

Interstate 70 in Missouri

251 miles border to border



Within 10 miles of Interstate 70 in Missouri, there are:

- 67,535 Census Blocks
- 1,540 churches
- 1,506 schools (public and private)
- 364 public-use buildings
- 337 cemeteries
- 220 interchanges
- 220 parks
- 77 radio towers
- 74 U.S. Post Offices
- 69 public-use airports
- 66 hospitals
- 39 colleges and universities
- 38 lakes

Nation's first interstate construction contract was issued for a section of I-44 in Missouri.

- The first construction project on the interstate system in the nation began with a section of I-70 in St. Charles.
- The Missouri I-70 corridor carries more than 31,500,000 tons of freight annually, with a value of more than \$59 billion.
- Within three miles of Interstate 70 are 19 percent of the state's businesses (45,670) and 25 percent of state's jobs (722,591).
- This is the 30th anniversary of the 1985 World Series between the Kansas City Royals and the St. Louis Cardinals. It was nicknamed the "I-70 Series" because St. Louis and Kansas City are the two endpoints of I-70 in Missouri and the highway passed both the Cardinals' Busch Stadium and the Royals' Kauffman Stadium.

Rural I-70 Notes

200 miles from Wentzville to Independence

- Designed and constructed from 1956-65. 20-year design life with expected ADT of 12,000-18,000 vehicles per day.
- Most rural sections today carry an average of 28,000 vehicles per day with 10,000-13,000 trucks.
- Tiered EIS completed in 2006. Reconstruct with minimum of 3 lanes in each direction.
- SEIS completed in 2009 (Corridors of the Future). 8-lane facility with 4 lanes in the middle dedicated to long-haul trucks, separate from general purpose traffic.
- Project costs -- \$2 billion to \$4 billion ... depending on scope of work.

