

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 2004-2008 Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule that are reprioritized in the 2005-2009 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 MoDOT's change in focus from expansion to rehabilitation and reconstruction.

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.

Of the other projects changed, three were moved back one quarter. Twenty-two projects were advanced one state fiscal year because increased funding projections allowed for the needs to be addressed earlier than previously planned.

The total number of projects reprioritized (*delayed, accelerated and/or removed*) is 80, representing 7 percent of the projects in the 2004-2008 schedule. This level is slightly higher than last years record low level of reprioritized projects. This slight increase can be attributed to the aforementioned increased funding projections.

The reprioritized highway rail safety projects are listed separately from the highway and bridge projects. There were a total of 14 reprioritized highway rail safety projects.