

**Projects Added to the 2007-2011 STIP in FY 2007 or in the 2008-2012
Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule
RSMo 21.795.3(2)**

Introduction

The information in this section is in accordance with the highlighted portion in the following section of the reporting statute. *"(2) A detailed explanation of the methods or criteria employed to select construction projects, **including a listing of any new or reprioritized projects** not mentioned in a previous report, and an explanation as to how the new or reprioritized projects meet the selection methods or criteria; ..."* Section 21.795.3(2), RSMo Supp. 2002 (L. 2003 TAFP HB 668) (emphasis added).

This section lists projects identified after the previous schedule was approved and have been added in state fiscal year 2007 or state fiscal years 2008-2012 of the Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule.

An explanation for the project changes is included with each project. The vast majority of projects were added due to the Better Roads Brighter Future initiative as well as other bridge and pavement improvement projects. Jobs were also added as a result of coordination and partnering with cities, counties, or other agencies. Finally, a number of jobs were added to provide safer workzones and other safety improvements.

MoDOT does not fully program its money in the five-year program, although it is all assigned to specific categories such as safety or major projects. This allows the department to effectively use its resources and react to evolving needs that cannot be predicted at the start of the five-year period.

The total number of projects added is 468, which represents 52 percent of the projects in the highway and bridge construction schedule. This amount is lower than last year's amount of 480.