## I-270 North Project Enhancements: Bicycle,Pedestrian, and Transit Access

The I-270 North Project is significantly improving bike, pedestrian, and transit access for the local community. To address the identified needs, the following enhancements are being made through the project corridor:

- 6-miles of new multi-use path on Dunn Road between Lindbergh Boulevard and Breezy Point Lane
- 4 miles of new multi-use path on Pershall Road between Hanley Road and Old Halls Ferry Road
- 1.5 miles of new sidewalk on Pershall Road between Lindbergh Boulevard and Hanley Road
- New sidewalk connections across I-270 at every interchange between Lindbergh Boulevard and Old Halls Ferry;
- New multi-use path connections across I-270 at New Florissant Avenue, West Florissant Avenue, and Old Halls Ferry Road
- New enhanced pedestrian crossing signage that flash when push-button activated at the pedestrian bridge crossing locations on Pershall Road and Dunn Road and at bus stop locations on Pershall Road and Dunn Road where applicable
- A new counter-flow bus lane from the North County Transit Center to West Florissant Avenue and the St. Louis Community College to offset the impacts of the one-way outer road system
- Updated all pedestrian facilities in the project area to ADA compliance with pedestrian countdown timers at all new traffic signals with crosswalks
- A new transit-generated pedestrian call system that is designed to automatically place a call for the pedestrian crosswalks at the nearest signal next to a bus stop when a rider deboards the bus at two trial locations in the project corridor.

Do you have an upcoming community event? Feel free to share it with us.

Contact the I-270 North Team at: I270North@modot.mo.gov

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I-270 NORTH PROGRESS





#### **CURRENT AND UPCOMING WORK AREAS:**

- Restripe Eastbound I-270 at eastbound exit to Route 367 on the night of 7/5.
- Eastbound I-270 striped to 10' lanes Hanley Road to New Florissant Road the week of 7/5.
- Southbound Lindbergh to westbound I- 270 is closed until July 11th.
- Pershall Road from Hanley Road to New Florissant Road stripe new concrete the week of 7/11.
- Eastbound I-270 exit to New Florissant Road to close for 45 days on 7/15.
- Eastbound I-270 to northbound Route 367 loop ramp to close the week of 7/18.
- New northbound intersection to open the week of 7/18.
- New eastbound on ramp from Pershall Road/ Washington Avenue to open on 7/25.
- Existing eastbound on ramp from Washington Street/Elizabeth Avenue to close on 7/25.
- Eastbound exit to West Florissant Road to close for 60 days on 7/25.

Drivers are encouraged to visit the I-270 North Project website to learn more about the planned detours and details of the project, including the project overview and graphic displays of planned construction. MoDOT's customer service is available at 314-215-1500.



Learn more about the I-270 North Project at www.i270north.org





#### COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

# Angela Walton Mosley State Senator | District 23 Jay Mosley

State Representative | District 68

Sen. Angela Walton Mosley(D-13) and Rep. Jay Mosley(D-68) made history in 2021 when they became the first couple to serve in Missouri's General Assembly at the same time. "Angela was supposed to run for state representative, but the kids were still in school and she wanted to wait, so I ran in the state representative seat and won. As it turned out, a senate seat opportunity opened up later, and she ran for that seat and won," said Jay Mosley.



Sen. Mosley said in 2020, her husband was the one actually asked to run for an open senate seat, but he wasn't ready to leave his current seat. "I was eager to make some changes, the timing was right, so I ran, and I won," she said. "This was a natural progression for me since my family has been in politics for a long time." Her win initiated African American representation of the 13th Senate district in Missouri for the first time. As African American legislators, both say gaining passage of sponsored bills is no easy task. But they add that Rep. Mosley's district lies within Sen. Mosley's senatorial district, and that affords opportunities to work together to move forward important legislation in both the house and senate, that their constituents want and need.

Considering what their constituents want and need, both legislators believe that the I-270 North Project will benefit north county residents greatly. Both say they are pleased that the project adds lanes on both sides of the highway, includes aesthetic upgrades like the city seals on the bridges, and creates more spaces for pedestrians and cyclists with multi-use trails and increased space and lighting on the new bridges.

"It can be difficult to envision the end right now, and there probably is frustration because so much is going on," said Rep. Mosley. "Routes may change multiple times, traffic volumes may be temporarily higher in places that they normally would not, and things like that. But I want to build excitement around this huge project here in North County, and I encourage people to be patient and work through the day-by-day changes until we reach the benefit at the end."

"I agree," said Sen. Mosley. "Initially, I had a few concerns with the unknown, but we have both toured the area and we try to maintain contact with MoDOT, so we trust that the project will work out well and that North County residents will be pleased with the end result. Our hope is that these upgrades will help to revitalize the entire North County area and have a positive impact on our community."

PROJECT TIMELAPSE CAMERA

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### FACES OF I-270

# JASON HIGHLEY | SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER MILLSTONE WEBER

Each year sometime in March, if crazy Missouri weather patterns don't interrupt its arrival, we welcome the Spring season. The newness of Spring can invigorate us, bringing promises of beginnings, awakenings, renewal, growth and at the very least, a release from the partial isolation of winter. Spring, and its suitemate Summer, are the seasons during which we grab our garden tools, paint, and other supplies and get to work. Much like we look for the perfect time to improve and upgrade our living environments, work on the Missouri Department of Transportation's (MoDOT) \$278 million I-270 North Project, also kicks into a higher gear with the season change; moving full speed ahead to improve how people, vehicles and goods move throughout the interstate and on the outer road system.



Jason Highley, Millstone Weber maintenance of traffic manager for the I-270 North Project, is responsible for all things traffic related. That includes, among other things, implementation of closures and detours, temporary signing, temporary and permanent striping, road maintenance and coordination between the project team and the surrounding communities to ensure that they are aware of project status and current activities. He works closely with the MoDOT team members.

"Our crews will only be here for a short amount of time when compared to the long-term benefits that this region will experience for years to come, once the project is complete. I encourage all of those who live, work, and play within the corridor to be patient, especially during the heavy construction periods."

Eighty percent of Highley's work involves facilitating what needs to happen, when it needs to happen and how it needs to happen. Outside of pre-planning and preparing for upcoming work, weather can be one of the most impactful influences on a project – critical decisions must be made on when to push forward with inclement weather on the horizon and when to delay the work. "We can have the best plans, and nature simply shows up and delays opportunities to move forward, impacting everyone involved including contractors, construction crews and of course travelers. Having plans sitting on "GO" and being delayed by weather can have a snowball effect on other planned activities. In spite of that though, I am always amazed at the pace with which our crews maintain and complete the work."

Highley adds that at the end of each day, the primary goal is to ensure that motorists and our workers make it home safely each day. Everyone who is part of the project works hard to provide good, safe pathways within which to travel.

"All of the day-to-day planning and coordination prior to implementing construction elements like closures and lane drops, focuses on getting the work done in a timely and safe manner. We put a lot of thought into all that we do, and safety is our biggest concern – the safety of drivers, pedestrians and our workers."

"As we focus on keeping travelers safe, we ask travelers to help us keep workers safe as well. The roadways are their "offices" and road conditions can change quickly, so please make a conscious decision to slow down and stay alert, so that both work crews and travelers make it home safely." So, if you've been sitting on the sidelines watching the infrastructure improvements come to fruition, let winter's isolation be a thing of the past. Get out and check out the newly created multi-use paths on both Pershall and Dunn roads and larger spaces for walking, jogging, and cycling on the new bridges.

