

FORWARD 44: JOPLIN IMPROVEMENTS

Newton County

PROJECT FACTS

- Replace pavement and widen I-44 to 6 lanes between Missouri Route 43 (Main Street) and Loop 49 (Range Line Road)
- Additional lanes will be installed in the median
- Resurface I-44 ramps and both interchanges
- The City of Joplin to install a new culvert at Silver Creek under I-44

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Narrowed lanes, traffic shifts on I-44
- I-44 will maintain two lanes of traffic in each direction, except for short-duration closures during nighttime hours
- I-44 ramp closures
- During higher traffic volume, drivers can expect delays

CONSTRUCTION

- Public Meeting: March 26, 2026
- Construction Date: Spring 2027
- Completion Date: Summer 2029
- Estimated Total Cost: $25.1 million

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