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A board shows a prospective route for the proposed South County Connector on display at a Trailnet meeting on May 8, 2013. (KMOX/Michael Calhoun)

ST. LOUIS (KMOX) - St. Louis aldermen are holding a public meeting Monday night to discuss the [South County Connector](#) road project.

The four-lane, divided roadway to connect mid- and south St. Louis County has its fair [share](#) of critics.

Maplewood's City Council last month officially [came out against](#) the proposal and Great Rivers Greenway later in the month [expressed concerns](#) about what's now being branded as a "boulevard" which would run from Hanley Rd.

through River Des Peres Blvd.

St. Louis Alderman Scott Ogilvie says, because of the name, a lot of people don't realize that up to a third of the roadway would cut through the City.

"I think there is a lot of details in the project that you need to some time to digest," he says. "We just want to make sure that people have an opportunity to see exactly where this goes, exactly what the impacts might be."

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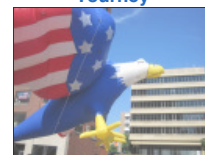
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Maplewood believes the county's cost estimate of \$110 million is "woefully underestimated."

David Wrone, spokesman for the St. Louis County Department of Highways and Traffic, said last month that county officials are undeterred.

"We are looking at this as a regional benefit. Maplewood is looking at it on more of a micro level," he told KMOX News. "If we required a hundred percent support nothing would get built, ever. We would be a grassy series of hills and plains."

Ogilve's colleagues Donna Baringer and Joe Vaccaro will also be at tonight's meeting. It begins at 7 p.m. at Southwest Baptist Church on Scanlon Ave.

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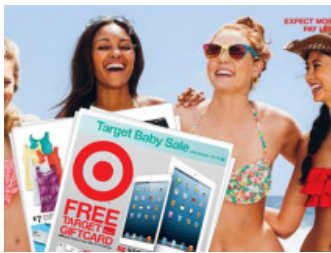
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