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Victory for Clarkson Road: MODOT to Remove Controversial Curb Bump Outs

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Residents of Chesterfield and surrounding communities can look forward to safer and more accessible roads, as the Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT) has announced plans to remove the controversial curb bump outs along Clarkson Road. State Representative Ben Keathley confirmed that MODOT will soon release a timeline for removal, with work potentially beginning as early as this summer.

This decision represents a significant victory for local safety and community input. Initially installed as traffic calming measures, the curb bump outs instead posed serious hazards by narrowing shoulder space, complicating snow removal, restricting emergency vehicle access, and creating challenges for cyclists and traffic pullovers.

“After hearing from concerned residents and holding a February hearing on HB 665—the legislation I introduced to ensure communities have a say in such projects—MODOT acknowledged their oversight in failing to properly notify local governments, law enforcement, and emergency services before installation,” Keathley, R-Chesterfield, said. “They have since apologized and committed to rectifying the issue.”

Keathley’s office has worked extensively to document safety concerns and engage directly with MODOT leadership to advocate for the bump outs’ removal. The recent announcement from MODOT reflects their willingness to listen and act in the best interests of the community. MODOT will provide an official public statement soon.

“I want to thank the residents who voiced their concerns, the cities of Wildwood and Clarkson Valley for supporting HB 665, and the citizens who submitted testimony,” Keathley continued. “A special thanks to my dedicated legislative staff and House Transportation Committee Chair Josh Hurlbert for their collaboration in raising awareness and securing this outcome. Together, we’ve ensured that Clarkson Road will soon be safer and more functional for all.”

*State Representative Ben Keathley, a Republican, represents part of St. Louis County (District 101) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2022. For more information, please contact Rep. Keathley's office at 573-751-1247 or by email at **Ben.Keathley@House.Mo.Gov**.*

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