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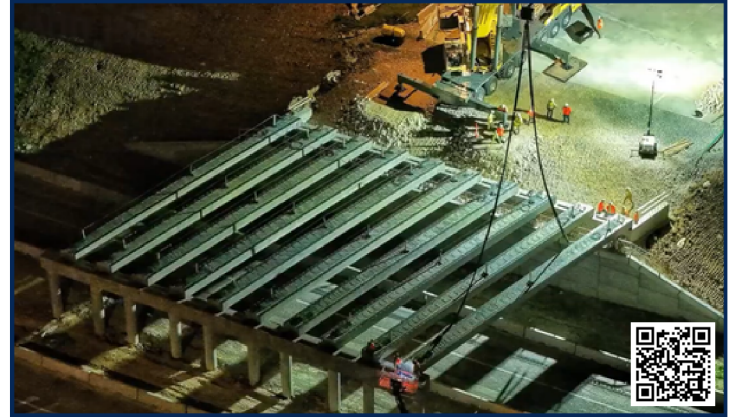
IMPROVE I-70 MONTHLY REPORT

Missouri's FY2024 budget approved through the state legislative process and signed into law by the governor provides \$2.8 billion in General Revenue and bonding authority to build a third lane of I-70 across the state from Blue Springs to Wentzville.



Bridge girders set on new MO Route 47 bridge over I-70 in Warrenton

Progress on the MO Route 47 bridge over I-70 in Warrenton has reached the halfway point. This month, crews worked to set all 20 of the girders for the new MO Route 47 bridge. A girder is a structural beam that supports the deck of a bridge. The girders for this new structure are each 71-feet long and weigh about 58,000 pounds. That is about the length of a semi truck and the weight of almost 100 grand pianos. The new bridge is starting to take shape and completion is anticipated in mid-August, weather permitting. Watch the video by scanning the QR code or visiting www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOAO2IA6TcU



Bridge girders set on the new MO Route 47 bridge over I-70.

Throughout 2026, only the MO Route 47 bridge is being replaced and no additional traffic impacts to MO Route 47 are expected this year. Construction of the new interchange in the area will occur in 2027 throughout spring 2028. This work is part of the Improve I-70: Warrenton to Wentzville project. To learn more, visit the project webpage at www.modot.org/projects/improvei70/warrentonwentzville.

New I-70 and U.S. Route 54 Roundabout is open in Kingdom City



New I-70 and U.S. Route 54 interchange opens in Kingdom City.

Crews with the Improve I-70: Columbia to Kingdom City project have opened the brand new I-70 and U.S. Route 54 interchange in Kingdom City. The new interchange design replaces the former diamond interchange design with a roundabout. The interchange is now fully open and operational. Crews will return in late 2026 to demolish the bridges from the former interchange, which will require a weekend closure of I-70 at U.S. Route 54 with traffic routed around the closure via the exit ramps at U.S. Route 54. To stay up to date on this project, visit www.modot.org/projects/improvei70/columbiakingdomcity

Roundabouts are a great alternative to a signalized intersection when a high volume of traffic needs to get through with the least amount of inconvenience. While signalized intersections have approximately 20-30 conflict points, or spots where vehicles could collide, roundabouts reduce that number to eight. Fewer conflict points, combined with slower speeds and calmer traffic, can translate into as much as 76% fewer crashes. Because roundabouts tend to have fewer severe crashes than signalized intersections, they have fewer crash-related injuries as well.

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Beyond the Barrels featuring Michelle Hataway with the Missouri Department of Economic Development

MoDOT's \$2.8 billion Improve I-70 Program is a massive undertaking made possible by Missouri's General Assembly and one that requires the coordination of thousands of people across multiple agencies. In this video series, MoDOT is showcasing the variety of people working to bring the expansion of I-70 to life.

This edition of Beyond the Barrels features Michelle Hataway, Director of the Missouri Department of Economic Development, who shares insight into why a safer, smoother, and more reliable I-70 is essential for Missouri's economy. From supporting local job growth to helping businesses move goods more efficiently, the Improve I-70 Program is poised to strengthen communities and expand economic opportunity statewide. This video explores how the work happening today will help shape Missouri's prosperity for decades to come.



Watch the full interview by scanning the QR code or by visiting: www.youtube.com/watch?v=itbvt5slGUK

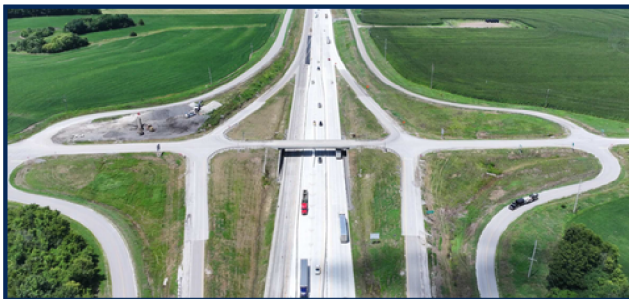
Save the Date: Ribbon Cutting for Montgomery County E/Y bridge over I-70 on July 30

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held to celebrate the completion of the Montgomery County Routes E/Y and I-70 bridge replacement and interchange project in Montgomery County (mile marker 183). This event will take place at **9 a.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2026** at the St. Patrick Catholic Church, located at 509 North First Street, Jonesburg, MO 63351.

While this bridge is a separate project from the Improve I-70 Program, it is another example of MoDOT's ongoing efforts to improve one of the state's most critical transportation corridors.

Blue Springs to Odessa project continues making paving progress

Crews with the Improve I-70: Blue Springs to Odessa project officially have started work in all five segments of the 25-mile project limits. With this progress and increased amount of construction work, the speed limit throughout the entirety of the work zone limits has been set to 55 mph for driver and crew safety.



Eastbound traffic is shifted in Segment 5 near MO Route H into the median so that crews add the third lane and replace the existing eastbound I-70 lanes.

In Segment 1 (Blue Springs to Grain Valley), the westbound section of the Sni-A-Bar Creek bridge is completed and traffic was shifted in the area to allow crews to remove and replace the existing eastbound I-70 lanes.

In Segment 2 (Grain Valley to Bates City), crews are grading in the median near Oak Grove.

In Segment 3 (Bates City to Odessa), crews have begun construction on two bridges. At Route D in Bates City, crews set the bridge girders on July 13. At the East Fork Sni-A-Bar Creek bridge, crews have begun driving pile.

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In segment 4 (Odessa to Route M/O), grading work is occurring at the Odessa Hill. In Segment 5 (M/O to Route H), crews have shifted traffic to remove and reconstruct the existing I-70 pavement in the area.

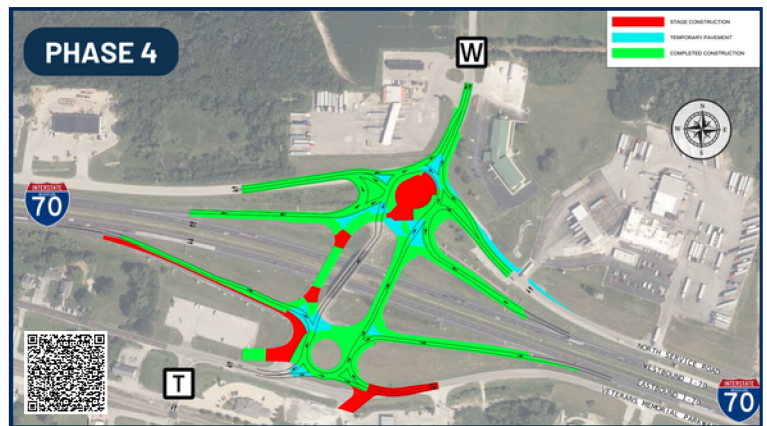
To learn more about the Blue Springs to Odessa project, visit www.modot.org/projects/improvei70/bluespringsodessa

Construction at I-70 and Routes T/W in Foristell enters Phase 4

As part of MoDOT's Improve I-70 Program and the Warrenton to Wentzville project segment, crews with the Design-Build Contractor team are making interchange improvements to the I-70 and Route T/W interchange in Foristell. This video highlights the traffic control plans for Phase 4 of construction, which went into place this month.

During this phase, crews will be constructing pavement, as well as the eastern Veterans Memorial Parkway Connection. The existing signals and stop controlled intersections will be removed and the intersections on the north and south side of the interstate will function as roundabouts. Traffic entering the roundabouts will be able to exit to the outer roads and interchange ramps. Northbound traffic crossing I-70 will utilize the new eastern bridge, while southbound traffic will continue using the existing bridge.

To learn more about this upcoming change, watch the Phase 4 traffic control video by scanning the QR code or by visiting: www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVPhidb4IWA



Save the Date: Ribbon Cutting for St. Charles Road bridge over I-70 on August 10

The St. Charles Road bridge over I-70 is being replaced as part of the Improve I-70: Columbia to Kingdom City project and is on track to open ahead of schedule. A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for **10:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 10**, on the new structure. The new bridge is longer to accommodate six lanes of traffic below and will also have increased vertical clearance for taller vehicles, and pedestrian crossings on both sides. The bridge also includes enhanced aesthetics such as powder coated pedestrian fencing, decorative lighting, and concrete staining. The new bridge will not immediately open after this event but is on track to open earlier than originally scheduled, in approximately late August, weather permitting.



Construction of the new St. Charles Road bridge over I-70 is ahead of schedule.

Paving work begins for Boonville to Rocheport project

Crews with the Improve I-70: Boonville to Rocheport project officially began paving operations this month. This is a \$104 million design-bid-build project that will add a third lane to I-70 in each direction for the 13-mile section between Missouri Route 5 in Boonville and the Lance Corporal Leon Deraps I-70 Missouri River (Rocheport) Bridge. This project also includes plans to widen two I-70 bridges, one over the Union Pacific Railroad at mile marker 113, and one just west of the Lance Corporal Leon Deraps I-70 Missouri River Bridge at Rocheport. Learn more about this project at www.modot.org/improvei70/boonvillerocheport.

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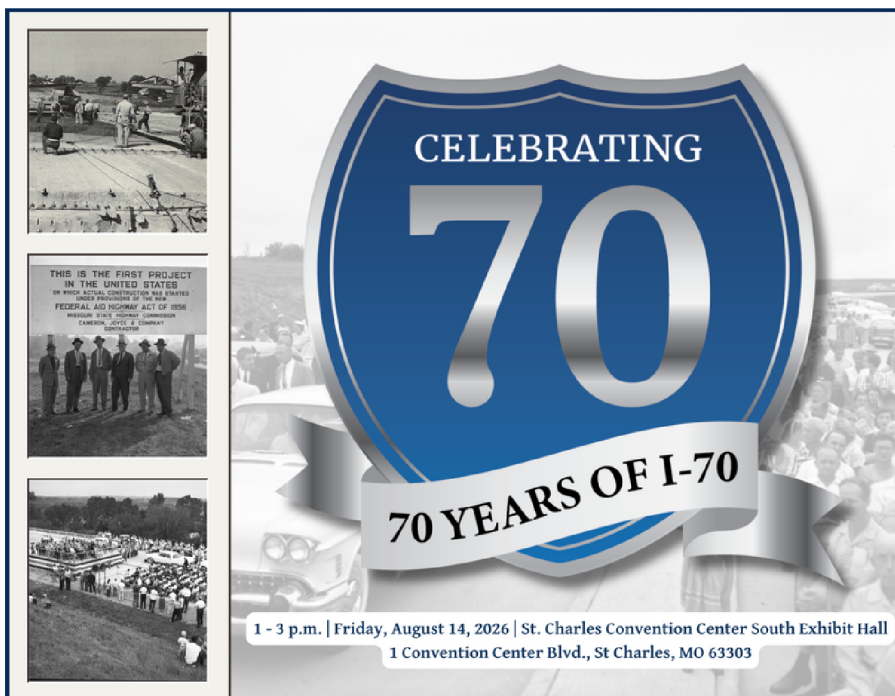
Celebrating 70 Years of Interstate 70

Missouri marks the distinction of being the birthplace of the Interstate System with the first construction project beginning with I-70 in St. Charles County in 1956.

Celebrate 70 years of I-70 and the Interstate System! Join MoDOT for an anniversary event for one of the state and nation's most critical corridors as we honor its past while actively expanding its future.

Join us Friday, August 14, 2026, from 1 to 3 p.m. where it all began: St. Charles Convention Center South Exhibit Hall located at 1 Convention Center Blvd., St. Charles, MO 63303.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Lairyn McGregor via phone at 816-607-2152 or by email at lairyn.mcgregor@modot.mo.gov



Updated 2026 Bridge Closure Information

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LEFHOLZ OVER I-70	JACKSON COUNTY MILE MARKER 26.0	STARTED FEBRUARY 2026	100% COMPLETE	OPENED: June 2026	CLOSURE DURATION: 150 days
NITROGEN AVE. OVER I-70	SALINE COUNTY MILE MARKER 85.8	STARTED JULY 2026	5% COMPLETE	PROJECTED OPENING: Fall 2026	CLOSURE DURATION: 150 days
PROVIDENCE RD. OVER I-70	BOONE COUNTY MILE MARKER 126.6	STARTED MAY 2026	30% COMPLETE	PROJECTED OPENING: Fall 2026	CLOSURE DURATION: 150 days
ST. CHARLES RD./LAKE OF THE WOODS OVER I-70	BOONE COUNTY MILE MARKER 131.0	STARTED APRIL 2026	90% COMPLETE	PROJECTED OPENING: Fall 2026	CLOSURE DURATION: 120 days
ROUTE E/Y JONESBURG OVER I-70	MONTGOMERY COUNTY MILE MARKER 184.0	STARTED FEBRUARY 2026	100% COMPLETE	PROJECTED OPENING: Late Summer	CLOSURE DURATION: 150 days
ROUTE 47 OVER I-70	WARREN COUNTY MILE MARKER 193.6	STARTED MARCH 2026	70% COMPLETE	PROJECTED OPENING: Late Summer	CLOSURE DURATION: 130 days