



Route 364 project update

What is the project's purpose?

The Route 364 project is intended to relieve traffic on Interstate 70 and Interstate 64/Route 40 by constructing a multi-lane highway from Page Avenue and I-270 in St. Louis County to the intersection of Route 40 and Route N in St. Charles County. Often referred to as the Page Extension, for funding purpose, the project has been divided into three phases. The first phase, which is completed, is from I-270 to west of Jungs Station Road. The second phase, portions of which are under construction, is from west of Jungs Station Road to Mid Rivers Mall Drive. The third planned phase is from Mid Rivers Mall Drive to Route 40 near Route N.

What is the project's history?

The Route 364 project got its start in 1969 when regional transportation planners included it on the East West Gateway's master plan. Over the next 18 years, a number of location studies for the route were completed, and MoDOT started an environmental impact statement for the project in 1988. The EIS was approved in 1992. With funding for the first phase in place due to an earlier 4-cent gas tax increase, MoDOT broke ground on the project in May 1996. The project opened to traffic in December 2003. In the first year, an average of 50,000 vehicles a day used the new route.

What's going on now?

Work started on the second phase of Route 364 in summer 2007. Since then, crews have constructed the north and south outer roads for the next mile of the route and are currently constructing a bridge to take Harvester Road traffic over the new route. The Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission also just awarded a \$44 million contract using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (economic stimulus) money to extend the Route 364 construction to just west of Central School Road. That project will start this fall and will be complete by 2012.

How will traffic move through the new construction?

To reduce the impact and congestion for drivers during construction, MoDOT will use a similar process to that being used on the construction by Harvester Road. Crews will construct the one-way outer roads on either side of the new route first and divert current traffic to those new outer roads while constructing the new bridges and overpass for Route 364. At this point, there should be minimal impacts to cross traffic – for instance, traffic at Jungermann Road and Central School Road should not be impacted significantly during construction.

What about the rest of Phase 2?

MoDOT and St. Charles County are working on an agreement to complete the rest of Phase 2 of the Route 364 project. Crews could start constructing bridges or outer roads on the last section between Central School Road and Mid Rivers Mall as early as next spring. Completing Phase 2 is a high priority for both St. Charles County and MoDOT. Design work for the rest of Phase 2 is being completed.

What are the plans for Phase 3?

At this point, there are no plans for Phase 3 because there is no funding currently available. MoDOT estimates that it will take about \$140 million to complete. MoDOT is looking at all of its options to complete this important transportation corridor. The Missouri legislature has given the department permission to use design-build on any remaining portions of the route MoDOT could get under contract by 2013.

Will there be soundwalls on the project?

MoDOT has completed sound studies on the portion of Phase 2 that is currently under contract. That portion of the project does not meet the requirements for soundwalls. The department will evaluate the remainder of phase 2 as the design process continues. It is unlikely that sound walls will be necessary for the work to Mid Rivers Mall Drive. When Phase 3 is designed, MoDOT will evaluate and consider soundwalls for those homes and businesses in place before the location study was finalized in 1990.