PRELIMINARY DESIGN

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Gentlemen:

**SUBJECT:** Design, Route 37, Lawrence/Barry Counties  
0.8 miles West of Route 97, South to Route 60  
Route 60 Barry County, Route 97 to Route 37 (Monett)  
Location and Design Public Hearing

Attached is a transcript of comments from an open format public hearing concerning the location and design for the above routes. The hearing was held at the Monett Municipal Airport on May 23, 1996. Approximately 63 people attending the hearing, including State Representative Linda Bartelsmeyer.

The projects will improve Route 37 from Pierce City to Route 60 at the intersection of existing Routes 97/60, and improve Route 60 from the intersection of Route 97/60 to Route 37 in Monett. Both projects will provide two 12-foot lanes with eight-foot shoulders and a grade separation structure over the Burlington Northern Railroad and bridge over Clear Creek on Route 37.

Existing Bridge T-619 on Route 97 over Clear Creek will be rehabilitated as part of the Route 37 project before being removed from the state system.

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We recommend existing Route 37 between Pierce City and Monett be retained in the state highway system and remarked as a lettered route. The program includes a project to widen and stabilize shoulders on existing Route 37 between Pierce City and Monett.

There is consensus, for the most part, with the public and city officials of Monett for both projects. The only adverse comments came from the city officials and business people of Pierce City.

We recommend approval for the location and design as presented at the public hearing with the addition of a three-lane section on Route 60 in Monett as a result of comments received from the hearing.

Sincerely,

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