



Time to Think Differently ... “Road to Tomorrow”

- The Missouri Department of Transportation is making Interstate 70 across the midsection of our state available to the nation and the world as the laboratory to construct the next generation of highways.
- We’re issuing a call for private industry, entrepreneurs and innovators to bring their products and ideas to the birthplace of the interstate highway and collaborate with MoDOT to build the first section of the highway of the future. It’s only appropriate that the re-birth of the interstate highway begin at its birthplace.
- MoDOT has assembled a multidisciplinary team to interface with private partners. Missouri has no preconceived plan. There are no bad ideas.
- Just as design-build projects over the last decade have produced insights and innovations that could not have previously been imagined, the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission believes that offering free reign to human creativity and a designated site for implementation will generate the very best in American ingenuity.
- At a time when the nation and Missouri wrestle with how to fund reconstruction of this great interstate system, this effort must be focused not only on new technologies but new means of funding transportation. For instance, will the highway of the future be subscription-based in order to provide additional services to benefit both commercial and passenger car use? New technologies offer new opportunities for funding.
- Even as Missouri seeks to boldly go where we have not gone before, it must also keep its feet firmly rooted in the realities of the moment. **“Road to Tomorrow”** is years – maybe decades – away. In the interim Missouri must continue to find ways to preserve its current system. A modest increase in the gas tax remains the most viable means to that end.
- For more information, or to contact the **“Road to Tomorrow”** team, visit www.modot.org/road2tomorrow.

