Redefine Route 9
July 2026 Project Update Summary

Project Overview

The City of Parkville started the Redefine Route 9 project in late 2024 with the intent to improve the Route 9 and Downtown street configurations to better serve the community, while accommodating existing and proposed traffic in newer developed areas west of Downtown. The City hired GBA and Confluence to assist with the engineering, design, and engagement related to the project. Since 2024, the project has included:

- **Engaging a Steering Committee** *(3 meetings hosted to date)*
- **In-Person Public Workshops** *(March 2025 and December 2025)*
- **Discussions with Downtown Merchants** *(2+ formal meetings, multiple monthly updates)*
- **Interactive Online Engagement Website** *(Launched in 2025 and has been a hub for input and information)*

Concluding the first phase of engagement, in which six concepts were proposed, the Board of Aldermen voted to move forward with the Concept B design. Phase 2 of the design process included drafting preliminary construction and design documents for review by BNSF and Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) in order to move forward with the project. These documents were submitted to these organizations in late 2025 and the City recently received comments back in June 2026. These documents take extensive amounts of time to review and provide comment to, which has resulted in a pause in progress as the City has awaited feedback. Pending these comments, and any necessary updates to the construction and design documents, the City and its partners will be able to progress in the Redefine Route 9 submittal and process. More on these processes are discussed on the following page.

Redefine Route 9 Project Goals

Provide an Enhanced Pedestrian-Friendly Environment

Explore placemaking opportunities to create new spaces available for pedestrian use including streetscape amenities, crosswalks, trail connections, and traffic-calming measures.

Support Downtown Economic Development + Community Events

Create solutions that bolster area economic development opportunities while accommodating large event crowds and related vehicular/pedestrian circulation.

Improve Traffic Flow To and Through Downtown Parkville

Fix the existing triangle entry to Downtown, improve east-west and truck route traffic flow through the area, and maintain two existing railroad crossings connecting to the riverfront.

SCAN THE CODE or TYPE IT IN

To visit the project website and learn more about Redefine Route 9.

Engagement & Survey website:
https://engage.thinkconfluence.com/parkville-route-9

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REDEFINE ROUTE 9
Enhancing Pathways Through Parkville

01 PRELIMINARY PLAN

Completed, Fall 2025

Review of site conditions, initial design concepts, public engagement, and preferred concept direction (Concept B).

COMPLETED

1. Engineer prepares and submits to the City for approval.
2. The City submits the preliminary plans to MoDOT.
3. Preliminary plans have been submitted to MoDOT for review.

02 RIGHT-OF-WAY PLANS

Underway, Summer 2026

Develop Right-of-Way Plans (Preliminary ROW Plans) to define areas necessary to construct and maintain roadways, access points, and intersections. Additional review and approval from MoDOT is needed here to move forward with the rest of the project. The chart below highlights where Redefine Route 9 is in the MoDOT approval process for Right-of-Way Plans. Each step of the process must be completed in order to move forward to the next phase.

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1. Preparing Preliminary ROW Plans for MoDOT submittal.

NEXT STEPS

2. Receive MoDOT comments, revise and update ROW Plans as needed.
3. Final ROW Plans and environmental documents have been approved by MoDOT.
4. The City requests an "A-Date" and the project waits for FHWA to obligate funds as needed.
5. ROW Funds are obligated and the "A-Date" is approved by MoDOT.
6. ROW and easement acquisition process begins.
7. All acquisitions completed and ROW is cleared.

03 FINAL PLANS

Coming Soon, Spring 2027

Complete check of plan elements, coordinate with team for review and specification documents to complete estimates of bid items, quantities, and unit prices. Gather final approvals and funding from organizations as needed to complete plan documents and move forward with construction. The chart below details the steps needed to complete a Local Federal-Aid Project through MoDOT. Each step must be completed in order to move forward to the next phase.

COMPLETED

1. Local Public Agency's (LPA) planning process.
2. MoDOT programming process.

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3. Environmental/Cultural/Historic Clearance Process, ROW, and Preliminary Plans are submitted for review.

NEXT STEPS

4. Final plans, specifications, and estimates are prepared.
5. Letting plans and contract proposal process.
6. Construction bidding and contracting process.
7. Construction process.
8. Audit process.