City Residents, Aldermen Gather To Criticize South County Connector

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ST. LOUIS (KMOX) - Several dozen St. Louis residents gathered at Southwest Baptist Church in south St. Louis Monday night to discuss the South County Connector project and ask Mayor Francis Slay to stop it.

The meeting was for informational purposes but it was clear most citizens there already knew about the project and its plan to cut through a city park.

“It seems to me that this is a project that they’re going to spend 110 to 150 million dollars on that doesn’t take people anywhere they already can’t go,” one woman said.

“Well, the primary concern is the amount of traffic increase that’s going to be basically dumped on River Des Peres Boulevard,” a man added.

The plan calls for a four-lane, divided roadway to connect mid- and south St. Louis County. Maplewood’s City Council last month officially opposed the proposal and Great Rivers Greenway has also expressed concerns about what is being branded as a “boulevard” which would run from Hanley Rd. through River Des Peres Blvd.

Resident Ron Zimmer says he is concerned that more roadway negates the chance of any future MetroLink expansion.

“A MetroLink extension would address the very problem they’re talking...
about because people
could then get to south [St.
Louis] County by
MetroLink, all the way into
Clayton,” he said.

Zimmer says the
Connector project would
undermine the $700
million the city and county
have already invested in
MetroLink.

St. Louis Alderman Scott
Ogilvie ran the meeting
and says he thinks public
engagement could halt the
project.

“In my opinion, because of
the city’s charter – taking park space takes a public vote in the city
charter – I think it requires a public vote and I think this would be a
tough sell in a public vote in the city,” he said.

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