

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is proposing to improve and/or relocate the existing alignment of SR 44 between Pierce Road and US 198 in Columbia, Mississippi.

The current SR 44 route passes through a residential area and a section of Columbia where several public service providers are located, including the local hospital, health department, and City public works.

The purpose and need of the SR 44 re-alignment and intersection improvements is:

1. Improve access between US 98 and the Airport/Industrial Park to accommodate economic development anticipated from the Industrial Park, Airport, and area growth
2. Improve access to area schools with a more direct route between US 98 and SR 44 to minimize school traffic through residential areas
3. Improve safety on SR 44 and US 98 by improving alignments and intersections to better accommodate large trucks and buses on these roads
4. Relieve traffic congestion on SR 44 and US 98 by re-aligning or relocating the existing route

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