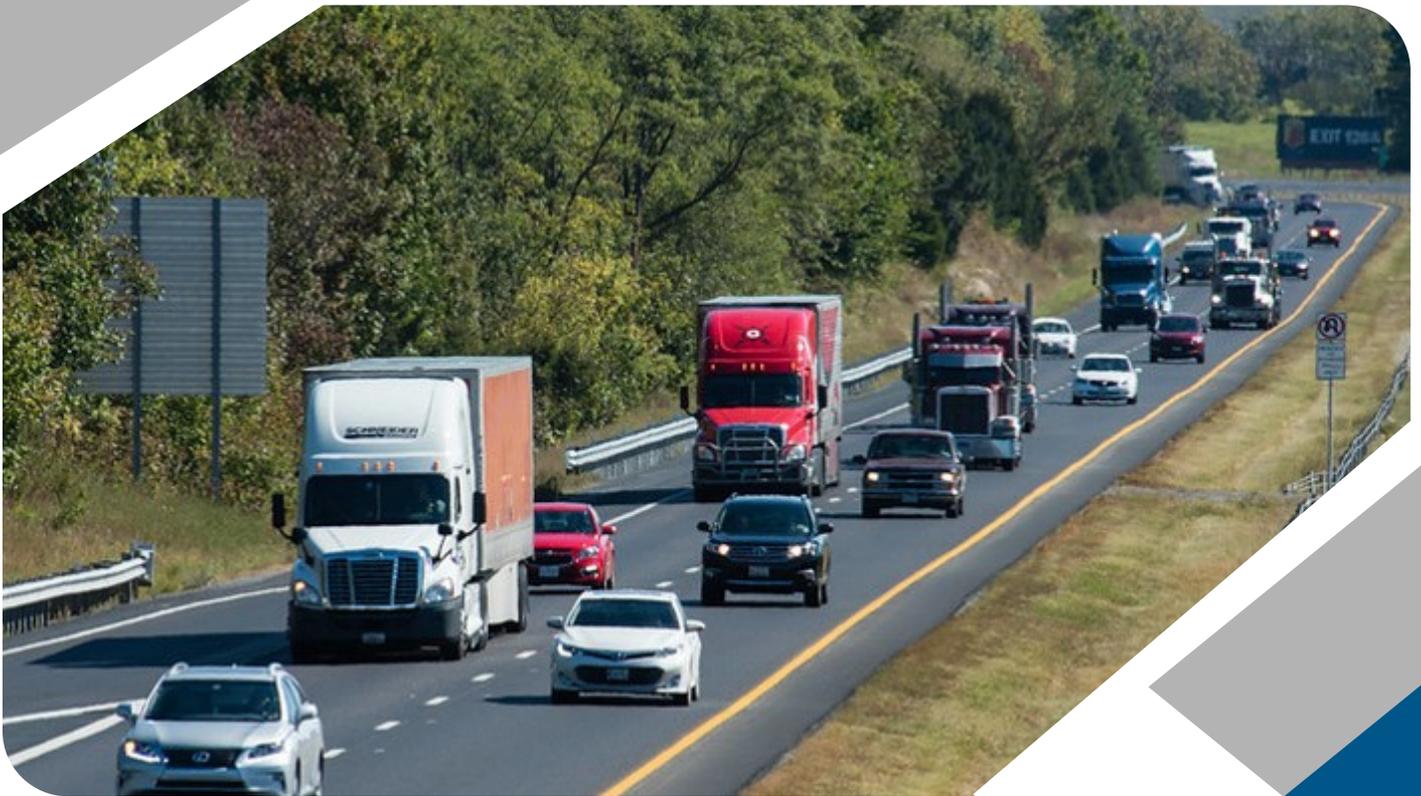




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Contractor Selected for the first Improve I-70 Project Section from Columbia to Kingdom City to start in early summer

JEFFERSON CITY – The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) has selected Millstone Weber as the apparent best-value proposer and Design-Build contractor of the first project in MoDOT’s Improve I-70 Program. Negotiations to finalize the contract are currently in progress. Improve I-70: Columbia to Kingdom City will build a third lane in each direction and improve the 20-mile stretch of Interstate 70 between U.S. 63 in Columbia and U.S. 54 in Kingdom City beginning in summer 2024. This \$405 million project is the first of several projects which will widen and improve the I-70 corridor.

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 I-70 across the state. The program will plan, design, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, and add a third lane in each direction on nearly 200 miles of I-70, from Blue Springs to Wentzville.

“Today’s contractor selection marks the beginning of this generational opportunity to improve I-70, which serves as a critical economic east-west corridor across Missouri,” said MHTC Chairman Terry Ecker. “This is a major challenge to deliver, but our MoDOT team working alongside the private sector partners in engineering and construction will deliver.”

The selected team, including contractor Millstone Weber and designer Jacobs, competed against one other design-build team. The winning proposal showed not only an understanding of the engineering and design endeavors set out before the teams, but it also highlighted an understanding of the local, statewide, and national importance of an improved I-70. The winning proposal includes new concrete pavement on all three lanes of I-70 in each direction for the 20-mile section between Columbia and Kingdom City, wider inside and outside shoulders, and improved interchange designs at the U.S. 63 and U.S. 54 interchanges at I-70. Additionally, throughout construction two lanes of travel will be available for both directions of I-70 during peak hours.

- The U.S. 63 and I-70 interchange proposal includes:
 - Two new direct connection ramps (northbound U.S. 63 to westbound I-70 and eastbound I-70 to southbound U.S. 63)
 - Four new roundabouts
- The U.S. 54 and I-70 interchange proposal includes two new bridges and a new and improved interchange.

“We could not be more humbled and excited. This is a huge deal for everyone who drives this stretch of interstate and uses these interchanges. We will do everything in our power – and then some – to reward the confidence being shown in us to deliver this critical project,” said Bob Leingang, vice president and chief engineer of Millstone Weber.

Design-Build is a project delivery method that combines both the design and construction phases into one contract. The selected contract team completes the design and construction in parallel instead of in succession, which saves time and resources.



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MoDOT plans to host additional public information meetings in central Missouri in spring 2024 ahead of construction where project plans and traffic control details for project #1 will be shared. Construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2024 with an anticipated completion in late 2027. For more information on the Improve I-70 Program, visit www.modot.org/improvei70.

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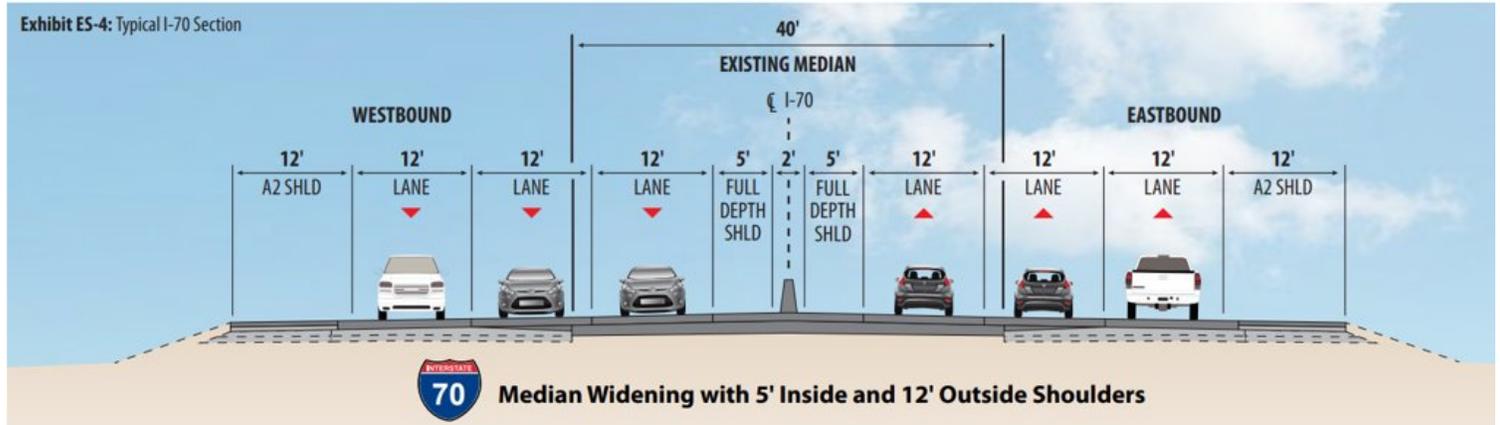
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RENDERINGS

MAINLINE I-70 TYPICAL SECTION



I-70 / U.S. 63 INTERCHANGE



Additional renderings and final plans will be available at the public meetings to be held in Spring 2024 in central Missouri. Meeting dates will be announced soon.



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PROJECT GOALS

- Deliver the project by December 31, 2027, within the program budget of \$405 million.
- Provide a third lane of travel for eastbound and westbound Interstate 70 from Columbia to Kingdom City.
- Improve I-70/U.S. 63 and I-70/U.S. 54 Interchanges providing for better traffic flow and movement of freight.
- Improve the interstate while modernizing the existing pavement and bridges.
- Minimize construction impacts through communication and construction staging while maintaining safety and mobility.
- Provide expanded employment opportunities to a diverse workforce.



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The safety and economic prosperity of Missourians depends, in part, on an I-70 that grows along with the state and nation. That's why the Missouri Department of Transportation is working to improve I-70. Today, many portions of the facility are strained beyond capacity and outdated interchange designs which increase delays and dampen economic activity.

Missouri's FY2024 budget from the General Assembly and supported by Governor Parson provides General Revenue for the costs to plan, design, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate and repair three lanes in each direction on nearly 200 miles of Interstate 70, from Blue Springs to Wentzville.

PROGRAM GOALS

The overall goal of the Improve I-70 project across Missouri is “to provide a safe, efficient, environmentally sound and cost-effective transportation facility that responds to corridor needs as well as expectations of a national interstate.”

Specifically, the focus is on the following:

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

In addition, the updated analysis of I-70 will include:

- Transportation Innovation – Upgrade the design to include technology for connectivity, intelligent transportation systems and other emerging transportation innovations.

Governor Parson and the General Assembly have provided a once in a lifetime investment into this critical transportation corridor. These 200 miles of I-70 are some of the first interstate to be built in the country 60 years ago. This is a monumental challenge to deliver, but MoDOT is the transportation expert. Along with our private sector partners in engineering and construction, we will deliver.



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TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

PROJECT	LIMITS	PROJECT AWARD	COMPLETION
1	<u>Columbia to Kingdom City</u>	February 2024	Late 2027
2	<u>Warrenton to Wentzville</u>	Late 2024	Fall 2028
3	Blue Springs to Odessa	Spring 2025	Fall 2028
4	Kingdom City to Warrenton	2026	2030
5	Odessa to Marshall	2027	2030
6	Marshall to Columbia	2027	2030

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