Marine Highway M-29

Sponsors: The Port Authority of Kansas City and Missouri DOT

Supporters: Kansas DOT, the Mid-America Regional Council, St. Joseph Area Transportation Study Organization, Missouri Department of Economic Development, the Inland River Ports and Terminals Association and the Nebraska City Dock Board.

Landside Routes Served: I-29, I-35, I-70, and I-49

Route Description:
The M-29 Marine Highway Route establishes a connection between the middle section of the Missouri River in Sioux City, Iowa and the M-70 Marine Highway Route at Kansas City, Missouri.

Attributes:
Kansas City is a regional freight hub and home to the Nation's second largest rail center and third largest trucking center. The M-29 Route will provide a third transportation option for regional freight movement between Kansas City's intermodal infrastructure and shippers in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Minnesota. It has the potential to contribute to a safe, cost efficient and environmentally sustainable regional transportation system.

Increasing freight transportation on the Missouri River, both north to Sioux City, Iowa and east to the Mississippi River, can serve to slow freight traffic growth on local roads, interstate highways, railroads and bridges in the surrounding counties. The M-29 Route will provide a crucial linkage to the larger M-70 Route, serving areas previously unconnected to that Route, as well as strengthening the M-70 Route itself by encouraging increased utilization. This will ease congestion between Missouri and Kansas, in other cities adjacent to the Missouri River such as Omaha, Nebraska and Sioux City, Iowa, and throughout the Midwest region in general.

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Data Sources:
1. International Boundaries: IPUMS
   (https://international.ipums.org/international/gis.shtml)
2. Bathymetry data: Michael Baker International
3. Marine Highways: MARAD/DOT