



Frequently Asked Questions

1.) Is this just another way to establish tolling on I-70 and other interstate highways?

No, there is no preconceived plan to institute tolls in Missouri. This effort is about looking at the universe of innovative technologies and innovative funding mechanisms that could help us address one of the state's greatest needs – improving Interstate 70. We have examined tolling before, and it gained no traction. It could still be an idea that is brought to us by others, but we know there are many other innovations out there and we look forward to reviewing them.

2.) Why is MoDOT launching this initiative?

Since increased revenue for transportation through conventional means has failed to gain momentum, it's time to look at the problem of insufficient funding from a different perspective.

Being bold is one of MoDOT's seven core values as an organization. It has served the department well over time, and it will lead us to success in the future.

Being bold means being flexible, taking risks and being innovative in the pursuit of excellence. It is that spirit that has established MoDOT as a national leader. Regardless of what the future holds, whether we have sufficient funds or not, we will continue to be diligent, be innovative and take risks.

We believe being innovative and taking risks could hold benefits for the future. MoDOT is looking for any and all ideas that will lead to either an increase in revenue or a way for us to more efficiently handle traffic. Our transportation system needs to be updated so that it can accommodate changes that the future holds.

3.) Do you have any preliminary interest?

Different groups have made various proposals and presentations to MoDOT in the past. For this initiative, all interested parties and submitted ideas will undergo the same review process. Ideas can be submitted at www.modot.org/road2tomorrow

MoDOT is open to any and all ideas that may come in. They will all be looked at and evaluated. There is no idea too big or small. Also, this is not just a technology initiative.



We are looking for any and all ideas that would be related to transportation. This includes public-private partnerships or other funding mechanisms.

4.) *How will things like autonomous vehicles and GPS help solve a funding issue?*

We do not know, but it's the same question we are asking. With technology continuously evolving, are there new, innovative opportunities to help fund the next generation transportation system? These are precisely the ideas and concepts MoDOT is seeking with this announcement. MoDOT believes that by looking at what is being developed today, we will be better prepared for future implementation of these features.

5.) *Is this initiative limited to only Interstate 70?*

Ideas and proposals should include an approach to improve I-70. However, MoDOT will consider how creative uses of technology and innovation at other locations could potentially benefit I-70 and the rest of the MoDOT system.

6.) *What will MoDOT's role be in a public/private partnership?*

MoDOT has a dedicated team to review proposals and ideas submitted for the initiative. MoDOT's long-term role in any public-private partnership will depend on the different models and approaches that are submitted. As owner of the state highway system, MoDOT will maintain ultimate oversight on any project.

7.) *Are any other states doing this? Is MoDOT really the first state to ask this question?*

Other states are looking at innovation and technology to be implemented into their systems. Missouri is the first state to open up a corridor as large as I-70 for the purpose of testing and implementing new technologies and strategies.

8.) *If I submit an idea that is proprietary in nature, how do I know that it will not be made public?*

All ideas that are submitted will be looked at and reviewed with the utmost confidentiality. The only people who will be looking at the submittals will be the team members, and a select few who will be called upon to review for their expertise related to the submittal. These people will also understand that confidentiality is key.



Once an idea has been looked at and is found to be feasible, then we will schedule presentations with MoDOT leadership. These too will be confidential.

9.) *What is needed in order to submit an idea? How developed does it need to be?*

For the initial submittal, there needs to be enough information for the team to understand what the intent is. That being said, it would be helpful to have as much information as possible. This way, the team can review the proposals with full knowledge of the intent and the reach of what the idea is.

10.) *How can I submit an idea?*

Visit the project website at www.modot.org/road2tomorrow and complete the online form to submit information about your idea. There is also an area with details about the members of the team who will be evaluating these ideas, as well as contact information if you would like to discuss aspects of your idea either over the phone or through email.