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TOO MUCH TRAFFIC – A SIGN OF PROSPERITY

The City of Raymore, Missouri has the heart of a rural community with the growth of a big city suburb. The growth in the area has overwhelmed the roads with larger than expected traffic flows—a sign of prosperity in the region. Currently, the City is in the process of improving the collector streets in an effort to provide safer and more efficient traffic corridors that will support continued growth. Several main thoroughfares throughout the City are being evaluated and improved.

Lucy Webb Road is a major East-West bypass of the overcrowded 58

Highway. Lucy Webb also functions as the main track through Raymore's residential areas. With the



concentration of several subdivisions along this stretch of Lucy Webb Road, a design was needed that would bring the street up to the latest City's standards, maintain integrity of the homeowners' properties, and be a successful retrofit in this established area. Larkin Group, Inc. completed the original design of Lucy Webb in 1989 and now returns to Raymore to address the increased traffic due to the growth experienced in the past few years. To complement the skills of Larkin engineers, Larkin has teamed with Wilbur Smith Associates to provide traffic

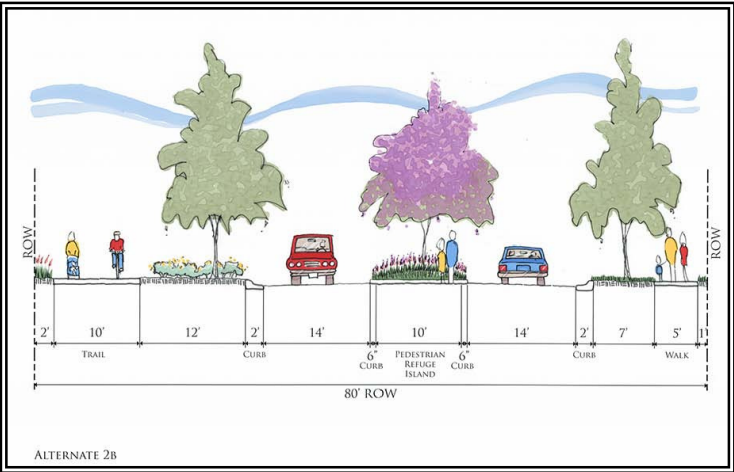
projections, and intersection design. Patti Banks Associates was utilized for their public involvement and landscaping design skills.



The Larkin team conducted public meetings with area residents to discuss plans for the improvements. The City's proposed improvements included

sidewalks, on-street bike lanes and a bike path; however, during the public meetings, residents showed little interest in the on-street bike lanes. The residents showed more interest in allowing space for landscaping enhancements to keep the neighborhood feel and ease traffic speeds on the road.

The approved preliminary design includes approximately 6,400 linear feet of 2 or 3-lane varying road width with a sidewalk on one side and a bike/hike path on the other. The intersection at Lucy Webb Road and South Madison Street will also be improved and set up for traffic signals when they become warranted. The \$2.5-million project is due for completion in the fall of 2008.



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