

CLARK COUNTY - Route 61 & Route 136 Alexandria, MO



RAISING THE ROAD

NEMO CL7

Why is this a priority for the NEMO TAC?

- The road needs to be raised from the levee to the Des Moines River Bridge to allow travel during times of high water.
- According to MoDOT data and published news reports the roadway has been closed numerous times in the past decade, including once this spring, twice in 2019 and as many as five times back in 2010.

ABOUT THE PROJECT...

- Approximately 2.4 miles of road
- Traffic Volume (ADT) - 4,949
- Truck Percentage - 17.2%
- 5-Year Accident Rate - 126.1 (27 accidents; 2 disabling injuries)
- 2019 #1 Ranked by TAC



NEEDS LIST RANKINGS

(as compared to other TAC projects)

- Traffic Volume - #3
- Truck Percentage - #10
- Accident Rates - #5



CURRENT STATUS

Was mentioned at the fall 2019 NEMO RPC TAC meeting as likely to be added to the new 2021-2025 STIP.



PREVIOUS TAC RANKINGS

- 2019 - Ranked #1
- 2018 - Ranked #9 (tie)
- 2017 - Ranked #7
- 2016 - Ranked #6



HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN A TAC PRIORITY?

The need first appeared on public radar back in 2010 when raising the road was mentioned by the NEMO RPC in the Quincy Herald-Whig.

Where this project ranks among fellow TAC Needs list projects

TRAFFIC VOLUME

1. Business 63 north Turn Lane - 7,700 -9,777
2. Highway 63 N 4 lanes to Iowa - 1,942 - 7,583
3. Route 136/61 Alexandria Raised - 4,949
4. Turn Lane Highway 136 in Kahoka - 3,826
5. Route 15 / Madison St. intersection in Memphis - 3,398
6. Route 6 / Route 16 intersection visibility - 3,113



In the News...

- [US 61 in Alexandria, Missouri closed again due to flooding](#)
5/20/2019 WGEM News
- [MODOT Could Elevate Flooded Highway in Clark County](#)
7/10/2014 TriStates Public Radio
- [Major Highway Upgrades Announced at NEMO Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting](#) 2/6/2020 Memphis Democrat
- [No improvements likely for U.S. 136/61; river water has forced closure of road near Alexandria five times](#) Quincy Herald-Whig 9/2/2010

What they are saying about the project...

"Just raising the road is not just a highway issue," Gough said. "You have to deal with other agencies and what other issues you would cause to drainage if you raised the road. Drainage districts, Corps of Engineers ... you have to look at your entire pattern of drainage in the area." Priorities are also at issue in any improvements, Gough said: "It would have to be prioritized as a high need in comparison with all the other transportation needs in Northeast Missouri." - Paula Gough, MoDOT District Engineer Sept. 2, 2010 article Quincy Herald-Whig

