



ABOUT

# IMPROVE I-70

## WHY IMPROVE I-70?

I-70 is a vital transportation corridor in Missouri, connecting the state's two largest cities and carrying more rural daily traffic than any other route in the state. The safety and economic prosperity of Missourians depends, in part, on an I-70 that grows along with the state and nation. Today, many portions of the 60- to 70-year-old facility are strained beyond capacity with outdated interchange designs which increase delays and dampen economic activity.

Missouri's FY2024 budget from the General Assembly signed into law by Governor Parson provides \$2.8 billion in General Revenue for the costs to build a third lane of Interstate 70 across the state. The program will plan, design, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, and add a third lane in each direction on approximately 200 miles of I-70, from Blue Springs to Wentzville.



## PROGRAM GOALS

- Provide a third lane of travel to eastbound and westbound Interstate 70 from Blue Springs to Wentzville.
- Improve the interstate while modernizing the existing pavement and bridges through innovation.
- Increase the efficiency of freight movements along I-70.
- Minimize construction impacts with a focus on work zone safety, communications, and construction staging.
- Expand a diverse workforce through the creation of jobs.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- Review and update the environmental documents from the mid-2000s.
- Prepare for construction with preliminary engineering work including surveying, utility identification, and other engineering work.
- Work with partners in the construction industry and engineering design to determine the best way to schedule the work to sequence program delivery based on traffic impacts and industry capacity to get the best value.
- Announce the overall sequence for projects early fall.

## SCHEDULE

### **Environmental Documents Updated: approximately 1 year**

Environmental documents to be re-evaluated to identify any changes in the road and its conditions, traffic, and environmental impacts since the studies were completed in the mid-2000s. Some sections of I-70 are already underway, but others will have to start now that the full funding has been identified. This process will take about a year to get the documents updated.

### **Project Development: approximately 1 year**

Project Development will take another year to begin the design process and determine how the work should be broken into segments. MoDOT will work with the private sector on plans to sequence project delivery based on traffic impacts and industry capacity to get the best value.

### **Construction: approximately 4-5 years**

The project development phase will determine how the 200 miles will be divided up into various sized contracts. It's expected the first construction project could start in summer 2024 with the goal of all the work being completed in approximately 2030 dependent upon contractor and material availability.

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