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Latest STIP Includes Projects on I-70, Routes 94 and 364

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission has approved the [2019-2023 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program or STIP](#). Among the local projects that were added to the STIP were:

- Resurfacing I-70 from Lake St. Louis Boulevard to Route K
- Rehabilitation work to the eastbound I-70 Blanchette Bridge
- Bridge rehab on six bridges on Route 94
- MoDOT's portion of funding for the new Gutermuth Road interchange at Route 364

The most recent STIP lists transportation projects for fiscal years 2019 through 2023. Statewide, the STIP details an annual construction program of \$900 million a year for each of the five years.

Remembering the Flood of '93: Losing the Project Office

It's been 25 years since the flood of '93. We all have stories about rising floodwaters, but did you know it forced the permanent closure of the old St. Charles project office? The office was on the bank of the Missouri River next to the Blanchette Bridge. Wendy Brooks, now the district's construction liaison, was a construction inspector at the time. Here's what she remembers:

We spent the month of June watching the river rise into our parking lot. We built a makeshift bridge out of cinder blocks, plywood and old signs just to get into the office.

We left work the Friday before the river was expected to crest, expecting a couple inches of water in the building.

Then our boss called over the weekend to say the office was flooded, it was bad and we needed to get whatever we could out. The river was not four inches into the building, but over two feet!

One worker brought his boat to help ferry equipment but we had to wade in chest high to get to the office and then work through a relay system to load things into the boat. We saved what we could - plans, proposals, the buildings two computers and its dot matrix printer.

Once the flood waters receded we went to clean up the mess but the decision was made to close the office. The building is gone, but the memories aren't!



Flooding inside the St. Charles project office.



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