



**JUNE 2024**

# IMPROVE I-70 MONTHLY REPORT

Missouri's FY2024 budget passed by the General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Parson provides \$2.8 billion in 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.

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## IMPROVE I-70 PROGRAM KICKS OFF WITH GROUNDBREAKING IN COLUMBIA WITH GOVERNOR MIKE PARSON



*Governor Parson, alongside his family, and numerous elected officials and key leaders celebrated the groundbreaking of Improve I-70 Project #1: Columbia to Kingdom City on June 13.*

The groundbreaking of the first project within MoDOT's Statewide Improve I-70 Program kicked off with an official ceremony on Thursday, June 13, in Columbia. Missouri Governor Mike Parson joined federal, state, and local elected officials along with members of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and its Design-Build contractor team to break ground on Project #1: Columbia to Kingdom City.

"Today's groundbreaking is a momentous occasion not only because we're kicking off our historic Improve I-70 project, but it's a culmination of the bold infrastructure initiatives we've prioritized since day one," said Governor Parson.



*Governor Parson speaks to crowd about infrastructure at groundbreaking ceremony near I-70 and Route 63 interchange in Columbia.*

"I-70 is one of Missouri's oldest and most vital corridors. The safety and economic prosperity of Missourians depend on an interstate that grows along with the state and nation. Expanding I-70 to six lanes has been talked about in Jefferson City for decades, but our administration, in working with Senator Lincoln Hough and the General Assembly, is taking action and getting it done. We could not be more proud that the work we're commemorating here today will continue serving Missourians for generations to come."

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"Today's I-70 ground breaking kicks off a historic, once-in-a-generation investment that will benefit Missouri businesses, commuters, and tourists alike for decades to come," Senator Lincoln Hough, Missouri Senate Appropriations Chair, said. "I was happy to lead this project's development in the General Assembly and work with Governor Parson to lead the nation in large scale infrastructure development. Expanding I-70 to six lanes has been needed for decades. It has been talked about for decades. Today, decades of talk turns to action. This project is pro-infrastructure, pro-business, pro-jobs, and, above all, pro-Missouri. We thank Governor Parson for being a leader in strengthening Missouri's infrastructure as we look forward to continuing the strong foundation he has built on behalf of all Missourians."

The first project, Improve I-70: Columbia to Kingdom City, is a \$405 million fixed-cost contract that will add an additional lane to I-70 in each direction between U.S. Route 63 in Columbia and Route 54 in Kingdom City. The project also incorporates \$123 million previously programmed MoDOT projects to improve the I-70 interchanges at both Route 63 and Route 54.

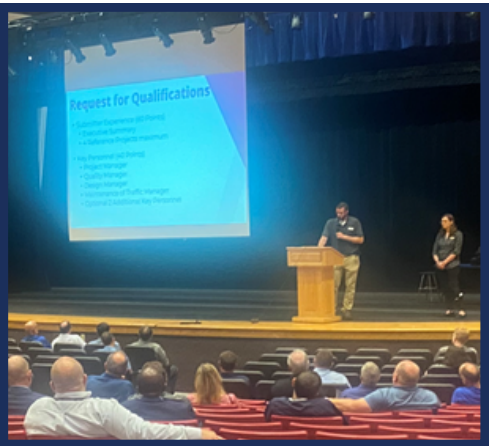
"Thank you to the Governor and the General Assembly for their support in of this generational investment of I-70 for Missouri's future," said Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Chairman W. Dustin Boatwright. "Today's event in Columbia is just the first step to transform I-70 across the state. While we celebrate today we are actively working on the next bid package, and we look forward completion of the entire I-70 corridor by late 2030."

The planned improvements for Project #1: Columbia to Kingdom City from the Design-Build contractor Millstone Weber and their designer Jacobs Inc. also include new concrete pavement on all three lanes of I-70 in each direction of the project. Construction of this project is expected to begin in July 2024 with an anticipated completion in late 2027.



Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Chairman, W. Dustin Boatwright.

## PROJECT #2: WARRENTON TO WENTZVILLE UPDATE



Improve I-70 East Project Team leadership shares industry information at a meeting on June 4, 2024.

The Improve I-70 East Project Team continues to make progress in procurement efforts for Project #2: Warrenton to Wentzville. The team held an Industry Meeting on Tuesday, June 4, inviting industry partners who are interested in competing for the contract to learn more about the project goals and industry needs.

MoDOT issued Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Project #2 in late May and the list of teams shortlisted to compete on the project should be announced to the public in early July. MoDOT plans to announce the selected best-value proposer in November at the monthly Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission meeting, where further details on the project's design and construction schedule will be shared. Construction on this project could begin in the Spring of 2025.

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