



WHY A RIVER WALL?

Three concepts for a “gateway” to St. Charles were presented at the conceptual plan open house in July of 2013. Respondents selected *Gateway Historic Concept #2* - a steel archway* over the road - but based on their feedback, there was public concern about the:

- **Need for a stronger design that creates a clear “entrance” to the city;**
- **Cost of construction and upkeep for the archway; and**
- **Competition with surrounding visuals, signal heads, and landscape above the roadway.**

Based on that feedback, the project team created the River Wall as a gateway alternative, which:

- **Creates a stronger visual and longer “entrance” to the city;**
- **Has a similar cost for construction and upkeep compared to the archway and is an overall better use of long-term capital investment; and**
- **Does not compete with current traffic signals, lighting, signage, and trees above the roadway.**

**See “Station #10: Possible Additions” to learn more about the Steel Arch Gateway.*