

Reprioritized Projects in the 2005-2009 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 identifies projects in the 2005-2009 Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule that are reprioritized in the 2006-2010 schedule.

Reprioritization occurs when working with planning organizations, adjusting to unforeseen circumstances or amending schedules to accommodate changes in environmental review or right of way acquisition. With multi-year projects, reprioritization is a normal aspect of the construction process and reflects an effort to efficiently manage the schedule. Some project reprioritizations reflect the impact of Amendment 3.

A general election was held November 2, 2004, for the qualified voters of the State of Missouri. The result of this election was a state constitutional amendment that increased MoDOT's share of existing revenues. The amendment required the bonding of the additional revenue. The estimated bonding level resulting from this additional revenue is approximately \$1.7 to \$1.9 billion. At the January 14, 2005, Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission meeting, the 2005-2009 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program was amended to include projects identified for funding as a result of the constitutional amendment.

A group of major projects already part of the 2005-2009 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) were identified as projects that could be accelerated. This group consists of 55 projects with the total programmed amount of \$427 million. Since this group of projects was already funded in the 2005-2009 STIP, it did not impact the bonding level of \$1.7 to \$1.9 billion.

An explanation for the date change is included with each project. Many of the projects are urban improvements in the St. Louis and Kansas City metropolitan planning areas that, along with MoDOT, plan the highway and bridge construction in these two areas.

The total number of projects reprioritized (delayed, accelerated and/or removed) is 109, representing less than 9 percent of the projects in the 2005-2009 schedule. This level is slightly higher than last year's record level of reprioritized projects. This slight increase can be attributed to the acceleration of 55 projects due to Amendment 3.