



# MoDOT FACT SHEET

## Park over the Highway project – CityArchRiver 2015

### What is the current situation?

The Missouri Department of Transportation has completed design for construction of the Park Over the Highway Project. The environmental assessment has been completed as has the associated traffic study. MoDOT is now sharing the expected impacts to city traffic and through traffic for construction of the Park Over the Highway and associated work. As a reminder, once the new Mississippi River Bridge has been completed and I-70 has relocated, the lanes between the Poplar Street Bridge and the MRB will be redesignated as I-44.



### What is being constructed?

The Park Over the Highway project includes:

At the I-44 and MLK interchange:

- Construct a new ramp from the bridge to eastbound I-44.
- Construct a ramp from westbound I-44 to Convention Drive.

At the Eads Bridge and Washington Avenue:

- Close access from the section of Washington Avenue next to the Eads Bridge.
- Update and activate the traffic signals at the Eads Bridge and Memorial Drive

Near the Gateway Arch:

- Swap the ramps between Memorial Drive and I-44 (exit from eastbound, entrance to westbound)
- Remove and replace the Walnut Street Bridge
- Remove the Chestnut Street and Market Street bridges and replace them with the Park over the Highway
- Convert the Pine Street Bridge to a pedestrian bridge
- Adjust traffic flow on Memorial Drive around the Park Over the Highway
- Add auxiliary lanes on I-44 between the PSB interchange and new Washington Avenue ramps

### What is the general schedule?

Work on the project will begin in mid-summer 2013 and last through fall 2015. Construction will start near the Martin Luther King Bridge, then move to Walnut. The last stretch of the project will

complete the remainder of the Park Over the Highway and the associated roadway changes around the downtown area. MoDOT and CityArchRiver 2015 have coordinated extensively with the business owners and other stakeholders impacted by the project to develop the final design and construction schedule.

### **What are the anticipated impacts?**

All anticipated impacts are subject to change due to weather, schedule shifts or around major downtown events.

- Summer-Fall 2013: Off-peak lane closures near the Martin Luther King bridge. Permanently close the Memorial ramp to eastbound I-44 (MLK ramp work to eastbound I-44) will be complete before Memorial ramp closes). Close the access from northbound Washington Avenue (next to the Eads) to Memorial Drive. Off-peak lane closures at the Eads and Memorial Drive.
- Winter 2014: Close the Walnut Street Bridge for removal and reconstruction. Weekend closure of I-44 to remove Walnut Street Bridge. Off-peak lane closures on Walnut Street for reconstruction work.
- Spring 2014-Fall 2014: Narrowed and shifted lanes on I-44 between Washington Ave and the PSB. Weekend closure of I-44 to remove Chestnut and Market Street bridges. Off-peak lane closures on Pine, Market, Chestnut and 4<sup>th</sup> streets.
- Winter 2015-Fall 2015: Off-peak lane closures on Pine, Market, Chestnut and 4<sup>th</sup> streets. Off-peak lane closures on Memorial Drive. Off-peak lane closures at the MLK Bridge and Convention Plaza.

### **How will this affect PSB ramp updates?**

The work to improve the ramps between the Poplar Street Bridge, eastbound I-44 and southbound I-55 should start in spring 2014. This work will coordinate with the work to construct the ramp to Memorial Drive across Walnut Street and construct the dual ramps to southbound I-55. There should be minimal impacts between the two projects.

### **What are MoDOT's goals for this project?**

MoDOT has established three departmental goals for the Park over the Highway project. These goals, in order of priority are:

- Support the CAR 2015 objectives while maintaining regional traffic flow
- Complete all construction by October 2015 and within budget
- Maintain traffic flow levels in and around the downtown area

### **Who Do I Contact For More Information?**

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