

I-270 North Project and Metro provide LYFT code to ensure access to residents

MoDOT's I-270 North Project has partnered with Metro Transit St. Louis to ensure access to those riders who are using transit services in the West Florissant Bridge Closure corridor.

Starting June 25th, riders will pay only \$1 for a Lyft ride that starts and ends in the West Florissant corridor. The code below is good for 2 trips per 24 hour period with Lyft Classic ride during the 30 day closure of Dunn Road at West Florissant.

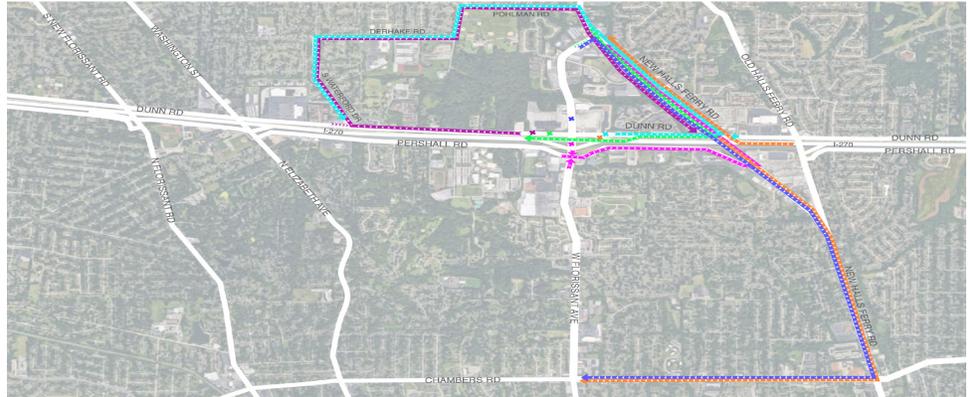
LYFT CODE: STLDetour270



Work Zone Safety

Thank you for your patience with this work and your commitment to help us keep the public informed. Please remember buckle up, phone down, and slow down, especially in construction zones. We want everyone, including workers, to arrive home alive.

Dunn Road Closed at West Florissant



Drivers who plan to travel I-270 in north St. Louis County should note that during the West Florissant Avenue Bridge closure, both the I-270 westbound on-ramp at West Florissant, the I-270 westbound off-ramp and the West Florissant Avenue/Dunn Road intersection will be closed for reconstruction.

I-270 westbound on-ramp closure detour:

There is no access to I-270 westbound from West Florissant Avenue. Traffic detours to westbound I-270 on-ramp via West Florissant Avenue to New Halls Ferry Road to Dunn Road to I-270 westbound entrance ramp near Halls Ferry Road.

I-270 westbound off-ramp closure detour:

Traffic will be detoured to exit westbound I-270 at New Halls Ferry. Travelers with destinations on West Florissant north of Interstate 270 will turn right onto northbound New Halls Ferry to access West Florissant.

West Florissant Avenue/Dunn Road intersection closure detour:

Northbound traffic detours to West Florissant Avenue via Pershall Road to New Halls Ferry Road.

Eastbound Dunn Road traffic detours via South Waterford Drive to Derhake Road to Pohlman Road to New Halls Ferry Road back to Dunn Road.

Westbound Dunn Road traffic detours via New Halls Ferry Road to Pohlman Road to Derhake Road to South Waterford Drive back to Dunn Road.

Drivers are encouraged to visit the I-270 North Project website at www.i270north.org to learn more about planned detours and details of the project, including a project overview and graphic displays of planned construction. Travelers can also contact MoDOT's customer service center at 1-314-275-1500 or contact the I-270 North Project Team at : I270North@modot.mo.gov.

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





Dennis McConnaughay

Vice President of Advancement
St. Louis Christian College

Vice President of Advancement for St. Louis Christian College Dennis McConnaughay, is excited about all the work occurring along I-270 North. The college campus on Grandview Drive overlooks the areas where some of the infrastructure improvements are being made and he says that even at this stage of the project, the directional and aesthetic improvements are taking shape. He adds that he greatly appreciates MoDOT's intent to improve access for those who live and travel within North County.

"Whether you are coming to North County or going through North County, you will gain the benefit of all the upgrades being put in place through this project," said McConnaughay. "Any improvements made in the city, county or region will be extremely helpful to everyone who uses the highways and roadways."

McConnaughay, who lived in Florissant from 1989 until 2004, returned to the St. Louis Region in June 2020 to serve with St. Louis Christian College. The college currently has 72 students, 23 who live on campus, and more than 20 staff and faculty members who all could potentially be impacted by the I-270 North work. He said the project seems to have been planned carefully with the driver in mind and that he has not noticed a great impact in his travel to and from work.

"I have been able to navigate my weekly drive by watching the navigational videos on the project website that show the most efficient travel routes. I haven't lost any travel time. The project staff is trying so hard to communicate on every level, and a member of our staff does a great job keeping our St. Louis Christian family informed. He shares the newsletters, news releases and other information most helpful for our commute."

When asked what he hopes the ongoing impact of the project to the college will be, McConnaughay said he hopes that improved access will be the outcome. "St. Louis Christian College was founded in July 1956 to provide leadership for churches within the St. Louis Region. My hope is that this project will provide more people access to the benefits offered by our college, and the opportunity to share in the quality Christian education, training and mentorship we provide."

Project PAVE:

An Investment in Our Collective Future

The Missouri Department of Transportation's (MoDOT) \$278 million I-270 North Project is an investment in the infrastructure and transportation network of St. Louis. It will improve safety and reliability, link communities and enhance traffic operations within the I-270 North corridor so that the public has a durable and maintainable transportation network for many years to come.

MoDOT and its contracting team leads, Millstone Weber and Parson's Transportation Group, are also investing in the futures of area high school students near the project boundaries.

Project Pave, a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Program, will mentor, teach and support students attending targeted St. Louis North County high schools. The goal is to stimulate an interest in and pursuit of heavy highway design, engineering, and construction careers.

"Project PAVE will provide students with enhanced opportunities for exploration, education, employment and advancement in construction," said Vivian Martain, Project Pave administrator and civil rights compliance manager for Millstone Weber. "The integration of STEM-based learning into mainstream high school curricula is essential to preparing the next generation to compete on a level playing field for forecasted construction careers and disciplines."

Students attending select high schools near the I-270 North Project corridor will experience real-time roadway construction in progress, as they are granted access and exposure to work sites, field trips, community leaders and industry professionals.

"Students graduating high school often aspire to occupations requiring an advanced degree or settle for occupations that require little skilled training. Project PAVE will give these students the tools and awareness to bridge these career gaps," said Martain.



The program partners with industry, academia, and private and public construction experts. I-270 North Project Staff also play an integral role; helping to connect with school leaders and serving as presenters throughout the program.

Students are exposed to a wide curriculum including Plan Reading, Planning and Design, Technical Math for Construction, Bridges and Interchanges, Safety, Maintenance of Traffic, and Design-Build. Besides the technical areas, students also explore Life Skills like Financial Literacy, Physical, Mental and Social Well-Being, and Communications to name a few.

Cohort 2020-21, the first of the three annual Project PAVE cohorts, began in October 2020 as a virtual activity. STEM presenters have shared their expertise and there are more experts committed to the project. With the decline in pandemic related restrictions, there are high hopes for even greater participation in Cohorts 2021-22 and 2022-23.

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Technical Math for Construction



Bridges and Interchanges



Safety



Maintenance of Traffic



Design-Build

This is an opportunity to give students options to pursue rewarding careers in highway construction trades and construction-related professions. This program could open doors for these students that they never even considered, and we are pleased that we were able to bring this to the table as part of the I-270 North Project.

I-270 NORTH PROJECT DIRECTOR JUSTIN WOLF

THE PROGRAM BEGAN IN OCTOBER 2020 AND WILL CONCLUDE WITH ITS FINAL COHORT IN 2023. DURING THIS FIRST SESSION...



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Communications