## Projects Added in the 2004-2008 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 that were identified after the previous schedule was approved and have been added in the years 2004-2008 of the Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule.

An explanation for the changes is included with each project. Of the added projects, 146 are rehabilitation and reconstruction projects. 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 to react to evolving needs that could not have been predicted at the start of the five-year period.

The total number of projects added is 321, which represents 29 percent of the projects in the 2002-2006 schedule. This percent increase in additional projects is approximately double the amounts in the past. This increase in the amount of additional projects is due to the fact that we did not produce a 2003-2007 STIP, due to the impending Proposition B referendum. This resulted in essentially a 2 year reporting period.